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Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Negative Case Action (NCA) Process/Annual Report; *Form No.:* HCFA-6401 (OMB# 0938-0300); *Use:* HCFA uses the NCA process to determine the accuracy of ineligible determinations focusing on the reason(s) for denial or the termination of assistance. The results of NCA reviews are used by the States and the Federal government to identify problem areas and plan corrective action initiatives to eliminate error causing situations; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal gov.; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 51; *Total Annual Hours:* 6770.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, HCFA-6401, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

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Type of Information Collection

Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* A Project to Develop an Outcome-Based Continuous Quality Improvement System for PACE; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0299 (OMB #0938-0791); *Use:* The purpose of this project is to develop an out-come based continuous quality improvement (OBCQI) approach for the PACE program by (a) developing and testing potential outcome measures, (b) testing risk adjustment methods so that each site's outcomes can be appropriately evaluated, and (c) designing an OBCQI approach to improve quality in a systematic, evolutionary manner. Findings from this project are intended to guide the possible implementation of a national approach for OBCQI, in which PACE sites will collect data that will be used to determine and profile participant outcomes for their site;

Frequency: On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 8,298; *Total Annual Responses:* 93,970; *Total Annual Hours:* 21,692.04.

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

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

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