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Signed in Washington, DC, on December 2, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-10480-01-OA]

### Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notification of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), EPA hereby provides notice of a meeting for the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and the Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) on the date and time described below. This meeting will be open to the public. For information on public attendance and participation, please see the registration information under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Due to holiday schedules, EPA is announcing this meeting with less than 15 calendar days' of notice.

**DATES:** The LGAC will meet virtually December 16th, 2022, from 12 p.m. through 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paige Lieberman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at [LGAC@epa.gov](mailto:LGAC@epa.gov) or 202-564-9957. Information on Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals requiring accessibility accommodations, please contact Paige Lieberman by email at [LGAC@epa.gov](mailto:LGAC@epa.gov). To request accommodation, please do so five (5) business days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The LGAC has been deliberating on the following

issues and will discuss and vote on recommendations at this meeting.

### TOPIC 1: Green Gas Reduction Fund

Read background on the program here: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund>.

### TOPIC 2: Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

Read background on the proposed rule here: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-improvements>.

All interested persons are invited to attend and participate. The LGAC will hear comments from the public from approximately 1:40–1:50 p.m. (EST). Individuals or organizations wishing to address the Committee or Subcommittee will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to present their point of view. Also, written comments should be submitted electronically to [LGAC@epa.gov](mailto:LGAC@epa.gov) for the LGAC and SCAS. Please contact the DFO at the email listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to schedule a time on the agenda by December 14, 2021. Time will be allotted on a first-come first-served basis, and the total period for comments may be extended if the number of requests for appearances requires it.

### Registration

The meeting will be held virtually through an online audio and video platform. Members of the public who wish to participate should register by contacting the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at [LGAC@epa.gov](mailto:LGAC@epa.gov) by December 14, 2022. The agenda and other supportive meeting materials will be available online at <https://www.epa.gov/ocir/local-government-advisory-committee-lgac> and will be emailed to all registered. In the event of cancellation for unforeseen circumstances, please contact the DFO or check the website above for reschedule information.

Dated: December 1, 2022.

**Paige Lieberman,**

*Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or

documents regarding the agreements to the Secretary by email at [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov), or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website ([www.fmc.gov](http://www.fmc.gov)) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)–523–5793 or [tradeanalysis@fmc.gov](mailto:tradeanalysis@fmc.gov).

**Agreement No.:** 201397.

**Agreement Name:** Hyundai Glovis/Bahri Space Charter Agreement.

**Parties:** Hyundai Glovis Co., Ltd.; The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia d/b/a Bahri AS.

**Filing Party:** Wayne Rohde, Cozen O'Connor.

**Synopsis:** The Agreement authorizes the parties to charter space to/from one another in all trades in the foreign commerce of the United States.

**Proposed Effective Date:** 1/15/2023.

**Location:** <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC/Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/72505>.

Dated: December 2, 2022.

**William Cody,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-3435-PN]

### Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality for Initial CMS Approval of Its Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed notice acknowledges the receipt of an application from the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) for initial recognition as a national accrediting organization for critical access hospitals (CAHs) that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

**DATES:** To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of

the addresses provided below, by January 6, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-3435-PN.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the "Submit a comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-3435-PN, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244-8010.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-3435-PN, Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caecilia Blondiaux, (410) 786-2190.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Inspection of Public Comments:* All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the search instructions on that website to view public comments. CMS will not post on *Regulations.gov* public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the individual will take actions to harm the individual. CMS continues to encourage individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments.

#### **I. Background**

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in a critical access hospital (CAH), provided that certain requirements are met by the CAH.

Sections 1820(c)(2) and 1820(e) of the Social Security Act (the Act), establish statutory authority for states and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to determine criteria for facilities seeking designation as a CAH. Regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 485, subpart F specify the conditions that a CAH must meet to participate in the Medicare program, the scope of covered services, and the conditions for Medicare payment for CAHs.

Generally, to enter into an agreement, a CAH must first be certified by a state survey agency as complying with the applicable conditions or requirements set forth in part 485 of our regulations. Thereafter, the CAH is subject to regular surveys by a state survey agency to determine whether it continues to meet these requirements.

However, there is an alternative to surveys by state agencies. Section 1865(a)(1) of the Act states that if a provider entity demonstrates through accreditation by an approved national accrediting organization (AO) that all applicable Medicare conditions are met or exceeded, we will deem those provider entities as having met the requirements for that entity. Accreditation by an AO is voluntary and is not required for Medicare participation.

If an AO is recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as having standards for accreditation that meet or exceed Medicare requirements, any provider entity accredited by the national accrediting body's approved program would be deemed to meet the Medicare conditions. A national AO applying for approval of its accreditation program under part 488, subpart A, must provide us with reasonable assurance that the AO requires the accredited provider entities to meet requirements that are at least as stringent as the Medicare conditions. Our regulations concerning the approval of AO are set forth at § 488.5.

The Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ) has submitted an initial application for CMS-approval of its CAH accreditation program.

#### **II. Approval of Accreditation Organizations**

Section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 require that our findings concerning review and approval of a national AO's

requirements consider, among other factors, the applying AO's requirements for accreditation; survey procedures; resources for conducting required surveys; capacity to furnish information for use in enforcement activities; monitoring procedures for provider entities found not in compliance with the conditions or requirements; and ability to provide CMS with the necessary data for validation.

Section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act further requires that we publish, within 60 days of receipt of an organization's complete application, a notice identifying the national accrediting body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing at least a 30-day public comment period. We have 210 days from the receipt of a complete application to publish notice of approval or denial of the application.

The purpose of this proposed notice is to inform the public of CIHQ's initial request for approval of its CAH accreditation program. This notice also solicits public comment on whether the CIHQ's requirements meet or exceed the Medicare conditions of participation (CoPs) for CAHs.

#### **III. Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request**

CIHQ submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for initial approval of its CAH accreditation program. This application was determined to be complete on October 31, 2022. Under 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 (Application and re-application procedures for national AO), our review and evaluation of the CIHQ will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- The equivalency of the CIHQ's standards for hospitals as compared with CMS' CAH CoPs.
- The CIHQ's survey process to determine the following:
  - ++ The composition of the survey team, surveyor qualifications, and the ability of the organization to provide continuing surveyor training.
  - ++ The comparability of the CIHQ's processes to those of state agencies, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.

++ CIHQ's processes and procedures for monitoring a CAH found out of compliance with CIHQ's program requirements. These monitoring procedures are used only when the CIHQ identifies noncompliance. If noncompliance is identified through

validation reviews or complaint surveys, the state survey agency monitors corrections as specified at § 488.9.

++ CIHQ's capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility's plan of correction in a timely manner.

++ CIHQ's capacity to provide CMS with electronic data and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization's survey process.

++ The adequacy of the CIHQ's staff and other resources, and its financial viability.

++ CIHQ's capacity to adequately fund required surveys.

++ CIHQ's policies with respect to whether surveys are announced or unannounced, to assure that surveys are unannounced.

++ CIHQ's policies and procedures to avoid conflicts of interest, including the appearance of conflicts of interest, involving individuals who conduct surveys or participate in accreditation decisions.

++ CIHQ's agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require (including corrective action plans).

#### IV. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

#### V. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of

this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Lynette Wilson, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 2, 2022.

**Lynette Wilson,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970–0248]

#### Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Annual Report on State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Programs—ACF–204 (Annual MOE Report) (Office of Management and Budget)

**AGENCY:** Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the ACF–204 (Annual MOE Report; OMB #0970–0248, expiration November 30, 2022). There are no changes requested to this information collection.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment

is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Description:** The Annual MOE Report is used to collect descriptive program characteristics information on the programs operated by states and territories in association with their Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs. All state and territory expenditures claimed toward states and territories MOE requirements must be appropriate, *i.e.*, meet all applicable MOE requirements. The Annual MOE Report provides the ability to learn about and to monitor the nature of state and territory expenditures used to meet states and territories MOE requirements, and it is an important source of information about the different ways that states and territories are using their resources to help families attain and maintain self-sufficiency. In addition, the report is used to obtain state and territory program characteristics for ACF's annual report to Congress, and the report serves as a useful resource to use in Congressional hearings about how TANF programs are evolving, in assessing state and the territory MOE expenditures, and in assessing the need for legislative changes.

**Respondents:** The 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents per year	Total number of annual responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
ACF–204; Annual MOE Report .....	54	1	118	6,372

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,372.*

*Authority:* Section 402 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602), as amended by Public Law 104–193, the

Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.