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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** AHRQ's mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and with other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. AHRQ works to fulfill its mission by supporting health services research, evaluation, demonstration, dissemination, and training grants.

AHRQ published its annual solicitation for nominations for membership to serve on the IRG in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2022 (87 FR 27643). AHRQ is publishing this supplemental solicitation encouraging the nomination of individuals from populations underrepresented in medicine to serve on the AHRQ IRG in order to foster a diversity of perspectives among IRG membership. The peer review of AHRQ grant applications involves an assessment conducted by IRG committees consisting of qualified experts established according to scientific disciplines or medical specialty areas. Members of the IRG are selected based upon their training and experience in relevant scientific and technical fields, taking in account, among other factors: (1) The level of formal education and pertinent expertise and experience; (2) extent of engagement in relevant research; (3) extent of professional recognition; (4) need for specialization in relevant field; and (5) appropriate representation based on gender, racial/ethnic origin, and geography. See 42 CFR 67.15(a)(2)(i)-(v).

The IRG is comprised of five subcommittees, or study sections, each with a particular emphasis around which peer reviewer expertise is assembled. AHRQ seeks nominations for each of the subcommittee competency domains described below:

*Health Care Effectiveness and Outcomes Research:* End-stage renal disease; cardiovascular disease; pediatrics; pharmacologist in opioid management; biostatisticians in health services research; health disparities and social determinants of health.

*Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research:* Pharmacists with expertise in informatics; infectious

diseases specialists; geriatricians; surgeons with a specialty in diagnostic error; health disparities and social determinants of health.

*Healthcare Information Technology Research:* Biomedical and consumer health informatics; family medicine; health care data analysis; health information technology; health services research in patient-oriented research; electronic health record and data for research; population-based studies in medicine; epidemiology; telehealth/telemedicine; emergency medicine; insurance benefit design; chronic condition care; natural language processing and machine learning; social networking and its determinants of health; health disparities and social determinants of health.

*Healthcare Systems and Value Research:* Health statistics; health care outcome research; evaluation and survey methods; health system and service research; health care policy research; health economics research; large database analysis; private health insurance/Medicare and Medicaid; learning laboratory development; health disparities and social determinants of health.

*Health Care Research Training:* Clinicians with knowledge of health policy; Medicare and Medicaid; addiction medicine; health disparities and social determinants of health.

Additional study section descriptive information can be found here:

*Study Section Rosters:* <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/peerrev>.

*Study Section Descriptions:* <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/peerdesc>.

*Study Section Research Foci:* <http://www.ahrq.gov/funding/process/study-section/resfoci>.

Interested individuals may nominate themselves, and organizations and individuals may nominate one or more qualified persons for study section membership. A diversity of perspectives is valuable to AHRQ's work. To help obtain a diversity of perspectives among nominees, AHRQ seeks nominations of individuals from populations underrepresented in medicine. All nominations must be submitted electronically, and should include:

1. A copy of the nominee's current curriculum vitae and contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email address.

2. Preferred study section assignment.

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**Marquita Cullom,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-8550 and CMS-8551]

#### 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 21, 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 <https://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, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

**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–855O Medicare Registration Application

CMS–855I Medicare Enrollment Application for Physician and Non-Physician Practitioners

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 currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Registration Application; *Use:* Various sections of the Social Security Act (Act), the United States Code (U.S.C.), Internal Revenue Service Code (Code) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) require providers and suppliers to furnish information concerning the amounts due and the identification of individuals or entities that furnish medical services to beneficiaries before allowing payment. The principal function of the CMS–855O is to gather information from a physician or other eligible professional to help CMS determine whether he or she meets certain qualifications to enroll in the Medicare program for the sole purpose of ordering or certifying certain Medicare items or services. The CMS–855O allows a physician or other eligible professional to enroll in Medicare without approval for billing privileges.

The collection and verification of this information protects our beneficiaries from illegitimate providers/suppliers. These procedures also protect the Medicare Trust Funds against fraud. The CMS–855O gathers information that allow Medicare contractors to ensure that the physician or eligible professional is not sanctioned from the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s), or debarred, or excluded from any other Federal agency or program.

Furthermore, the data collected also ensures that the applicant has the necessary credentials to order and certify health care services. This is the sole instrument implemented for this purpose. *Form Number:* CMS–855O (OMB control number 0938–1135); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profits), State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 6,190; *Number of Responses:* 6,190; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,095. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Frank Whelan at 410–786–1302).

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Enrollment Application for Physician and Non-Physician Practitioners; *Use:* The Social Security Act (Act) requires providers and suppliers to furnish information concerning the amounts due and the identification of individuals or entities that furnish medical services to beneficiaries before allowing

payment. The primary function of the CMS–855I Medicare enrollment application for physicians and non-physician practitioners is to gather information from an individual provider or supplier that tells us who he/she is, whether he/she meets certain qualifications to be a Medicare health care provider or supplier, where he/she practices or renders services, and other information necessary to establish correct claims payments.

The collection and verification of this information is the first line defense to defend and protect our beneficiaries from illegitimate physicians, non-physician practitioners, and other eligible professionals and to protect the Medicare Trust Fund against fraud. It gathers information that allow Medicare contractors to ensure only legitimate physicians, non-physician practitioners, and other eligible professionals enroll in the Medicare program, and are not sanctioned from the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s), or debarred, or excluded from any other Federal agency or program. This is the sole instrument implemented for this purpose. *Form Number:* CMS–855I (OMB control number 0938–1355); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Private Sector (not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 472,617; *Number of Responses:* 472,617; *Total Annual Hours:* 961,651.

(For policy questions regarding this collection contact Frank Whelan at 410–786–1302).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; National Medical Support Notice Part A (OMB No.: 0970–0222)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is