

action pursuant to Executive Order 12866 and a major rule under the Congressional Review Act (CRA). But there would not be a delay in its effective date. CDC has determined that for the same reasons, there would be good cause under the CRA to make the requirements herein effective immediately. Thus, this action has been reviewed by OIRA.

If any provision of this Order, or the application of any provision to any persons, entities, or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of the provisions, or the application of such provisions to any persons, entities, or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall remain valid and in effect.

This Order shall be enforced by federal authorities and cooperating state and local authorities through the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571; 42 U.S.C. 243, 268, 271; and 42 CFR 70.18. However, this Order has no effect on the contractual obligations of renters to pay rent and shall not preclude charging or collecting fees, penalties, or interest as a result of the failure to pay rent or other housing payment on a timely basis, under the terms of any applicable contract.

### Criminal Penalties

Under 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571; 42 U.S.C. 271; and 42 CFR 70.18, a person violating this Order may be subject to a fine of no more than \$100,000 or one year in jail, or both, if the violation does not result in a death, or a fine of no more than \$250,000 or one year in jail, or both if the violation results in a death, or as otherwise provided by law. An organization violating this Order may be subject to a fine of no more than \$200,000 per event if the violation does not result in a death or \$500,000 per event if the violation results in a death or as otherwise provided by law. The U.S. Department of Justice may initiate criminal proceedings as appropriate seeking imposition of these criminal penalties.

### Notice to Cooperating State and Local Officials

Under 42 U.S.C. 243, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to cooperate with and aid state and local authorities in the enforcement of their quarantine and other health regulations and to accept state and local assistance in the enforcement of federal quarantine rules and regulations, including in the enforcement of this Order.

### Notice of Available Federal Resources

While this Order to prevent eviction is effectuated to protect the public health, the states and units of local government are reminded that the Federal Government has deployed unprecedented resources to address the pandemic, including housing assistance.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Agriculture, and Treasury have informed CDC that unprecedented emergency resources have been appropriated through various Federal agencies that assist renters and landlords during the pandemic, including \$46.55 billion to the Treasury through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Furthermore, in 2020 44 states and 310 local jurisdictions allocated about \$3.9 billion toward emergency rental assistance, largely from funds appropriated to Treasury and HUD from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES).<sup>37</sup> These three rounds of federal appropriations also provided substantial resources for homeless services, homeowner assistance, and supplemental stimulus and unemployment benefits that low income renters used to pay rent.

Visit <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments> for more information about the Coronavirus Relief Fund and <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program> for more information about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. HUD has further informed CDC that forbearance policies for mortgages backed by the federal government are in effect until June 30, 2021, which provide many landlords, especially smaller landlords, with temporary relief as new emergency rental assistance programs are deployed.

HUD, USDA and Treasury grantees and partners play a critical role in prioritizing efforts to support this goal. As grantees decide how to deploy CDBG—CV and ESG—CV funds provided by the new funding from the CARES Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and ARP all communities should assess what resources have already been allocated to prevent evictions and homelessness through temporary rental assistance and homelessness prevention, particularly to the most vulnerable households.

<sup>37</sup> Vincent Reina *et al.*, *COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance: Analysis of a National Survey of Programs*, Research Brief, [https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/HIP\\_NLIHC\\_Furman\\_Brief\\_FINAL.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/HIP_NLIHC_Furman_Brief_FINAL.pdf) (last visited Mar. 26, 2021).

HUD stands at the ready to support American communities take these steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and maintain economic prosperity. For program support, including technical assistance, please visit [www.hudexchange.info/program-support](http://www.hudexchange.info/program-support). For further information on HUD resources, tools, and guidance available to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local officials are directed to visit <https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus>. These tools include toolkits for Public Housing Authorities and Housing Choice Voucher landlords related to housing stability and eviction prevention, as well as similar guidance for owners and renters in HUD-assisted multifamily properties. Furthermore, tenants can visit [consumerfinance.gov/housing](http://consumerfinance.gov/housing) for up-to-date information on rent relief options, protections, and key deadlines.

### Effective Date

This Order is effective on April 1, 2021, and will remain in effect through June 30, 2021, subject to revision based on the changing public health landscape.

**Authority:** The authority for this Order is Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and 42 CFR 70.2.

Dated: March 29, 2021.

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*Acting Chief of Staff, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Notice of Re-Establishment of the Advisory Committee to the Director

Pursuant to Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), as amended and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App), the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the re-establishment of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and by delegation, the Director, CDC, are authorized under Sections 301 and 311 of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. Sections 241 and 243], as amended to: (1) Conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific

institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases, and other impairments; (2) assist States and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions, and in the promotion of health and well-being; and (3) train State and local personnel in health work. The ACD, CDC, shall advise the Secretary, HHS, and the Director, CDC, on policy and broad strategies that will enable CDC to fulfill its mission of protecting health through health promotion, prevention, and preparedness.

For information, contact Tiffany J. Brown, JD, MPH, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mail Stop H21-10, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027, telephone (404) 498-6655; [TJBrown@cdc.gov](mailto:TJBrown@cdc.gov).

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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*Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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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, 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 (the 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 June 1, 2021.

**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: CMS-P-0015A, 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, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

**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-10102—National Implementation of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)

CMS-1984-14—Hospice Facility Cost Report Form

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 Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Implementation of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS); *Use:* The HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) Survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients' perspectives of their hospital care. HCAHPS is a 29-item survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perceptions of their hospital experience. Since 2008, HCAHPS has allowed valid comparisons to be made across hospitals locally, regionally and nationally.

The national implementation of HCAHPS is designed to allow third-party CMS-approved survey vendors to administer HCAHPS using mail-only, telephone-only, mixed-mode (mail with telephone follow-up), or active IVR (interactive voice response). With respect to a telephone-only or mixed-mode survey, the CMS-approved survey vendors use electronic data collection or CATI systems. CATI is also used for telephone follow-up with mail survey non-respondents. With respect to IVR survey administration, the IVR technology gathers information from respondents by prompting respondents to answer questions by pushing the numbers on a touch-tone telephone. Patients selected for IVR mode are able to opt out of the interactive voice