between the Office of Management and Budget Evidence Team and GSA's Office of Evaluation Sciences, this study is also guided by leadership from the White House ARP Implementation Team, who participate on the Steering Committee, as well as a team of agency experts across the Federal Government.

To build evidence in support of the study goals, this project includes a series of up to five in-depth, cross-cutting evaluations of selected ARP programs or recipient communities of multiple ARP program investments with shared outcomes, common approaches, or overlapping recipient groups. These evaluations will be selected based on program, population, place, community, or a combination of these factors. A mixed-methods approach is anticipated in order to ensure that appropriate attention is paid to context and that data collection and analysis methods reflect the complexity of program implementation and address the specific evaluation questions identified through the ongoing planning and consultation process.

The ARP National Evaluation will use a multiple-phased approach for this proposed information collection activity. In Phase 1 (current request) the research team seeks approval to carry out consultations with the relevant state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and program participants, including the formal recruitment process to establish community advisory boards for each of the planned in-depth evaluations.

Under subsequent phases of the request, the project will update the information collection request for the instruments tailored to each in-depth evaluation, to reflect the specific evaluation design, information collection methods and instruments, and associated burden. The proposed information collection activities cover mixed-method approaches to implement primarily outcome and process evaluations. Data collection activities for these studies may include: (1) interviews with program administrators and staff; (2) focus groups, (3) short surveys of program participants and/or eligible non-participants, and (4) data requests.

Respondents: State and local program administrators, program staff, community-based program partners, and individuals who participate or are eligible to participate in the relevant ARP programs.

B. Annual Burden Estimates

The estimates below are based on the assumption that for each of up to 5 evaluations, we will consult with approximately 15 state and/or local program administrators or representatives from community-based organizations, recruit up to 9 participants for the community advisory boards (CAB) for each study, and initiate CAB meetings.

The anticipated information collections to be undertaken in Phase 2, for each of up to 5 evaluations, are expected to vary in their approaches to data collection and sample size. The estimate provided here anticipates that each of the evaluations may collect and analyze information from: approximately 5 program administrator interviews, 2 90-minute focus groups with program recipients (8 participants each), 1 brief survey of program recipients (sample of about 500 each), and 2 requests for extant administrative or implementation datasets. The subsequent information collection requests will describe the specific study design and associated burden for each evaluation.

Total respondents: 2,815.

Total annual responses: 18.

Average burden hours per response: 1.43.

Total Burden Hours: 1,385.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary, whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by January 8, 2024.

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*. Find this particular information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: *https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed 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 that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of the previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Programs: Part C and Part D Explanation of Benefits; *Use:* Sections 1852(k)(2)(C)(i) and 1860D–(4)(a)(4) of the Act give CMS authority to require EOBs in MA and Part D, respectively. Corresponding MA and Part D regulations at 42 CFR 422.111(k) and 423.128(e) further specify the requirements to provide a written EOB directly to enrollees following their use of benefits.

These requirements and the CMS model documents help ensure that MA and Part D enrollees receive consistent and timely information about costs associated with their medical claims. Part C and Part D EOBs allow enrollees to track their out-of-pocket expenses and benefit utilization in relation to their plan's deductible and out-of-pocket threshold. This customized information positions enrollees to make informed decisions about their healthcare options. It also enables them to make a more practical use of the information found in plans' Annual Notice of Change and Evidence of Coverage documents, as well as information available through tools such as the Medicare Plan Finder.

MAOs and Part D sponsors use the model documents attached to this information collection to set up the EOB templates in their systems and ensure that EOBs conform with the requirements at 42 CFR 422.111(k) and 423.128(e). MAOs and Part D sponsors populate EOBs to reflect individual enrollee benefits under the plan. CMS issues model EOBs annually through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). *Form Number:* CMS–10453 (OMB control number: 0938–1228); *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,065; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,065; *Total Annual Hours:* 10,650. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Valerie Yingling at 667–290–8657.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Exchange Standards for Employers; *Use:* Section 1321(a) requires HHS to issue regulations setting standards for meeting the requirements under title I of the Affordable Care Act including the offering of Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) through the Exchanges. On March 27, 2012, HHS published the rule CMS–9989–F: *Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans; Exchange Standards for Employers.* The Exchange rule contains provisions that mandate reporting and data collections necessary to ensure that health insurance issuers are meeting the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. These information collection requirements are set forth in 45 CFR part 156. The reporting requirements and data collection in the Exchange rule address minimum requirements that health insurance issuers must meet in order to comply with provisions in the Affordable Care Act with respect to participation in a State-based or the federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE).

Information collected by the Exchanges or Medicaid and CHIP agencies will be used to determine eligibility for coverage through the Exchange and insurance affordability programs (*i.e.,* Medicaid, CHIP, and advance payment of the premium tax credits); evaluate how CMS can best communicate eligibility and enrollment updates to issuers; and assist consumers in enrolling in a QHP if eligible. Applicants include anyone who may be eligible for coverage through any of these programs. *Form Number:* CMS–10592 (OMB control number: 0938–1341); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 302; *Number of Responses:* 302; *Total Annual Hours:* 148,584. (For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Anne Pesto at 410–786–3492.)

Dated: December 5, 2023.

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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, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 6, 2024.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send 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) that are accepting comments.