

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Nina Goodman, Senior Public Health Advisor, Office of Communications and Education (OCE), NCI, NIH, 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20892, call non-toll-free number 301-435-7789 or e-mail your request, including your address to: goodmann@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: October 21, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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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:** Revision of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicare Parts C and D Universal Audit Guide; **Use:** Under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and implementing regulations at 42 CFR Parts 422 and 423 Medicare Part D plan sponsors and Medicare Advantage organizations are required to comply with all Medicare Parts C and D program requirements. 42 CFR 422.502 describes CMS' regulatory authority to evaluate, through inspection or other means, Medicare Advantage Part C organizations. These records include books, contracts, medical records, patient care documentation and other records that pertain to any aspect of services performed, reconciliation of benefit liabilities, and determination of amounts payable. 42 CFR 423.503 states that CMS must oversee a Part D plan sponsor's continued compliance with the requirements for a Part D plan sponsor. Section 423.514 states that the Part D plan sponsor must have an effective procedure to develop, compile, evaluate, and report to CMS, to its enrollees, and to the general public, at the times and in the manner that CMS requires, statistics regarding areas such as cost of operations, patterns of utilization availability, accessibility, and acceptability of services.

The rapid growth of these sponsoring organizations has forced CMS to update its current auditing strategy to ensure we continue to obtain meaningful audit results. As a result, CMS' audit strategy will reflect a move to more targeted, data-driven and risk-based audits. CMS will also focus on high-risk areas that have the greatest potential for beneficiary harm. The goal of the audits will be the earliest possible detection and correction of issues and improvement in quality and performance of Part D sponsors and Medicare Advantage organizations.

To accomplish these goals, we have combined all Part C and Part D audit elements into one universal guide which will also promote consistency, effectiveness and reduce financial and time burdens for both CMS and Medicare-contracting entities. Please refer to the crosswalk document for a list of changes. **Form Number:** CMS-10191 (OMB#: 0938-1000); **Frequency:** Reporting—Yearly; **Affected Public:** Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 195; **Total Annual Responses:** 195; **Total Annual Hours:** 24,180. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Laura Dash at 410-786-8623. 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 November 27, 2009.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, **Attention:** CMS Desk Officer, **Fax Number:** (202) 395-6974, **E-mail:** OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 21, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To