

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: New collection of information;

Title of Information Collection: Prior Authorization Process and Requirements for Certain Hospital

Outpatient Department (OPD) Services;

Use: Section 1833(t)(2)(F) of the Act

authorizes CMS to develop a method for controlling unnecessary increases in the

volume of covered OPD services. CMS believes the increases in volume

associated with certain covered OPD services are unnecessary because the

data show that the volume of utilization of these OPD service categories far

exceeds what would be expected in light of the average rate-of-increase in

the number of Medicare beneficiaries. Therefore, CMS is using the authority

under section 1833(t)(2)(F) of the Act to require prior authorization for certain

covered OPD services as a condition of Medicare payment. The reviews

conducted under the program help to reduce unnecessary utilization and

payments for these services.

The information required for the prior authorization request includes all

documentation necessary to show that the service meets applicable Medicare

coverage, coding, and payment rules. Trained clinical reviewers at the

Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) receive and review the

information required for this collection. Review of that documentation is used to

determine if the requested services are medically necessary and meet Medicare

requirements to help reduce unnecessary increases for these services.

Form Number: CMS–10711 (OMB Control Number: 0938–1368);

Frequency: Occasionally; *Affected*

Public: Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 11,469;

Number of Responses: 564,010; *Annual Hours:* 316,412. (For policy questions

regarding this collection contact Yuliya Cook at Yuliya.Cook@cms.hhs.gov)

2. Title of Information Collection:

Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency for Qualified Health

Plans; *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Use:*

Implementation of section 1150A of the Social Security Act, as added by section

6005 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), requires,

among other entities, Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) and pharmacy benefit

managers (PBMs) that serve QHP issuers

to report information on prescription drug benefits to the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services (HHS). PBMs are third-party administrators of

prescription programs for a variety of types of health plans, including QHPs.

CMS finalized regulations for this reporting at 45 CFR 156.295 and 184.50.

Under these requirements a QHP issuer is required to report issuer and

plan level prescription drug data to CMS only when the QHP issuer does

not contract with a PBM to administer the prescription drug benefit for their

QHPs. Section 1150A(a)(1) of the Social Security Act authorizes CMS to collect

the same prescription drug and rebate information from Prescription Drug Plan

sponsors of a prescription drug plan and Medicare Advantage organizations

offering a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan under part D of

title XVIII. Since 2012, CMS has collected these data from Part D

sponsors as part of the Medicare Part D Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR)

reporting requirement, and detailed drug information for each National Drug

Code (NDC) from the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data that plans are required

to submit.

CMS is requesting to renew this collection of information in connection

with submission from QHP issuers that do not contract with a PBM and PBMs

(hereinafter referred to as “submitters”). The information required from

submitters and the process of submission has changed since the

previous collection was approved in 2021. The submitters are now required

to complete a web form that reports the allocation methodology that is selected

by the submitters to allocate data, where necessary. Submitters are required to

maintain internal documentation of the allocation methodologies chosen, as

CMS may need to follow up with the submitters to better understand the

methodology. The burden estimates for the collection of information included

in this package reflect the time and effort for submitters to provide

prescription drug benefit information to CMS using the Health Information

Oversight System (HIOS) module. *Form Number:* CMS–10725 (OMB control

number: 0938–1394); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private

Sector, Business or other For-Profits; *Number of Respondents:* 278; *Number*

of Responses: 278; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,285. (For questions regarding this

collection, contact LeAnn Brodhead at (301) 492–4493.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the cooperative agreement applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement (U01 Clinical Trial Required); NIAID SBIR Phase II Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement (U44 Clinical Trial Required); Clinical Trial Planning Grants (R34 Clinical Trials)

Date: February 29, 2024.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20892 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Annie Walker-Abbey, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9834, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–627–3390, aabbey@niaid.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 1, 2024.

Lauren A. Fleck,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the cooperative agreement applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID SBIR Phase II Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement (U44 Clinical Trial Required); NIAID Clinical Trial Planning Grants (R34 Clinical Trial Not Allowed); NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation Cooperative Agreement.

Date: February 29, 2024.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E70A, Rockville, MD 20892 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Soheyla Saadi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E70A, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 669-5178, saadisoh@niaid.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Neural Oxidative Metabolism and Death Study Section.

Date: February 28–29, 2024.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Crowne Plaza National Airport, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Christine Jean DiDonato, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1014J, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1042, didonatocj@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group; Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning and Ethology Study Section.

Date: February 28–29, 2024.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Hybrid Meeting).

Contact Person: Sara Louise Hargrave, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443-7193, hargravesl@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Research on Current Topics in Alzheimer's Disease and its Related Dementias.

Date: February 28–29, 2024.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Bernard Rajeev Srambical Wilfred, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive,

Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 480-6813, bernard.srambicalwilfred@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group; Integrative Myocardial Physiology/Pathophysiology A Study Section.

Date: February 28–29, 2024.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Abdelouahab Aitouche, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4222, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2365, aitouchea@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Infectious Diseases and Immunology B, Integrated Review Group; Transplantation, Tolerance, and Tumor Immunology Study Section.

Date: February 28–29, 2024.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Carmen Angeles Ufret-Vincenty, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-0912, carmen.ufret-vincenty@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Neurotechnology and Eye Diseases.

Date: February 28, 2024.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Barbara Susanne Mallon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 480-8992, mallonb@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group; Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics, C Study Section.

Date: February 29–March 1, 2024.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Gloria Huei-Ting Su, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-0465, gloria.su@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Topics in Biophysics and Biochemistry.

Date: February 29–March 1, 2024.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.