

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision with change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* HEDIS® Data Collection for Medicare Advantage; *Use:* The HEDIS® data collection supports the CMS strategic goal of improving the quality of care and health status for Medicare beneficiaries. The HEDIS® measures are part of the Medicare Part C Star Ratings as described at §§ 422.160, 422.162, 422.164, and 422.166. CMS publishes the Medicare Part C Star Ratings each year to: (1) Incentivize quality improvement in Medicare Advantage (MA); and (2) assist beneficiaries in finding the best plan for them. The ratings feed into MA Quality Bonus Payments. The Medicare Star Ratings support the efforts of CMS to improve the level of accountability for the care provided by physicians, hospitals, and other providers.

HEDIS® data support the agency's goal to hold MA contracts accountable for delivering care in accordance with widely accepted clinical guidelines and standards of care. CMS uses HEDIS® data to obtain the information necessary for the proper oversight of the Medicare Advantage program. NCQA trains and licenses organizations to conduct audits on-site at the MAOs secure record-keeping facilities where they compile their administrative and medical records for the HEDIS data file submissions *Form Number:* CMS-10219 (OMB control number: 0938-1028); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 677; *Total Annual Responses:* 677; *Total Annual Hours:* 216,640. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lori Teichman at 410-786-6684.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor (EMTALA); *Use:* Pursuant to section 1866(a)(1)(I) of the Act, Congress has mandated that the Secretary enforce section 1867 of the Act. Under section 1867, effective August 1, 1986, hospitals may continue to participate in the Medicare program only if they are not out of compliance with its provisions. Continued Paper Work Reduction Act (PRA) approval of the regulation sections cited below will promote uniform and thorough application of the section 1866 and 1867 requirements. They will also provide information when requested by Congress and other interested parties regarding the implementation of the statute. During 2004 through 2018, approximately 8,146

complaints were received, approximately 7,770 of those complaints were investigated, and approximately 3,567 EMTALA deficiencies were found. During Federal fiscal years 2001 through 2005 the Inspector General's Office imposed civil monetary penalties on hospitals in 105 cases, for a total of \$2,645,750 in penalties. An audit completed by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) (entitled, Office of Inspector General: Implementation and Enforcement of the Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor by the Health Care Financing Administration, April 1995, A-06-93-00087) determined that CMS's implementation of the Act was generally effective, but Regional Offices (RO) were not consistent with conducting timely investigations, sending acknowledgments to complaints, ensuring that investigations were thorough, or ensuring that violations were referred to the OIG in accordance with CMS policy for possible civil monetary penalty action. OIG further concluded that without proper compliance, there is an increased risk that individuals with emergency medical conditions will not receive the treatment needed to stabilize their condition, which may place them in greater risk of death. *Form Number:* CMS-R-142 (OMB control number: 0938-0667); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 5,291; *Total Annual Responses:* 5,291; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,291. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Renate Dombrowski at (410) 786-4645.)

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection of information request; *Title of Information Collection:* Quality Payment Program/Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Surveys and Feedback Collections; *Use:* The purpose of this submission is to request approval for generic clearance of a program of survey and feedback collections supporting the Quality Payment Program which includes the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (AAPMs). MIPS is a program for certain eligible clinicians that makes Medicare payment adjustments based on performance on quality, cost and other measures and activities, and that consolidates components of three precursor programs—the Physician Quality Reporting system (PQRS), the Value Modifier (VM), and the Medicare

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for eligible professionals. AAPMs are a track of the Quality Payment Program that offer incentives for achieving threshold levels of payments or patients in Advanced APMs or Other Payer Advanced APMs. Under the AAPM path, eligible clinicians may become Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) and are excluded from MIPS. Partial Qualifying APM Participants (Partial QPs) may opt to report and be scored under MIPS.

This generic clearance will cover a program of surveys and feedback collections designed to strategically obtain data and feedback from MIPS eligible clinicians, third-party intermediaries, Medicare beneficiaries, and any other audiences that would support the Agency in improving MIPS or the Quality Payment Program. The specific collections we intend to conduct are: Human Centered Design (HCD) User Testing Volunteer Sign-Up Survey; HCD User Satisfaction, Product Usage, and Benchmarking Surveys; and Physician Compare (and/or successor website) User Testing. *Form Number:* CMS-10695 (OMB control number: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions and Individuals; *Number of Respondents:* 630,300; *Total Annual Responses:* 630,300; *Total Annual Hours:* 57,950. (For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Michelle Peterman at 410-786-2591.)

Dated: June 25, 2020.

William N. Parham, III,
Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Medicare Program; Administrative Law Judge Hearing Program for Medicare Claim and Entitlement Appeals; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—October 2019 Through March 2020

AGENCY: Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA), Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the OMHA Case Processing Manual (OCPM) instructions that were published from October 2019 through March 2020. This

manual standardizes the day-to-day procedures for carrying out adjudicative functions, in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and OMHA directives, and gives OMHA staff direction for processing appeals at the OMHA level of adjudication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Dorman, by telephone at (571) 457-7220, or by email at jon.dorman@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA), a staff division within the Office of the Secretary within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), administers the nationwide Administrative Law Judge hearing program for Medicare claim; organization, coverage, and at-risk determination; and entitlement appeals under sections 1869, 1155, 1876(c)(5)(B), 1852(g)(5), and 1860D-4(h) of the Social Security Act (the Act). OMHA ensures that Medicare beneficiaries and the providers and suppliers that furnish items or services to Medicare beneficiaries, as well as Medicare Advantage organizations (MAOs), Medicaid State agencies, and applicable plans, have a fair and impartial forum to address disagreements with Medicare coverage and payment determinations made by Medicare contractors, MAOs, or Part D plan sponsors (PDPs), and determinations related to Medicare eligibility and entitlement, Part B late enrollment penalty, and income-related monthly adjustment amounts (IRMAA) made by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The Medicare claim, organization determination, coverage determination, and at-risk determination appeals processes consist of four levels of administrative review, and a fifth level of review with the Federal district courts after administrative remedies under HHS regulations have been exhausted. The first two levels of review are administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and conducted by Medicare contractors for claim appeals, by MAOs and an Independent Review Entity (IRE) for Part C organization determination appeals, or by PDPs and an IRE for Part D coverage determination and at-risk determination appeals. The third level of review is administered by OMHA and conducted by Administrative Law Judges and attorney adjudicators. The fourth level of review is administered by the HHS Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) and conducted by the Medicare

Appeals Council (Council). In addition, OMHA and the DAB administer the second and third levels of appeal, respectively, for Medicare eligibility, entitlement, Part B late enrollment penalty, and IRMAA reconsiderations made by SSA; a fourth level of review with the Federal district courts is available after administrative remedies within SSA and HHS have been exhausted.

Sections 1869, 1155, 1876(c)(5)(B), 1852(g)(5), and 1860D-4(h) of the Act are implemented through the regulations at 42 CFR part 405, subparts I and J; part 417, subpart Q; part 422, subpart M; part 423, subparts M and U; and part 478, subpart B. As noted above, OMHA administers the nationwide Administrative Law Judge hearing program in accordance with these statutes and applicable regulations. To help ensure nationwide consistency in that effort, OMHA established a manual, the OCPM. Through the OCPM, the OMHA Chief Administrative Law Judge establishes the day-to-day procedures for carrying out adjudicative functions, in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and OMHA directives. The OCPM provides direction for processing appeals at the OMHA level of adjudication for Medicare Part A and B claims; Part C organization determinations; Part D coverage determinations and at-risk determinations; and SSA eligibility and entitlement, Part B late enrollment penalty, and IRMAA determinations.

Section 1871(c) of the Act requires that the Secretary publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every three months in the **Federal Register**.

II. Format for the Quarterly Issuance Notices

This notice provides the specific updates to the OCPM that have occurred in the period of October 2019 through March 2020. A hyperlink to the available chapters on the OMHA website is provided below. The OMHA website contains the most current, up-to-date chapters and revisions to chapters, and will be available earlier than we publish our quarterly notice. We believe the OMHA website provides more timely access to the current OCPM chapters for those involved in the Medicare claim; organization, coverage, and at-risk determination; and entitlement appeals processes. We also believe the website offers the public a more convenient tool for real time access to current OCPM provisions. In addition, OMHA has a listserv to which

the public can subscribe to receive notification of certain updates to the OMHA website, including when new or revised OCPM chapters are posted. If accessing the OMHA website proves to be difficult, the contact person listed above can provide the information.

III. How to Use the Notice

This notice lists the OCPM chapters and subjects published during the period covered by the notice so the reader may determine whether any are of particular interest. The OCPM can be accessed at <https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/omha/the-appeals-process/case-processing-manual/index.html>.

IV. OCPM Releases for October 2019 Through March 2020

The OCPM is used by OMHA adjudicators and staff to administer the OMHA program. It offers day-to-day operating instructions, policies, and procedures based on statutes and regulations, and OMHA directives.

The following is a list and description of OCPM provisions that were issued or revised in the period of October 2019 through March 2020. This information is available on our website at <https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/omha/the-appeals-process/case-processing-manual/index.html>.

OCPM Chapter 16: Decisions

On October 9, 2019, OMHA issued OCPM Chapter 16, which describes the structure and content of the decisions issued by OMHA adjudicators. The chapter details when an adjudicator classifies a decision as favorable or fully favorable, unfavorable, or partially favorable, and the effect the financial responsibility determination has on the characterization of the decision. Additionally, the chapter provides general writing guidelines and the protocols for protecting personally identifiable and protected health information in a decision. The chapter also describes the format for a decision affirming the dismissal of a request for reconsideration, a decision addressing multiple consolidated appeals, and a stipulated decision. An OMHA-approved notice of decision template must accompany every decision and describes the parties' appeals rights. OMHA also issued a Citation Policy as chapter support material to Chapter 16.

OCPM Chapter 15: Conducting Conferences and Hearings: Posthearing Development

On November 21, 2019, OMHA issued OCPM Chapter 15, which describes the process used by OMHA adjudicators when conducting prehearing/

posthearing conferences and hearings. The chapter details regulatory requirements, OMHA administrative requirements, and suggested best practices when conducting a conference or hearing. The chapter also explains when and how to hold a consolidated, supplemental, or continued hearing; the procedures for responding to a request for a copy of the administrative record; and available actions that can be taken to develop the administrative record after an initial hearing has been conducted.

OCPM Chapter 10: Party and Non-Party Participant Requests and Submissions

On February 19, 2020, OMHA issued OCPM Chapter 10, which explains how to route, document and address contacts from parties and non-party participants involving both general and case-specific matters. The chapter describes how to provide language or communication assistance services to individuals with limited English proficiency or a disability, and summarizes the services OMHA offers in response to such requests. The chapter also explains how to process requests for a stay of proceedings, discovery, or subpoena; and review submissions of evidence and other case-related materials. Many types of requests and submissions that generally occur at a specific stage in the adjudication process are covered in detail in other OCPM chapters. To facilitate locating this information, Chapter 10 contains a list of these requests and submissions, along with cross-references to the specific OCPM provisions where they are discussed.

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Karen W. Ames,
Executive Director, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) 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 grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Mental Health Services: Member Conflict.

Date: July 15, 2020.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Karen Gavin-Evans, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 6153, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-2356, gavinevanskm@mail.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 26, 2020.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) 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: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Review of RFA NS-20-013 White Matter Lesion Etiology of Dementia in the U.S. Including in Health Disparity Populations (U19).

Date: July 8, 2020.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Marilyn Moore-Hoon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301 827-9087 mooremar@mail.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; BRAIN Biology and Biophysics of Neural Stimulation and Recording Technologies SRB M01.

Date: July 9, 2020.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda, MD 20852 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Mirela Milesescu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS/NIH, NSC, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892, mirela.milesescu@nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Accelerating Medicine Partnership in Parkinson's disease (AMP PD) data use and analysis (U01).

Date: July 10, 2020.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda, MD 20852 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Joel A. Saydoff, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS/NIH, NSC, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 3205, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9223, joel.saydoff@nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Early Phase Trials & Comparative Effectiveness Research.

Date: July 10, 2020.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda, MD 20852 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Shanta Rajaram, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities,