

Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting:

Time and Date: 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.,

August 5, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of “Elimination of Health Disparities through Translation Research (Panel D), FOA CD08–001.”

Contact person for more information: Maurine F. Goodman, M.A., M.P.H., Scientific Review Administrator, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop D72, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 639–4737.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: July 15, 2008.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–R–21, CMS–10150, and CMS–484]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & 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 & 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:* Withholding Medicare Payments to Recover Medicaid Overpayments and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 44.31; *Use:* Overpayments may occur in either the Medicare and Medicaid program, at times resulting in a situation where an institution or person that provides services owes a repayment to one program while still receiving reimbursement from the other. Certain Medicaid providers which are subject to offsets for the collection of Medicaid overpayments may terminate or substantially reduce their participation in Medicaid, leaving the State Medicaid Agency unable to recover the amounts due. These information collection requirements give CMS the authority to recover Medicaid overpayments by offsetting payments due to a provider under the program. *Form Number:* CMS–R–21 (OMB# 0938–0287); *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Responses:* 27; *Total Annual Hours:* 81.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Collection of Drug Pricing and Network Pharmacy Data from Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs and MA–PDs) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 423.48; *Use:* Both stand alone prescription drug plans (PDPs) and Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MA–PDs) plans are required to submit drug pricing and pharmacy network data to CMS and these data are made publicly available to people with Medicare through the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder Web tool on <http://www.medicare.gov>. Drug prices vary across a plans pharmacy network based on the contracts that each plan negotiates with each pharmacy or pharmacy chain in their networks. The pharmacy networks can change during the course of the year as new pharmacies open, close, change ownership, or plans negotiate new contracts with pharmacies resulting in different dispensing fees for prescriptions. Drug prices also change frequently due to the daily fluctuation of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP), thus plans increase or decrease their drug prices to reflect these changes. The purpose of the data is to enable prospective and current Medicare

beneficiaries to compare, learn, select and enroll in a plan that best meets their needs. The database structure provides the necessary drug pricing and pharmacy network information to accurately communicate plan information in a comparative format. *Form Number:* CMS–10150 (OMB# 0938–0951); *Frequency:* Bi-weekly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 680; *Total Annual Responses:* 17,680; *Total Annual Hours:* 70,720.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity for Oxygen and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 410.38 and 424.5; *Use:* The oxygen certificate of medical necessity (CMN) collects information required to help determine the medical necessity of home oxygen therapy for Medicare beneficiaries. CMS requires CMNs where items may present a vulnerability to the Medicare program. Each claim for these items must have an associated CMN for the beneficiary. In order to determine if a beneficiary needs home oxygen therapy, a qualifying blood gas study must be performed and it must comply with the DMERCs Oxygen Medical Policy on the standards for conducting the test and also be covered under Medicare Part B. A beneficiary must be seen and evaluated by the treating physician within specific timeframes as indicated by the Oxygen Medical Policy in order to complete an Initial CMN Certification, a Recertification CMN and a Revised CMN Certification. *Form Number:* CMS–484 (OMB# 0938–0534); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 15,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,630,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 326,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS’s Web Site 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 September 22, 2008:

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 _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

Michelle Shortt,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10257, CMS-R-263 and CMS-10097]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & 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 & 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 function; (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:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Medicare Training Program Training Needs Assessment Survey; *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services (CMS) is requesting clearance for an Online Needs Assessment Survey that will inform the National Medicare Training Program (NMTP) in their efforts to develop materials vital to the performance of key Medicare partners. NMTP communicates information about a wide array of Medicare topics to a diverse audience of partner organizations through in-person workshops, teleconferences, and Online training materials. These partner organizations include other state and federal agencies, health plans, aging networks/coalitions, long term care institutions, disability/mental health providers and advocates, HIV/AIDS providers, other health care providers and disease-specific advocacy groups, faith based organizations, and racial/ethnic minority organizations. These partners extend the reach of NMTP to population segments that have information barriers, including language, literacy, location, and culture, to help them understand the varied and sometimes complex choices about how they receive their Medicare benefits. This survey will allow NMTP to assess the education and training needs of its partner organizations on an annual basis, to ensure that they have the information and materials they need to assist the beneficiaries they serve. *Form Number:* CMS-10257 (OMB# 0938-New); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local and Tribal governments, Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,000.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Site Investigation for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Suppliers; *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) enrolls durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers into the Medicare program via a uniform application, the CMS 855S. Implementation of enhanced procedures for verifying the enrollment information has improved the enrollment process as well as identified and prevented fraudulent DMEPOS suppliers from entering the Medicare program. As part of this process, verification of compliance with supplier standards is necessary. The site investigation form has been used in the past to aid the Medicare contractor (the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) and/or its subcontractors) in verifying compliance with the required supplier standards found in 42 CFR 424.57(c). The primary

function of the site investigation form is to provide a standardized, uniform tool to gather information from a DMEPOS supplier that tells us whether it meets certain qualifications to be a DMEPOS supplier (as found in 42 CFR 424.57(c)) and where it practices or renders its services. *Form Number:* CMS-R-263 (OMB# 0938-0749); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 30,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 30,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 15,000.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Annual Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS); *Use:* Medicare Contractors are charged with processing Medicare claims and related activities and providers interact with them on a daily basis. The Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS) measures this Provider-Contractor relationship. The Contractors are currently using, and will continue to use, the MCPSS results to implement performance improvement activities within their organizations. The MCPSS questionnaire includes the following topics: Provider inquiries, provider outreach & education, claims processing, appeals, provider enrollment, medical review, and provider audit & reimbursement. The Survey is designed to measure provider satisfaction, attitudes, perceptions and opinions about the services provided by their respective Contractor. The results include quantitative data (a satisfaction score) and qualitative information (comments relevant to specific topics).

The 2009 MCPSS will differ from 2008 in two ways, (refer to the specific documents for additional changes): (1) The questionnaire will be slightly modified, including the net addition of two questions; and (2) the definition of a completed survey will be revised. *Form Number:* CMS-10097 (OMB# 0938-0915); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 24,279; *Total Annual Responses:* 24,279; *Total Annual Hours:* 8346.

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