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1. *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Eligibility Error Rate Measurement in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program; **Use:** The collection of information is necessary for CMS to produce national error rates for Medicaid and CHIP as required by Public Law 107-300, the IPIA of 2002. The collection of information is also necessary to implement provisions from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) (Pub. L. 111-3) with regard to the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) and Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) programs. The information collected from the States selected for review will be used by CMS to ensure States use a statistically sound sampling methodology, to ensure the States complete reviews on all cases sampled, and will be used by the Federal contractor to calculate State and national Medicaid and CHIP eligibility error rates. **Form Number:** CMS-10184 (OMB#: 0938-1012); **Frequency:** Reporting—Occasionally; **Affected Public:** State, Local, Tribal Governments; **Number of Respondents:** 34; **Total Annual Responses:** 53; **Total Annual Hours:** 942,764. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jessica Woodard at 410-786-9249. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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, 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 by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on **March 1, 2010**. OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, **Attention:** CMS Desk Officer. **Fax Number:** (202) 395-6974. **E-mail:** OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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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: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** End Stage Renal Disease Death Notification Public Law 95-292; 42 CFR 405.2133, 45 CFR 5-5b; 20 CFR Parts 401 and 422E **Use:** The ESRD Death Notification (CMS-2746) is completed by all Medicare-approved ESRD facilities upon the death of an ESRD patient. Its primary purpose is to collect fact of death and cause of death of ESRD patients. Certain other identifying information (e.g., name, Medicare claim number, and date of birth) is required for matching purposes. Federal regulations require that the ESRD Networks examine the mortality rates of every Medicare-approved facility within its area of responsibility. The Death Form provides the necessary data to assist the ESRD Networks in making decisions that result in improved patient care and in cost-

effective distribution of ESRD resources. The data is used by the ESRD Networks to verify facility deaths and to monitor facility performance. **Form Number:** CMS-2746 (OMB#: 0938-0448); **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 5,173; **Total Annual Responses:** 82,768; **Total Annual Hours:** 41,384. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Connie Cole at 410-786-0257. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site 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, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by **March 30, 2010**:

1. **Electronically.** You may submit 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) accepting comments.

2. **By regular mail.** You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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