

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 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-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 that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing and Methodological Research for the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS); *Use:* The purpose of this OMB clearance package is to clear a Generic Clearance to support an effort to evaluate the operations and content of the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS). The MCBS is a continuous, multipurpose survey of a nationally representative sample of aged, disabled, and institutionalized Medicare beneficiaries. The MCBS, which is sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is the only comprehensive source of information on the health status, health care use and expenditures, health insurance coverage, and socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the entire spectrum of Medicare beneficiaries.

The core of the MCBS is a series of interviews with a stratified random sample of the Medicare population, including aged and disabled enrollees, residing in the community or in institutions. Questions are asked about enrollees’ patterns of health care use, charges, insurance coverage, and payments over time. Respondents are asked about their sources of health care coverage and payment, their demographic characteristics, their health and work history, and their family living circumstances. In addition to collecting information through the core questionnaire, the MCBS collects information on special topics through supplements. For example, questions are asked about enrollees’ income and assets, access to health care, health and functional status and satisfaction with care. Special supplements also focus on emerging trends in health care. *Form Number:* CMS-10549 (OMB control

number 0938-New); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 1,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,117. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact William Long at 410-786-7927.)

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Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of Availability: Test Tools and Test Procedures Approved by the National Coordinator for the ONC HIT Certification Program

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of test tools and test procedures approved by the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (the National Coordinator) for the testing of EHR technology to two 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria under the ONC HIT Certification Program. The approved test tools and test procedures for the “optional—transitions of care” certification criterion (§ 170.314(b)(8)) and the revised “view, download, and transmit to 3rd party” certification criterion (§ 170.314(e)(1)) are identified on the ONC Web site at: <http://healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/testing-and-test-methods>. The test tools and test procedures for all the other 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria were previously approved by the National Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Morton, Director, Office of Certification, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 202-549-7851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 7, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a final rule establishing a permanent certification program for the purposes of testing and certifying health information technology (“Establishment of the Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology,” 76 FR 1262) (Permanent Certification Program final rule). The permanent certification

program was renamed the “ONC HIT Certification Program” in a final rule published on September 4, 2012 (77 FR 54163) (“2014 Edition EHR Certification Criteria final rule”). In the preamble of the Permanent Certification Program final rule, we stated that when the National Coordinator had approved test tools and test procedures for certification criteria adopted by the Secretary ONC would publish a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** and identify the approved test tools and test procedures on the ONC Web site.

In the 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR Certification Criteria final rule the Secretary adopted additional and revised certification criteria as part of the 2014 Edition EHR certification criteria (79 FR 54430). The National Coordinator has approved test tools and test procedures for testing EHR technology for two 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria under the ONC HIT Certification Program. These approved test tools and test procedures for the “optional—transitions of care” certification criterion (§ 170.314(b)(8)) and the revised “view, download, and transmit to 3rd party” certification criterion (§ 170.314(e)(1)) are identified on the ONC Web site at: <http://healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/testing-and-test-methods>. The test tools and test procedures for all the other 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR certification criteria were previously approved by the National Coordinator (80 FR 4577) and are available for review at the Web site listed above.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 300jj-11.

Dated: March 20, 2015.

Lisa Lewis,

Acting National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis, Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period through March 15, 2017.

For information, contact Hazel Dean, Sc.D., M.P.H., Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Council for the