

requirements, and that procedural determinations are made before case development occurs, or a conference or hearing is scheduled. If there is a procedural defect, the defect may result in a dismissal or may require an opportunity for the appellant to resolve the defect. If an adjudication time frame applies to the case, a procedural defect may delay the start of, or extend, the adjudication time frame. When the procedural review is complete, and any identified defects have been resolved, and any applicable determinations have been made, the case moves forward in the adjudication process. Specialized procedural review is required for requests for expedited hearings in Part D appeals; however, a hearing may be scheduled before the screening is complete and any procedural defects are resolved, to facilitate meeting the expedited adjudication period.

*OCPM Chapter 6: CMS, CMS Contractor, Plan Roles—Sections 6.3.1.1, 6.3.2*

This chapter was initially released on July 27, 2018, and was included in a quarterly notice published in the November 14, 2018 **Federal Register** (83 FR 56859). Sections 6.3.1.1 and 6.3.2 of this chapter state that a Unified Program Integrity Contractor (UPIC) cannot elect party status in an appeal, and may only participate as a non-party. As initially published, these sections cited to CMS's Medicare Program Integrity Manual, internet-only manual publication 100–08, chapter 4, section 4.8.2, which previously stated that a Zone Program Integrity Contractor (ZPIC) could not elect party status in an appeal, and section 4.1, which stated that all references to ZPICs shall also apply to UPICs, unless otherwise specified in the UPIC Statement of Work (SOW). Effective October 22, 2018, CMS revised the Medicare Program Integrity Manual to directly state that a UPIC cannot invoke party status, and can only participate in OMHA proceedings as a non-party. This revision to OCPM 6.3.1.1 and 6.3.2 updates footnotes in these sections to reflect the CMS manual's revised language. This revision does not change the way that OMHA interprets or implements the underlying policy that a UPIC cannot elect party status.

Dated: July 2, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Notice To Announce Request for Information on the Development of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020–2025

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) is drafting its Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020–2025 to help guide the research it supports over the next six years. NIDCR 2030 established five priority areas and accompanying goals, which we're now using to organize the 2020–2025 Strategic Plan. Through this Request for Information, NIDCR invites researchers in academia and industry, health care professionals, patient advocates and health advocacy organizations, scientific or professional organizations, Federal agencies, and other interested members of the public to provide feedback on NIDCR's next strategic plan.

**DATES:** The NIDCR's Request for Information is open for public comment for a period of 30 days. Comments must be received by August 15, 2019, to ensure consideration. After the public comment period has closed, the comments received by the NIDCR will be considered in a timely manner for the development of the FY 2020–2025 National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research's Strategic Plan.

**ADDRESSES:** Please visit our website to view the priority areas and provide your feedback electronically: <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/about-us/strategic-plan/2020-2025-nidcr-strategic-plan>. Feedback can also be submitted via email ([NIDCRstrategicPlan@nidcr.nih.gov](mailto:NIDCRstrategicPlan@nidcr.nih.gov)).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research's (NIDCR) mission is to improve the health of the nation through investments in research focused on dental, oral, and craniofacial (DOC) diseases including caries, periodontal disease, cancers, orofacial pain,

craniofacial disorders, salivary gland disorders, rare diseases, and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. In 2017, NIDCR launched NIDCR 2030, a visioning initiative where we imagined a future world in which DOC health and diseases are understood in the context of the whole body and research transforms how we promote health, treat disease, and overcome health disparities. To get us there, NIDCR requests your help in developing our 2020–2025 Strategic Plan.

Dated: July 9, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0258]

#### Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget; OMB Control Number: 1625–0048

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR), abstracted below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting approval for reinstatement, without change, of the following collection of information: 1625–0048, Vessel Reporting Requirements. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Coast Guard and OIRA on or before August 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG–2019–0258] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, you may submit comments to OIRA using one of the following means:

(1) *Email:* [OIRA-submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA-submission@omb.eop.gov).