DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services


Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 7, 2022.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number:…, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection’s supporting statement and associated materials (see ADDRESSES).


CMS–R–131 Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN)

CMS–10556 Medical Necessity and Contract Amendments Under Mental Health Parity

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collection

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Annual Notice of Change and Evidence of Coverage for Applicable Integrated Plans in States that Require Integrated Materials; Use: CMS requires AIPs to use the approved standardized documents to ensure that correct information is disclosed to current and potential enrollees. Additionally, CMS requires AIPs to submit the completed ANOC and EOC documents to CMS. CMS stores the completed templates. New and current enrollees can review the ANOC and EOC upon receipt to find plan benefits, premiums and cost sharing for the coming year to be in a better position to make informed and educated plan selections. CMS does not require new and current enrollees to review the documents or use them in any way.

MA organizations with AIPs in States that require these integrated documents upload ANOC and EOC documents into the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) to ensure accuracy and regulatory compliance. Section 422.111(h)(2)(ii) requires that the ANOC/EOC be available on the website and 422.111(d)(2) requires that the plan send the ANOC to the enrollee in hard copy format, upon request. Section 423.128(d)(2) requires that Part D sponsors post the ANOC and EOC documents on their website and send the ANOC only to enrollees electronically or in hard copy. Form Number: CMS–10824 (OMB control number: 0938–New); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits; Number of Respondents: 47; Total Annual Responses: 47; Total Annual Hours: 564. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Julie Jones at 630–337–5863.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN); Use: The use of the written Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) is to inform Medicare beneficiaries of their liability under specific conditions. This has been available since the “limitation on liability” provisions in section 1879 of the Social Security Act (the Act) were enacted in 1972 (Pub. L. 92–603).

The ABNs are not given every time items and services are delivered. Rather, ABNs are given only when a physician, provider, practitioner, or supplier anticipates that Medicare will not provide payment in specific cases. An ABN may be given, and the beneficiary may subsequently choose not to receive the item or service. An ABN may also be issued because of other applicable statutory requirements other than § 1862(a)(1) such as when a beneficiary wants to obtain an item from a supplier who has not met Medicare supplier number requirements, as listed in section 1834(j)(1) of the Act or when statutory requirements for issuance specific to HHAs are applicable. Form Number: CMS–R–131 (OMB control number: 0938–0566); Frequency:
3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Medical Necessity and Contract Amendments Under Mental Health Parity; Use: Upon request, regulated entities must provide a medical necessity disclosure. Receiving this information will enable potential and current enrollees to make more educated decisions given the choices available to them through their plans and may result in better treatment of their mental health or substance use disorder (MH/SUD) conditions. States use the information collected and reported as part of its contracting process with managed care entities, as well as its compliance oversight role. In states where a Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) is responsible for providing the full scope of medical/surgical and MH/SUD services to beneficiaries, the state will review the parity analysis provided by the MCO to confirm that the MCO benefits are in compliance. CMS uses the information collected and reported in an oversight role of State Medicaid managed care programs. Form Number: CMS–10556 (OMB control number: 0938–1106); Frequency: Once and occasionally; Affected Public: Individuals and households, the Private sector, and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 71,294. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jennifer McCormick at 410–786–2852.)

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