

will be an integral resource for oversight, monitoring, compliance, and auditing activities necessary to ensure quality provision of the Part C Medicare Advantage benefit to beneficiaries; *Form Number*: CMS-10196 (OMB#: 0938-New); *Frequency*: Recordkeeping and Reporting—Annually; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents*: 393; *Total Annual Responses*: 393; *Total Annual Hours*: 12,576.

6. *Type of Information Collection Request*: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare Clinical Laboratory Services Competitive Bidding Demonstration Project—Bidding Form; *Use*: The Medicare Clinical Laboratory Competitive Bidding Demonstration is mandated by section 302(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. The purpose of the demonstration is to determine whether competitive bidding can be used to provide quality laboratory services at prices below current Medicare reimbursement rates. The application is to collect information from organizations that supply clinical laboratory services to Medicare beneficiaries in the Competitive Bidding Area (CBA). This information will be used to determine bidding status, winners under the bidding competition, and the competitively-determined fee schedule for demonstration tests. The winning laboratories will be selected based on multiple criteria, including price bid, laboratory capacity, service area, and quality. Multiple winners are expected in each competitive acquisition area.; *Form Number*: CMS-10193 (OMB#: 0938-New); *Frequency*: Reporting—Other: once every three years.; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents*: 80; *Total Annual Responses*: 80; *Total Annual Hours*: 7010.

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](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch,

Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

Dated: July 20, 2006.

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## 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.

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*: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Data Collection for Administering the Medicare Health Improvement Survey; *Use*: This beneficiary survey is to obtain information about beneficiary behavior, physical functioning and satisfaction with the care management programs data required to evaluate the Medicare Care Management for High Cost Beneficiaries demonstration (CMHCB). This demonstration provides an opportunity to test new models of care for Medicare beneficiaries who are high-cost and who have complex chronic conditions with the goals of reducing future costs, improving quality of care and quality of life, and improving beneficiary and provider satisfaction.

*Form Number*: CMS-10202 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency*: Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public*: Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents*: 3633; *Total Annual Responses*: 3633; *Total Annual Hours*: 908.

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](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on September 26, 2006. CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—C, Attention: Bonnie L Harkless, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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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:** Centers 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;