

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 that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. Type of Information Collection

Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Participation Agreement for Physicians and Suppliers; *Use:* Section 1842(h) of the Social Security Act permits physicians and suppliers to voluntarily participate in Medicare Part B by agreeing to take assignment on all claims for services to Medicare beneficiaries. The law also requires that the Secretary provide specific benefits to the physicians, suppliers and other persons who choose to participate. The CMS-460 is the agreement by which the physician or supplier elects to participate in Medicare. By signing the agreement to participate in Medicare, the physician, supplier, or their authorized official agrees to accept the Medicare-determined payment for Medicare covered services as payment in full and to charge the Medicare Part B beneficiary no more than the applicable deductible or coinsurance for the covered services. For purposes of this explanation, the term “supplier” means certain other persons or entities, other than physicians, that may bill Medicare for Part B services (e.g., suppliers of diagnostic tests, suppliers of radiology services, durable medical suppliers (DME) suppliers, nurse practitioners, clinical social workers, physician assistants). Institutions that render Part B services in their outpatient department are not considered “suppliers” for purposes of this agreement. *Form Number:* CMS-460(OMB control number: 0938-0373); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (business or other for-profits); *Number of Respondents:* 29,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 29,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,250. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Mark Baldwin at 410-786-8139.)

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William N. Parham, III,

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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, 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 November 18, 2019.

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 __, 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>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

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-10088 Notification of FLS and CMS of Co-Located Medicare Providers

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:* Notification of FLS and CMS of Co-Located Medicare Providers; *Use:* Many long-term care hospitals (LTCHs) are co-located with other Medicare providers (acute care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPFs)), which could lead to potential gaming of the Medicare system based on inappropriate patient shifting. In regulations at 42 CFR 412.22(e)(3) and (h)(6) CMS requires LTCHs to notify

Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and CMS of co-located providers. The requirement regarding collection of information at § 412.22 concerning a LTCH's (or a LTCH satellite's) notification to its MAC and CMS of its co-located status is needed in order for Medicare to appropriately pay co-located hospitals-within-hospitals (HwHs) and satellites. Under §§ 412.22(e)(3) and (h)(6), an LTCH or a satellite of an LTCH that occupies space in a building used by another hospital, or in one or more entire buildings located on the same campus as buildings used by another hospital must notify its MAC and CMS in writing of its co-location within 60 days of its first cost reporting period that began on or after October 1, 2002. *Form Number:* CMS-10088 (OMB control number: 0938-0897); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 25; *Total Annual Responses:* 25; *Total Annual Hours:* 6. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Emily Lipkin at 410-786-3633.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Assessing the Implementation and Cost of High Quality Early Care and Education: Field Test (0970-0499)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This information request is part of the project, Assessing the Implementation and Cost of High

Quality Early Care and Education (ECE-ICHQ). The project's goal is to create a technically sound and feasible instrument that will provide consistent, systematic measures of the implementation and costs of education and care in center-based settings that serve children from birth to age 5. The resulting measures will inform research, policy, and practice by improving understanding of variations in what centers do to support quality, their associated costs, and how resources for ECE may be better aligned with expectations for quality.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Email: *OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV*, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by emailing *OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov*. Alternatively, copies can also be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks approval to collect new information to use in testing measures of the implementation and costs of high quality early care and education. This information collection is part of the project, Assessing the

Implementation and Cost of High Quality Early Care and Education (ECE-ICHQ). The project's goal is to create a technically sound and feasible instrument that will provide consistent, systematic measures of the implementation and costs of education and care in center-based settings that serve children from birth to age 5. The resulting measures will inform research, policy, and practice by improving understanding of variations in what centers do to support quality, their associated costs, and how resources for ECE may be better aligned with expectations for quality.

The goals of the study are (1) to test and refine a data collection approach to gather information about implementation activities and costs of key functions within ECE centers and (2) to develop new measures of implementation and costs for use together in understanding ways to support quality. The study has completed two phases of data collection to develop the data collection tools and measures. The study team collected data through on-site visits to 15 centers as part of an initial phase of data collection to pre-test information collections (data collected under clearance #0970-0355). A second phase (OMB #0970-0499) relied on remote data collection through an electronic cost workbook, telephone interviews, and web-based surveys to gather information from 30 centers in three states to develop preliminary measures of implementation and cost and further reduced and refined the data collection tools.

This proposed new information collection is focused on a field test of the measures to assess the psychometric properties of the implementation measures and to examine the associations between measures of implementation, cost, and quality. The field test will include a mix of remote and on-site data collection.

Respondents: ECE site administrators or center directors, program directors, education specialists, financial managers or accountants, teachers, and aides.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Center recruitment call (<i>to gain participation; assumes outreach to 10 centers for every 1 center needed</i>):				
Center director	800	1	.33	264
Umbrella organization administrator	75	1	.33	25
Center engagement call (<i>to gather basic characteristics and plan steps for participation; assumes 20% may withdraw after this step</i>)	100	1	.50	50