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AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: For-Profit PACE Study; Use: The Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) aims to provide integrated care and services to the frail elderly at risk of institutionalization to enable them to remain in the community. Under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), the not-for-profit PACE plans were established as permanent providers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The BBA also mandated a demonstration of for-profit PACE plans. This study will estimate the differences in quality and access to care between the for-profit and not-for-profit PACE plans. The data collected in the survey will be used to

measure the outcomes of interest-differences in access to and quality of care delivered to PACE enrollees. To measure these key outcomes, the survey will collect data on access to and satisfaction with healthcare, personal care, and transportation assistance provided by the plans.

Form Number: CMS-10427 (OCN: 0938-New); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public:

Individuals. Number of Respondents: 813. Number of Responses: 813. Total Annual Hours: 447. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Julia Zucco at 410-786-6670. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Generic Social Marketing & Consumer Testing Research; Use: The purpose of this submission is to request an Information Collection Request (ICR) generic clearance for a program of consumer research aimed at a broad audience of those affected by CMS programs including Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and health insurance exchanges. This program extends strategic efforts to reach and tailor communications to beneficiaries, caregivers, providers, stakeholders, and any other audiences that would support the Agency in improving the functioning of the health care system, improve patient care and outcomes, and reduce costs without sacrificing quality of care. With the clearance, CMS will create a fast track, streamlined, proactive process for collection of data and utilizing the feedback on service delivery for continuous improvement of communication activities aimed at diverse CMS audiences.

The generic clearance will allow rapid response to inform CMS initiatives using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative consumer research strategies (including formative research studies and methodological tests) to improve communication with key CMS audiences. As new

information resources and persuasive technologies are developed, they can be tested and evaluated for beneficiary response to the materials and delivery channels. Results will inform communication development and information architecture as well as allow for continuous quality improvement. The overall goal is to maximize the extent to which consumers have access to useful sources of CMS program information in a form that can help them make the most of their benefits and options

The activities under this clearance involve social marketing and consumer research using samples of self-selected customers, as well as convenience samples, and quota samples, with respondents selected either to cover a broad range of customers or to include specific characteristics related to certain products or services. All collection of information under this clearance will utilize a subset of items drawn from a core collection of customizable items referred to as the Social Marketing and Consumer Testing Item Bank. This item bank is designed to establish a set of pre-approved generic question that can be drawn upon to allow for the rapid turn-around consumer testing required for CMS to communicate more effectively with its audiences. The questions in the item bank are divided into two major categories. One set focuses on characteristics of individuals and is intended primarily for participant screening and for use in structured quantitative on-line or telephone surveys. The other set is less structured and is designed for use in qualitative one-on-one and small group discussions or collecting information related to subjective impressions of test materials. A Study Initiation Request Form detailing each specific study (description, methodology, estimated burden) conducted under this clearance will be submitted before any testing is initialed. Results will be compiled and disseminated so that future communication can be informed by the testing results. We will use the findings to

create the greatest possible public benefit. Form Number: CMS-10427 (OCN: 0938-New); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Individuals. Number of Respondents: 41,592. Number of Responses: 28,800. Total Annual Hours: 21,488. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Neal Hickson at 410-786-6737. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on **insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register.**

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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