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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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) 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 functions; (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: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; Title: Program for Matching Grants to States for the Operation of High Risk Pools; Use: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring the information in this information collection request as a condition of eligibility for grants that were authorized in the Trade Act of 2002, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and the State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2006. The information is necessary to determine if a state applicant meets the necessary eligibility criteria for a grant as required by law. The respondents

will be states that have a high risk pool as defined in sections 2741, 2744, or 2745 of the Public

Health Service Act. The grants will provide funds to states that incur losses in the operation of

high risk pools. High risk pools are set up by states to provide health insurance to individuals

that cannot obtain health insurance in the private market because of a history of illness. Form

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