

justifications. Hospital rates must take into account the situation of hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients with special needs; *Frequency*: Once; *Affected Public*: State local, or tribal gov't; *Number of Respondents*: 54; *Total Annual Responses*: 108; *Total Annual Hours*: 27.

(4) *Type of Information Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare/Medicaid Health Insurance Common Claim Form, Instructions, and Supporting Regulations: 42 CFR 414.40, 424.32, 424.44; *Form Number*: CMS-1500, CMS-1490U, CMS-1490S (OMB #: 0938-0008); *Use*: This form is a standardized form for use in the Medicare/Medicaid programs to apply for reimbursement for covered services. Many private insurers also use this form. Use of this form reduces cost and administrative burdens associated with professional claims because only one format needs to be used and maintained. CMS does not require exclusive use of this form for Medicaid.; *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 1,216,702; *Total Annual Responses*: 740,215,135; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 42,941,276.

(5) *Type of Information Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare Uniform Institutional Provider Bill and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 424.5; *Form Number*: CMS-1450 (OMB #: 0938-0247); *Use*: This standardized form is used in the Medicare/Medicaid program to apply for reimbursement of covered services by all providers that accept Medicare/Medicaid assigned claims; *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 46,708; *Total Annual Responses*: 158,603,290; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 1,666,208.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to

the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and 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 and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), 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 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*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Internal Revenue Service/Social Security Administration / Health Care Financing Administration Data Match and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.20-411.206; *Form No.*: CMS-R-137; *Use*: Employers who are identified

through a match of IRS, SSA, and Medicare records will be contacted concerning group health plan coverage of identified individuals to ensure compliance with Medicare Secondary Payer provisions found at 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b). *Frequency*: Annually; *Affected Public*: Federal Government, Business or other for profit, Not for profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents*: 327,947; *Total Annual Responses*: 327,947; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 1,096,466.

(2) *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare + Choice Disenrollment Form to original Medicare; *Form No.*: CMS-R-257 (OMB# 0938-0741); *Use*: Section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended the Social Security Act to add section 1851; including 1851(c)(1) which required the establishment of a procedure and form to make and change Medicare + Choice elections, which include disenrollment. In addition, BBA of 1997 also required information be provided to beneficiaries to make better informed choices. Certain information is needed from the beneficiary in order to process the disenrollment action as a change of election; *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, federal government, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 50,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 50,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 3,300.

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