

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: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Report on Payables and Receivables; **Use:** Collection of SCHIP data and the calculation of the SCHIP Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) estimate are pertinent to CMS' financial audit. The CFO auditors have reported the lack of an estimate for SCHIP IBNR payables and receivables as a reportable condition in the FY 2005 audit of CMS's financial statements. It is essential that CMS collect the necessary data from State agencies in FY 2006, so that CMS continues to receive an unqualified audit opinion on its financial statements. Program expenditures for the SCHIP have increased since its inception; as such, SCHIP receivables and payables may materially impact the financial statements. The SCHIP Report on Payables and Receivables will provide the information needed to calculate the SCHIP IBNR.; **Form Number:** CMS-10180 (OMB #: 0938-0988); **Frequency:** Reporting—Annually; **Affected Public:** State, local or tribal governments; **Number of Respondents:**

56; **Total Annual Responses:** 56; **Total Annual Hours:** 336.

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) Sample Selection Lists and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 431.800-431.865; **Use:** State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) is operated by the State Title XIX agency to monitor and improve the administration of its Medicaid system. The MEQC system is based on State reviews of Medicaid beneficiaries identified through statistically reliable statewide samples of cases selected from the eligibility files. These reviews are conducted to determine whether or not the sampled cases meet applicable State Title XIX eligibility requirements by States performing the traditional sample process. The reviews are also used to assess beneficiary liability, if any, and to determine the amounts paid to provide Medicaid services for these cases. At the beginning of each month, State agencies still performing the traditional sample are required to submit sample selection lists which identify all of the cases selected for review in the States' samples. The sample selection lists contain identifying information on Medicaid beneficiaries such as: State agency review number; beneficiary's name and address; the name of the county where beneficiary resides; Medicaid case number, etc. The submittal of the sample selection lists is necessary for regional office (RO) validation of State reviews. Without these lists, the integrity of the sampling results would be suspect and the ROs would have no data on the adequacy of the States' monthly sample draw or review completion status.; **Form Number:** CMS-319 (OMB #: 0938-0147); **Frequency:** Reporting—Monthly; **Affected Public:** State, local or tribal governments; **Number of Respondents:** 10; **Total Annual Responses:** 120; **Total Annual Hours:** 960.

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Sampling Plan and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 431.800-431.865; **Use:** MEQC is operated by the State Title XIX agency to monitor and improve the administration of its Medicaid system. The MEQC system is based on monthly State reviews of Medicaid cases by States performing the traditional sampling process identified through statistically reliable statewide samples of cases selected from the eligibility

files. These reviews are conducted to determine whether or not the sampled cases meet applicable State Title XIX eligibility requirements. The reviews are also used to assess beneficiary liability, if any, and to determine the amounts paid to provide Medicaid services for these cases.; **Form Number:** CMS-317 (OMB #: 0938-0146); **Frequency:** Recordkeeping and Reporting—Semi-annually; **Affected Public:** State, local or tribal governments; **Number of Respondents:** 10; **Total Annual Responses:** 20; **Total Annual Hours:** 480.

4. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicaid Report on Payables and Receivables; **Use:** The Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990, as amended by the Government Management Reform Act (GMRA) of 1994, requires government agencies to produce auditable financial statements.

Because the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) fulfills its mission through its contractors and the States, these entities are the primary source of information for the financial statements. There are three basic categories of data: Expenses, payables, and receivables. The CMS-64 is used to collect data on Medicaid expenses. The CMS-R-199 collects Medicaid payable and receivable accounting data from the States.; **Form Number:** CMS-R-199 (OMB #: 0938-0697); **Frequency:** Reporting—Annually; **Affected Public:** State, local or tribal governments; **Number of Respondents:** 57; **Total Annual Responses:** 57; **Total Annual Hours:** 342.

5. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Agreement; **Use:** Section 1815(a) of the Social Security Act provides the authority for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to pay providers/suppliers of Medicare services at such time or times as the Secretary determines appropriate (but no less frequently than monthly). Under Medicare, CMS, acting for the Secretary, contracts with Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers to pay claims submitted by providers/suppliers who furnish services to Medicare beneficiaries. Under CMS' payment policy, Medicare providers/suppliers have the option of receiving payments electronically. Form number CMS-588 authorizes the use of electronic fund transfers (EFTs).; **Form Number:** CMS-588 (OMB #: 0938-0626); **Frequency:** Recordkeeping and Reporting—On occasion; **Affected**

Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 100,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 100,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 100,000.

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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

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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; *Title of Information Collection:* Requests by Hospitals for an Alternative Cost-to-Charge Ratio Instead of the Statewide Average Cost-to-Charge Ratio; *Use:* Because of the extensive gaming of outlier payments, CMS implemented new regulations in 42 CFR 412.84(i)(2) for inpatient hospitals and 42 CFR 412.525(a)(4)(ii) and 412.529(c)(5)(ii) for Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH) to allow a hospital to contact its fiscal intermediaries to request that its cost-to-charge ratio (CCR) (operating and/or capital CCR for inpatient hospitals or the total (combined operating and capital) CCR for LTCHs), otherwise applicable, be changed if the hospital presents substantial evidence that the ratios are inaccurate for inpatient hospitals. Any such requests would have to be approved by the CMS Regional Office with jurisdiction over that FI. *Form Number:* CMS-10179 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 18; *Total Annual Responses:* 18; *Total Annual Hours:* 144.

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 at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on September 19, 2006.

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—B, Attention: William N. Parham, III, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of Alaska State Plan Amendment 05-06

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to be held on August 29, 2006, at the Blanchard Plaza Building, 2201 Sixth Avenue, 11th Floor Conference Room, Seattle, WA 98121, to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Alaska State plan amendment 05-06.

Closing Date: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by August 7, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scully-Hayes, Presiding Officer, CMS, Lord Baltimore Drive, Mail Stop LB-23-20, Baltimore, Maryland 21244. Telephone: (410) 786-2055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider CMS' decision to disapprove Alaska State plan amendment (SPA) 05-06, which was submitted on August 1, 2005. This SPA was disapproved on April 21, 2006. Under SPA 05-06, Alaska proposed to add certain school-based behavioral health services under the rehabilitation services benefit.

This amendment was disapproved because it did not comport with the requirements of section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and implementing regulations. Specifically, the following issues will be considered on reconsideration: (1) Whether the State demonstrated that the proposed services would be within the scope of "medical assistance" under the State plan pursuant to section 1902(a)(10) of the Act, as defined at section 1905(a) of the Act; (2) whether the State has assured that there is non-Federal funding as required under section 1902(a)(2) to support expenditures that would be claimed under the State plan as the basis for Federal matching funding in light of financial arrangements that do not appear to result in net expenditures; (3) whether the proposed payment rates meet the requirements of section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act to be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care, in light of financial arrangements under which the providers do not retain