

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-696	56	4	5	1,120.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,120.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: July 8, 2009.

Janean Chambers,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Child Care and Development Fund Annual Financial Report (ACF-696T) for Tribes.

OMB No.: 0970-0195.

Description: Tribes use the Financial Report Form ACF-696T to report Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) expenditures. Authority to collect and report this information is found in Section 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, as revised. In addition to the Program Reporting Requirements set forth in 45 CFR part 98, Subpart H, the regulations at 45 CFR 98.65(g) and 98.67(c)(1) authorize the Secretary to require financial reports as necessary.

Tribal grantees submit the ACF-696T report on an annual basis on behalf of the Tribal Lead Agency administering the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, (Pub. L. 111-5) provides an additional \$2

billion for the Child Care and Development Fund to help States, Territories, and Tribes provide child care assistance to low income working families. CCDF Program Instruction (CCDF-ACF-PI-2009-03) provided guidance on ARRA spending requirements.

Section 1512 of the ARRA legislation requires recipients to report quarterly spending and performance data on the public Web site, "Recovery.gov." Federal agencies are required to collect ARRA expenditure data and performance data and these data must be clearly distinguishable from the regular CCDF (non-ARRA) funds. To ensure transparency and accountability, the ARRA requires Federal agencies and grantees to track and report separately on expenditures from funds made available by the stimulus bill. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance implementing the ARRA legislation indicates that agencies requiring additional information for oversight should rely on existing authorities and reflect these requirements in their award terms and conditions as necessary, following existing procedures. Therefore, to capture ARRA expenditures, the ACF-696T has been modified (by the addition of two columns) for reporting ARRA data. In addition, a new data element will ask Tribes to estimate the number of child service months funded with ARRA dollars. The collection will not duplicate other information.

Respondents: Tribes and tribal organizations that are CCDF grantees.

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ACF-696T CCDF Financial Reporting Form for Tribes	232	1	8	1,856

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,856.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) 08-019

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

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to be held on August 4, 2009 at the CMS Seattle Regional Office, 2201 Sixth Avenue, MS/RX-43, Seattle, Washington 98121, to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Washington SPA 08-019.

Closing Date: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by July 28, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Benjamin Cohen, Presiding Officer, CMS, 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite L, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Telephone: (410) 786-3169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Washington SPA 08-019 which was received by CMS on September 23, 2008, and disapproved on March 6, 2009. The SPA proposed to increase dispensing fees for pharmacies from \$4.20 to \$4.24 for high-volume pharmacies, \$4.51 to \$4.56 for mid-volume pharmacies, \$5.20 to \$5.25 for low-volume pharmacies, and \$5.20 to \$5.25 for unit dose systems.

As submitted, SPA 08-019 has raised concerns regarding compliance with section 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and implementing regulatory requirements.

Section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act requires that States have methods and procedures in place to assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Under that authority, the Secretary has issued regulations prescribing State rate-setting procedures and requirements. Longstanding requirements (presently codified at 42 CFR 447.512 and 447.514, and previously codified at 42 CFR 447.331 and 447.332) provide that the State is responsible for demonstrating that the dispensing fees are reasonable. The State has not provided that demonstration. In addition, Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447.205 require that a State provide public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. In support of this amendment, the State believes that issuing a memorandum to providers online meets the public requirements. We believe that this does not meet the Federal standard. We believe public notice promotes transparency and openness in this process and allows the public to be fully aware of the State's actions.

Based on the above, and after consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services as required under Federal regulations at 42 CFR 430.15(c)(2), Washington SPA 08-019 was disapproved.

The following issues will be considered at the hearing:

- Whether Washington provided adequate public notice for setting payment rates for services as required at 42 CFR 447.205.
- Whether Washington met the longstanding requirement (presently codified at 42 CFR 447.512 and 447.514, and previously codified in 42 CFR 447.331 and 447.332) that the State is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed increased dispensing fees are reasonable.

Section 1116 of the Act and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 430, establish Department procedures that provide an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a State plan or plan amendment. CMS is required to publish a copy of the notice to a State Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing, and the issues to be considered. If CMS subsequently notifies the agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this

notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as amicus curiae must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

The notice to the State of Washington announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. Susan Dreyfus, Secretary, Department of Social and Health Services, P.O. Box 45010, Olympia, WA 98504-5010.

Dear Ms. Dreyfus: I am responding to your request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove the Washington State plan amendment (SPA) 08-019, which was received by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on September 23, 2008, and disapproved on March 6, 2009. The SPA proposed to increase dispensing fees for pharmacies from \$4.20 to \$4.24 for high-volume pharmacies, \$4.51 to \$4.56 for mid-volume pharmacies, \$5.20 to \$5.25 for low-volume pharmacies, and \$5.20 to \$5.25 for unit dose systems.

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- Whether Washington met the longstanding requirement (presently codified at 42 CFR 447.512 and 447.514, and previously codified in 42 CFR 447.331 and 447.332) that the State is responsible for demonstrating that the proposed increased dispensing fees are reasonable.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on August 4, 2009, at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services', Seattle Regional Office, 2201 Sixth Avenue, MS/RX-43, Seattle, Washington 98121, in order to reconsider the decision to disapprove SPA 08-019. If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed by Federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 430.

I am designating Mr. Benjamin Cohen as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer at (410) 786-3169. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary among the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Charlene Frizzera,
Acting Administrator.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1316; 42 CFR 430.18)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)