

Subsection of 7A	Original threshold [million]	Adjusted threshold [million]
Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(2) .....	100	141.8
Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(2) .....	500	709.1
Section 7A note: Assessment and Collection of Filing Fees (3)(b)(3) .....	500	709.1

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 106–553, Sec. 630(b) amended Sec. 18a note.

Any reference to these thresholds and related thresholds and limitation values in the HSR rules (16 CFR parts 801–803) and the Antitrust Improvements Act Notification and Report Form and its Instructions will also be adjusted, where indicated by the term “(as adjusted)”, as follows:

Original threshold	Adjusted threshold [million]
\$10 million .....	\$14.2
\$50 million .....	70.9
\$100 million .....	141.8
\$110 million .....	156.0
\$200 million .....	283.6
\$500 million .....	709.1
\$1 billion .....	1,418.1

By direction of the Commission.

**Richard C. Donohue,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

### Medicare Payment Advisory Commission Nomination Letters

**AGENCY:** Government Accountability Office (GAO).

**ACTION:** Notice on letters of nomination.

**SUMMARY:** The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and gave the Comptroller General responsibility for appointing its members. For appointments to MedPAC that will be effective May 1, 2013, I am announcing the following: Letters of nomination should be submitted between January 15 and March 8, 2013, to ensure adequate opportunity for review and consideration of nominees prior to the appointment of new members.

#### ADDRESSES:

GAO: [MedPACappointments@gao.gov](mailto:MedPACappointments@gao.gov).  
GAO: 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20548.

MedPAC: 601 New Jersey Avenue NW., Suite 9000, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
GAO: Office of Public Affairs, (202) 512–4800.

42 U.S.C. 1395b–6.

**Gene L. Dodaro,**

*Comptroller General of the United States.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10458]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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:* New collection (request for a new OMB control number). *Title of Information Collection:* Consumer Research Supporting Outreach for Health Insurance Marketplace. *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is requesting clearance for two surveys to aid in understanding levels of awareness and customer service needs associated with the Health Insurance Marketplace established by the

Affordable Care Act. Because the Marketplace will provide coverage to the almost 50 million uninsured in the United States through individual and small employer programs, we have developed one survey to be administered to individual consumers most likely to use the Marketplace and another to be administered to small employers most likely to use the Small Business Health Options portion of the Marketplace. These brief surveys, designed to be conducted quarterly, will give CMS the ability to obtain a rough indication of the types of outreach and marketing that will be needed to enhance awareness of and knowledge about the Marketplace for individual and business customers. CMS' biggest customer service need is likely to be providing sufficient education so consumers: (a) can take advantage of the Marketplace and (b) know how to access CMS' customer service channels. The surveys will provide information on media use, concept awareness, and conceptual or content areas where education for customer service delivery can be improved. Awareness and knowledge gaps are likely to change over time based not only on effectiveness of CMS' marketing efforts, but also of those of state, local, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations. *Form Number:* CMS–10458 (OCN: 0938-New). *Frequency:* Quarterly. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Private Sector (business or other for-profits). *Number of Respondents:* 40,200. *Total Annual Responses:* 40,200. *Total Annual Hours:* 2,480. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Clarese Astrin at 410–786–5424. 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 Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto: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 12, 2013:

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.

Dated: January 8, 2013.

**Martique Jones,**

*Deputy Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10408 and CMS-10338]

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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), Department of Health and Human Services, 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 function; (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:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Survey of Plan Sponsors; *Use:* Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18002) and implementing regulations at 45 CFR Part 149, employment-based plans that offer health coverage to early retirees and their spouses, surviving spouses, and dependents are eligible to receive tax-free reimbursement for a portion of the costs of health benefits provided to such individuals. The statute limits how the reimbursement funds can be used, and requires the Secretary of HHS to develop a mechanism to monitor the appropriate use of such funds. The survey that is the subject of this information collection request, is part of that mechanism. CMS published a 60-day FR Notice on September 28, 2012 (77 FR 59615). The comment ended on November 27, 2012. No comments were received in response to this notice. *Form Number:* CMS-10408 (OCN: 0938-1150); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; Public Sector; *Number of Respondents:* 927; *Total Annual Responses:* 927; *Total Annual Hours:* 10,197. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact David Mlawsky at (410) 786-6851. For all other issues call (410) 786-1326.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title:* Affordable Care Act Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Procedures for Non-grandfathered Group Health Plans and Issuers and Individual Market Issuers; *Use:* The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, (the Affordable Care Act) was enacted by President Obama on March 23, 2010. As part of the Act, Congress added PHS Act section 2719, which provides rules relating to internal claims and appeals and external review processes. On July 23, 2010, interim final regulations (IFR) set forth rules implementing PHS Act section 2719 for internal claims and appeals and external review processes. With respect to internal claims and appeals processes for group health coverage, PHS Act section 2719 and paragraph (b)(2)(i) of the interim final regulations provide that group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage must comply with the internal claims and appeals processes set forth in 29 CFR 2560.503-1 (the DOL claims procedure regulation)

and update such processes in accordance with standards established by the Secretary of Labor in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of the regulations. The DOL claims procedure regulation requires an employee benefit plan to provide third-party notices and disclosures to participants and beneficiaries of the plan. In addition, paragraphs (b)(3)(ii)(C) and (b)(2)(ii)(C) of the IFR add an additional requirement that non-grandfathered group health plans and issuers of non-grandfathered health policies provide to the claimant, free of charge, any new or additional evidence considered, or generated by the plan or issuer in connection with the claim. Paragraph (b)(3)(i) of the IFR requires issuers offering coverage in the individual health insurance market to also generally comply with the DOL claims procedure regulation as updated by the Secretary of HHS in paragraph (b)(3)(ii) of the IFR for their internal claims and appeals processes.

Furthermore, PHS Act section 2719 and the IFR provide that non-grandfathered group health plans, issuers offering group health insurance coverage, and self-insured nonfederal governmental plans (through the IFR amendment dated June 24, 2011) must comply either with a state external review process or a federal external review process. The IFR provides a basis for determining when such plans and issuers must comply with an applicable state external review process and when they must comply with the federal external review process. Plans and issuers that are required to participate in the Federal external review process must have electronically elected either the HHS-administered process or the private accredited IRO process as of January 1, 2012, or, in the future, at such time as the plans and issuers use the federal external review process. Plans and issuers must notify HHS as soon as possible if any of the above information changes at any time after it is first submitted. The election requirements associated with this ICR are articulated through guidance published June 22, 2011 at [http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/hhs\\_srg\\_elections\\_06222011.pdf](http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/hhs_srg_elections_06222011.pdf). The election requirements are necessary for the federal external review process to provide an independent external review as requested by claimants. *Form Number:* CMS-10338 (OCN: 0938-1099); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, Tribal Governments; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 46,773; *Number of Responses:* 218,657,161;