DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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 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.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]:

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number (OCN). 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](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:


2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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).
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (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:** Extension of a currently approved collection;

   **Title of Information Collection:** State Medicaid HIT Plan, Planning Advance Planning Document, and Implementation Advance Planning Document for Section 4201 of the Recovery Act;

   **Use:** To assess the appropriateness of state requests for the administrative Federal financial participation for expenditures under their Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program related to health information exchange, our staff will review the submitted information and documentation to make an approval determination of the state advance planning document.
2. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection: Title of Information Collection: Letter Requesting Waiver of Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment Application Fee; Submission of Fingerprints; Submission of Medicaid Identifying Information; Medicaid Site Visit and Rescreening; Use: Section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) establishes a number of important payment safeguard provisions. The provisions are designed to improve the integrity of the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) so as to reduce fraud, waste and abuse. The provisions include the following:

- **Medicare Enrollment Application Fee Waiver Request**: Certain providers and suppliers enrolling in Medicare will be required to submit a fee with their application. Under 42 CFR 424.514, if the applicant believes it has a hardship that justifies a waiver of the application fee, it may submit a letter describing said hardship.

- **Fingerprints**: Certain providers and suppliers enrolling in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP will be required to submit fingerprints – either digitally or via the FD-258 standard fingerprint card - of their owners.

- **Suspension of Medicaid Payments**: A State Medicaid agency shall suspend all Medicaid payments to a provider when there is a pending investigation of a credible allegation of Medicaid fraud against an individual or entity, unless it has good cause not
to suspend payments or to suspend payment only in part. The State Medicaid agency may suspend payments without first notifying the provider of its intention to suspend such payments. A provider may request, and must be granted, administrative review where State law so requires.

- **Collection of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Dates of Birth (DOB) for Medicaid and CHIP Providers:** The State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must require that all persons with an ownership or control interest in a Medicaid or CHIP provider submit their SSNs and DOBs.

- **Site Visits for Medicaid-only or CHIP-only providers:** A State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must conduct on-site visits for providers it determines to be "moderate" or "high" categorical risk.

- **Rescreening of Medicaid and CHIP Providers Every 5 Years:** A State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must screen all providers at least every 5 years. This is consistent with the Medicare requirement in current 42 CFR 424.515 that providers and suppliers revalidate their enrollment information at least every 5 years.

**Form Number:** CMS-10357 (OMB control number: 0938-1137); **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Private sector – Business or for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; **Number of Respondents:** 960,981; **Total Annual Responses:** 960,981; **Total Annual Hours:** 1,248,082. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Frank Whelan at 410-786-1302).

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