

CMS–10357 Letter Requesting Waiver of Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment Application Fee; Submission of Fingerprints; Submission of Medicaid Identifying Information; Medicaid Site Visit and Rescreening

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (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:* State Medicaid HIT Plan, Planning Advance Planning Document, and Implementation Advance Planning Document for Section 4201 of the Recovery Act; *Use:* To assess the appropriateness of state requests for the administrative Federal financial participation for expenditures under their Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program related to health information exchange, our staff will review the submitted information and documentation to make an approval determination of the state advance planning document. *Form Number:* CMS–10292 (OMB control number 0938–1088); *Frequency:* Once and occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 56; *Total Annual Hours:* 896. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Thomas Romano at 410–786–0465).

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Letter

Requesting Waiver of Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment Application Fee; Submission of Fingerprints; Submission of Medicaid Identifying Information; Medicaid Site Visit and Rescreening; *Use:* Section 6401 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) establishes a number of important payment safeguard provisions. The provisions are designed to improve the integrity of the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) so as to reduce fraud, waste and abuse. The provisions include the following:

- **Medicare Enrollment Application Fee Waiver Request:** Certain providers and suppliers enrolling in Medicare will be required to submit a fee with their application. Under 42 CFR 424.514, if the applicant believes it has a hardship that justifies a waiver of the application fee, it may submit a letter describing said hardship.

- **Fingerprints:** Certain providers and suppliers enrolling in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP will be required to submit fingerprints—either digitally or via the FD–258 standard fingerprint card—of their owners.

- **Suspension of Medicaid Payments:** A State Medicaid agency shall suspend all Medicaid payments to a provider when there is a pending investigation of a credible allegation of Medicaid fraud against an individual or entity, unless it has good cause not to suspend payments or to suspend payment only in part. The State Medicaid agency may suspend payments without first notifying the provider of its intention to suspend such payments. A provider may request, and must be granted, administrative review where State law so requires.

- **Collection of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Dates of Birth (DOB) for Medicaid and CHIP Providers:** The State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must require that all persons with an ownership or control interest in a Medicaid or CHIP provider submit their SSNs and DOBs.

- **Site Visits for Medicaid-only or CHIP-only providers:** A State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must conduct on-site visits for providers it determines to be “moderate” or “high” categorical risk.

- **Rescreening of Medicaid and CHIP Providers Every 5 Years:** A State Medicaid agency or CHIP agency must screen all providers at least every 5 years. This is consistent with the Medicare requirement in current 42 CFR

424.515 that providers and suppliers revalidate their enrollment information at least every 5 years.

Form Number: CMS–10357 (OMB control number: 0938–1137); *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Private sector—Business or for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 960,981; *Total Annual Responses:* 960,981; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,248,082. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Frank Whelan at 410–786–1302).

Dated: July 28, 2014.

Martique Jones,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

OMB No.: 0970–0145.

Description: The State plan is a mandatory statement submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by the State. It consists of an outline specifying how the state’s TANF program will be administered and operated and certain required certifications by the State’s Chief Executive Officer. It is used to provide the public with information about the program.

Authority to require States to submit a State TANF plan is contained in section 402 of the Social Security Act, as amended by Public Law 104–193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. States are required to submit new plans periodically (i.e., within a 27-month period).

We are proposing to continue the information collection without change.

Respondents: The 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Title Amendments	18	1	3	54
State TANF plan	18	1	30	540

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 594.

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 Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email 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.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Agreement

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, OCSE is publishing notice of a computer matching program between OCSE and state agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

DATES: On July 15, 2014, HHS sent a report of the Computer Matching Program to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act. HHS invites interested parties to review and submit written data, comments, or arguments to the agency about the matching program until September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit written comments on this notice to Linda Deimeke, Director, Division of Federal Systems, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th Floor East, Washington, DC 20447. Comments received will be available for public inspection at this address from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Deimeke, Director, Division of Federal Systems, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., 4th Floor East, Washington, DC 20447, 202-401-5439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, provides for certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other federal, state, or local government records. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

1. Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs.

2. Provide notification to applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching.

3. Verify information produced by such matching program before reducing, making a final denial of, suspending, or terminating an individual's benefits or payments.

4. Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**.

5. Furnish reports about the matching program to Congress and the OMB.

6. Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Board of any federal agency participating in a matching program.

This matching program meets these requirements.

Dated: July 28, 2014.

Yvette Hilderson Riddick,

Director, Division of Policy and Training, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Notice of New Computer Matching Program

A. Participating Agencies

The participating agencies are the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), which is the "source agency," and state agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which are the "non-federal agencies."

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of the matching program is to provide new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance information from OCSE's National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) to state agencies administering SNAP to assist in establishing or verifying the eligibility for assistance, reducing payment errors, and maintaining program integrity, including determining whether duplicate participation exists or if the client resides in another state. The state agencies administering SNAP may also use the NDNH information for the secondary purpose of updating the recipients' reported participation in work activities and updating recipients' and their employers' contact information maintained by the state agencies.