

toxicological profiles: benzene, carbon disulfide, cyanide, thallium, and chlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins. This action is necessary as this is the opportunity for members of the public and organizations to submit comments on drafts of the profiles. The intended effect of this action is to ensure that the public can note any pertinent additional information or reports on studies about the health effects caused by exposure to the substances covered in these five profiles for review.

We have received requests from interested parties to extend the comment period. Therefore, we are extending the comment period for an additional seven days.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10330 and CMS-10416]

#### 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 March 17, 2025.

**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.

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.

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 N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-10330 Notice of Rescission of Coverage and Disclosure Requirements for Patient Protection under the Affordable Care Act

CMS-10416 Blueprint for Approval of State-based Exchange

Under the 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

requires federal agencies to publish a 60-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.

#### Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Notice of Rescission of Coverage and Disclosure Requirements for Patient Protection under the Affordable Care Act; *Use:* Section 2712 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), as added by the Affordable Care Act, contains a rescission notice. The No Surprises Act, enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, sunset the patient protections related to choice of health care professional under section 2719A of the PHS Act and recodified these patient protections in newly added section 9822 of the Internal Revenue Code, section 722 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and section 2799A-7 of the PHS Act and extended the applicability of these provisions to grandfathered health plans for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The rescission notice will be used by health plans and issuers to provide advance notice to certain individuals that their coverage may be rescinded as a result of fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact. The patient protection notification will be used by certain health plans and issuers to inform individuals of their right to choose a primary care provider or pediatrician and to use obstetrical/gynecological services without prior authorization. The related provisions are finalized in the 2015 final regulations titled "Final Rules under the Affordable Care Act for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections" (80 FR 72192, November 18, 2015) and 2021 interim final regulations titled "Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part I" (86 FR 36872, July 13, 2021). *Form Number:* CMS-10330 (OMB control number 0938-1094); *Annually;* *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Private Sector; *Number of Respondents:* 82,638; *Total Annual Responses:* 13,741,303; *Total Annual Hours:* 10. (For policy questions regarding this

collection, contact Adam Pellillo at 667-290-9621.)

**2. Type of Information Collection**  
*Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Blueprint for Approval of State-based Exchange; *Use:* The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its implementing regulations provide states with flexibility in the design and operation of Exchanges to ensure states are implementing Exchanges that best meet the needs of their consumers. States can choose to establish and operate a State-based Exchange (SBE) or a State-based Exchange on the Federal Platform (SBE-FP). To ensure a state can operate a successful and compliant SBE or SBE-FP, it is critical that states provide CMS with a complete and thorough Exchange Blueprint Application, Declaration of Intent Letter, and attest to demonstrate operational readiness. The information collected from states will be used by CMS, IRS, SSA and reviewed by other Federal agencies to determine if a state can implement a complete and fully operational Exchange. *Form Number:* CMS-10416 (OMB control number: 0938-1172); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 2; *Total Annual Responses:* 21; *Total Annual Hours:* 106. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Tiffany Y. Animashaun at [Tiffany.Animashaun@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Animashaun@cms.hhs.gov).)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**[Document Identifier: CMS-R-71 and CMS-855B]**

#### 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 February 14, 2025.

**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.

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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Assumption of Responsibilities and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The Peer Review Improvement Act of 1982 amended Title XI of the Social Security Act to create the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) program which replaces the Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) program and streamlines peer review activities. The term PRO has been renamed Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). This information collection describes the review functions to be performed by the QIO. It outlines relationships among QIOs, providers, practitioners, beneficiaries, intermediaries, and carriers. *Form Number:* CMS-R-71 (OMB control number: 0938-0445); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 6,120; *Total Annual Responses:* 502,246; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,091,597. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Cheryl Lehane at 617-461-4888.)

**2. Type of Information Collection**  
*Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Enrollment Application for Clinics/ Group Practices and Other Suppliers; *Use:* Various sections of the Act, the United States Code (U.S.C.), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code, and the CFR require providers and suppliers to furnish information concerning the amounts due and the identification of individuals or entities that furnish medical services to beneficiaries before payment can be made. The Form CMS-855B application is submitted when the applicant first requests Medicare enrollment. The application is used by the MACs to collect data to ensure the applicant has the necessary credentials to provide the health care services for which they intend to bill Medicare; this includes data that allows the Medicare contractor to correctly price, process, and pay the applicant's claims. It also gathers information that enables MACs to ensure that the supplier is neither excluded from the Medicare program nor debarred, suspended, or excluded from any other Federal agency or program. The application is also used by