DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services


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

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 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish a 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 a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by June 10, 2016.

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–5806 OR, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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:

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: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 (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: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Attending Physician’s Certification of Medical Necessity and Supporting Documentation Requirements; Use: The certificates of medical necessity (CMNs) collect information required to help determine the medical necessity of certain items. CMS requires CMNs where there may be a vulnerability to the Medicare program. Each initial claim for these items must have an associated CMN for the beneficiary. Suppliers (those who bill for the items) complete the administrative information (e.g., patient’s name and address, items ordered, etc.) on each CMN. The 1994 Amendments to the Social Security Act require that the supplier also provide a narrative description of the items ordered and all related accessories, their charge for each of these items, and the Medicare fee schedule allowance (where applicable). The supplier then sends the CMN to the treating physician or other clinicians (e.g., physician assistant, LPN, etc.) who completes questions pertaining to the beneficiary’s medical condition and signs the CMN. The physician or other clinician returns the CMN to the supplier who has the option to maintain a copy and then submits the CMN (paper or electronic) to CMS,
along with a claim for reimbursement. Form Number: CMS–484 (OMB control number: 0938–0534); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits); Number of Respondents: 8,880; Total Annual Responses: 1,632,000; Total Annual Hours: 326,500; (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Paula Smith at 410–786–4709.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity and Supporting Documentation; Use: The certificates of medical necessity (CMNs) collect information required to help determine the medical necessity of certain items. CMS requires CMNs where there may be a vulnerability to the Medicare program. Each initial claim for these items must have an associated CMN for the beneficiary. Suppliers who bill for the items complete the administrative information (e.g., patient’s name and address, items ordered, etc.) on each CMN. The 1994 Amendments to the Social Security Act require that the supplier also provide a narrative description of the items ordered and all related accessories, their charge for each of these items, and the Medicare fee schedule allowance (where applicable). The supplier then sends the CMN to the treating physician or other clinicians (e.g., physician assistant, LPN, etc.) who completes questions pertaining to the beneficiary’s medical condition and signs the CMN. The physician or other clinician returns the CMN to the supplier who has the option to maintain a copy and then submits the CMN (paper or electronic) to CMS, along with a claim for reimbursement. Form Number: CMS–846–849, 854, 10125 and 10126 (OMB control number: 0938–0679); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits); Number of Respondents: 462,000; Total Annual Responses: 462,000; Total Annual Hours: 418,563; (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Stuart Caplan at 410–786–8564.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a previously approved collection; Title: Data Collection for Medicare Beneficiaries Receiving NaF–18 Positron Emission Tomography (PET) to Identify Bone Metastasis in Cancer; Use: In Decision Memorandum #CAG–00065R, issued on February 26, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) determined that the evidence is sufficient to conclude that for Medicare beneficiaries receiving NaF–18 PET scan to identify bone metastasis in cancer is reasonable and necessary only when the provider is participating in and patients are enrolled in a clinical study designed to information at the time of the scan to assist in initial antitumor treatment planning or to guide subsequent treatment strategy by the identification, location and quantification of bone metastases in beneficiaries in whom bone metastases are strongly suspected based on clinical symptoms or the results of other diagnostic studies. Qualifying clinical studies must ensure that specific hypotheses are addressed; appropriate data elements are collected; hospitals and providers are qualified to provide the PET scan and interpret the results; participating hospitals and providers accurately report data on all Medicare enrolled patients; and all patient confidentiality, privacy, and other Federal laws must be followed. Consistent with section 1142 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) supports clinical research studies that CMS determines meets specified standards and address the specified research questions. To qualify for payment, providers must prescribe certain NaF–18 PET scans for beneficiaries with a set of clinical criteria specific to each solid tumor. The statutory authority for this policy is section 1862 (a)(1)(E) of the Act. The need to prospectively collect information at the time of the scan is to assist the provider in decision making for patient management. Form Number: CMS–10152 (OCN: 0938–0968); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profits); Number of Respondents: 25,000; Total Annual Responses: 25,000; Total Annual Hours: 2,084 hours. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Stuart Caplan at 410–786–8564.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

New Funding Formula

AGENCIES: Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), Administration on Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) within the Administration on Disabilities (AoD), located within the Administration for Community Living (ACL) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has developed a new funding formula for the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&A) located in each State and Territory.

DATES: Effective Date October 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The new formula is printed below and the estimated allotments for FY 2017 for each SCDD and P&A can be found at: http://www.acl.gov/About_ACL/Allocations/DD-Act.aspx.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Morris, Office of the Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities, 330 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20201. Telephone (202) 795–7408. Email andrew.morris@acl.hhs.gov. Please note the telephone number is not toll free. This document will be made available in alternative formats upon request. Written correspondence can be sent to Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 330 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–402) provides, among other things, formula grants to States for the purpose of operating State Councils on Developmental Disabilities and Protection & Advocacy Systems for people with developmental disabilities. The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act) provides authority and flexibility in Section 122 to determine the formula for distributing the annual grant awards as long as the three statutory factors are met. These factors are:

1. Total population of the State/ Territory
2. Need for services for people with developmental disabilities in the State/ Territory
3. Financial need of the State/ Territory

Responding to years of requests for a modernized funding formula and after a