DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.
SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).
Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 4423, Application for Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Stacey Becker, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information, or copies of the information collection and instructions should be addressed to Joe Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns.

OMB Number: 1545-2251.
Form Numbers: 4423.

Abstract:

IRC §6055 states beginning in January 2015, Health Insurance Marketplaces will be required to provide end of year information reporting in the form of information returns. IRC §6056 states all insurance providers issuing Minimal Essential Coverage and Applicable Large Employers will have the option to begin voluntarily transmitting information returns to meet ACA information reporting requirements in 2015; however, these requirements will become mandatory in January 2016, for the 2015 Tax Year. Section 6011(e)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that any person, including a corporation, partnership, individual, estate, or trust, who is required to file 250 or more information returns, must file such returns electronically. Form 4423 will be used when a company is a foreign filer that does not have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and cannot use the electronic application process to apply for an Affordable Care Act Transmitter Control Code.

Current Actions: Requesting OMB approval to add Form 4423 under this currently approved OMB number.

Type of Review: Revision to a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit entities.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6.
Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not
required to respond to a collection of information, unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 29, 2014.

Stacey Becker,
Director, Tax Forms and Publications Division.

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