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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) 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: Extension without change of a currently approved collection. Title of Information Collection: Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor (EMTALA), 42 CFR 482.12, 488.18, 489.20, and 489.24. Use: Pursuant to 42 CFR 488.18, 489.20 and 489.24, during Medicare surveys of hospitals and state agencies CMS will review hospital records for lists of on-call physicians, and will review and obtain the information which must be recorded on hospital medical records for individuals with emergency medical conditions and women in labor, and the

emergency department reporting information Medicare participating hospitals and Medicare state survey agencies must pass on to CMS. Additionally, CMS will use the Quality Improvement Organizations Report assessing whether an individual had an emergency condition and whether the individual was stabilized to determine whether to impose a civil monetary penalty or physician exclusion sanctions. Without such information, CMS will be unable to make the hospital emergency services compliance determinations that Congress expects us to make under sections 1154, 1866 and 1867 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985. Form Number: CMS-R-142 (OCN 0938-0667). Frequency: Occasionally. Affected Public: Private Sector (business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions). Number of Respondents: 6,149. Total Annual Responses: 6,149. Total Annual Hours: 6,149. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Renate Dombrowski at 410-786-4645. 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.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by **insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register**:

1. Electronically. You may submit your comments electronically to

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2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

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