

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 10, 2009, Vol. 74, No. 45, on page 10250, in the 3rd column, correct the **DATES** caption to read:

The Committee will meet on the Internet at the following times: March 26, 2009, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), April 20, 2009, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT; and May 15, 2009, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

Dated: April 6, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Public Meeting of the Federal Coordinating Council on Comparative Effectiveness Research

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research will help coordinate research and guide investments in comparative effectiveness research funded by the Recovery Act. The Coordinating Council is holding this meeting to hear from the public about their views on the Council's activities.

DATES: The meeting, which is the first of three public meetings that the Coordinating Council expects to convene, will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201. In addition, the meeting will be Web cast and individuals may also participate by audioconference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Conway, Office of the Secretary, HHS, Telephone: 202-690-7388; e-mail: Patrick.conway@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coordinating Council will assist the agencies of the Federal government, including HHS, Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, as well as others, to coordinate comparative effectiveness and related health services research. The Coordinating Council also will provide input on priorities for the

\$400 million fund in the Recovery Act that the Secretary will allocate to advance this type of research.

The Coordinating Council will not recommend clinical guidelines for payment, coverage or treatment. The Coordinating Council will consider the needs of populations served by Federal programs and opportunities to build and expand on current investments and priorities.

Registration and Other Information About the Meeting:

Individuals may participate in the meeting either by attending in person, viewing the meeting over the Internet, or by audioconference. Individuals may also nominate themselves to make a 3-minute statement before the Coordinating Council. In addition, individuals may submit written statements for the Coordinating Council's consideration, regardless of whether individuals are chosen to give an oral statement. The Coordinating Council does request that individuals nominating themselves to make an oral statement make every effort to be present to give their statement in person. However, to facilitate hearing as many different viewpoints as possible, consideration will be given to individuals who would make their oral statements via audioconference.

Oral statements, as well as written statements submitted for the Coordinating Council's consideration, should address the following kinds of questions:

- What types of investments in infrastructure for comparative effectiveness research should the Coordinating Council consider?
- What criteria should the Coordinating Council consider when evaluating different investment options?
- What Federal government activities in the area of comparative effectiveness research should the Coordinating Council focus its attention on?
- How can the Coordinating Council best foster integration of these activities across the programs managed by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Defense, and Veterans Affairs?
- What steps should the Coordinating Council consider to help ensure that public- and private-sector efforts in the area of comparative effectiveness research are mutually supportive?
- What information on the Coordinating Council's activities would be most useful?

The Office of the Secretary requests that interested persons register to participate and indicate (a) whether they will attend in person, view the Coordinating Council's meeting over the Internet, or listen by audioconference;

(b) whether they are nominating themselves to give a 3-minute oral statement; and/or, (c) if they intend to submit a written statement for the Coordinating Council to consider. Per Section 3, "Ensuring Responsible Spending of Recovery Act Funds," 74 FR 12531, 12533 (March 25, 2009), individuals who wish to make an oral statement will be asked to disclose whether they are registered lobbyists.

Individuals should register to participate no later than Monday, April 13, at 5 p.m., EDT. Due to time constraints, not everyone who volunteers to make an oral statement will be able to do so. However, all statements received will be considered by the Coordinating Council as part of their deliberations.

To register, go to <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/CER/index.html> and select the page for the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research. Individuals who do not register in advance will only be able to attend the meeting in person if space is available. Information on how to view the meeting over the Internet and participate by audioconference will be sent to registered participants in advance and posted on the Recovery.gov Web site on Tuesday morning, April 14, 2009. The number of audioconference lines for non-registered participants may be limited.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144.

Each public meeting is scheduled for a three-hour period, but will end sooner if participants have finished providing input before the time period expires. We are asking for input concerning specific topics as follows:

To help interested individuals prepare for the meetings, we invite review of the Act. The full text is set forth on the Internet at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/> (search for "Public Law 111-50").

Also, the Office of the Secretary has an e-mail notification list to provide interested parties with automatic notification of relevant information posted on Recovery.gov and the HHS Web site (<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/CER/index.html>) concerning the Federal Coordinating Council. To be added to the e-mail notification list, send your e-mail address to CoordinatingCouncil@hhs.gov, and use the words "Add me to the list" in the subject line.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and 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 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. Emergency approval is requested under 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii), as we believe that the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to cause a statutory deadline to be missed.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 Mandated Report to Congress; *Form Number:* CMS-10281 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Use:* The information collected will consist of a series of interviews with State Medicaid program officials as well as request for operational data. The

information to be collected is required to comply with a congressionally mandated study that is due to the Committee on Finance and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate no later than September 1, 2009 according to Section 7001(c)(2) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (SAA, Pub. L. 110-252). *Frequency:* Reporting—One-time; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 51; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,060. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Effie George at 410-786-8639. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by May 12, 2009, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by May 11, 2009.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's 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 May 11, 2009:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) 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 CMS-10281, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850 and, OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

Dated: April 3, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Application for Office of Refugee Resettlement Targeted Assistance Formula Grants.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Targeted Assistance Formula Grant program, administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), funds employment and other resettlement services for refugees and entrants who reside in high need areas. These areas are defined as counties with unusually large refugee and entrant populations and with high refugee or entrant population concentrations in relation to the overall county population. Such counties need supplementation of other available resources in order to help refugees and entrants obtain employment as soon as possible. Targeted assistance funds must be used primarily for employability services intended to enable refugees and entrants to obtain jobs with less than one year's participation in the program. Services funded with targeted assistance formula grants must be used to assist refugees and entrants in the following order of priority: (1) Refugees who are cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients; (2) unemployed refugees and entrants who are not receiving cash assistance; and (3) employed refugees and entrants in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence. Targeted Assistance Formula Grants are funded under the authority of section 412(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1522(c)(2). Eligible applicants for these grants are State governments, Wilson/Fish projects, and State Replacement Agencies. Grant amounts under this program area are determined based on a formula using population figures for the past five years. Grantees are re-qualified to participate in this program every three years based on current population figures. The purpose of the proposed Application for Office of Refugee Resettlement Targeted