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 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 August 18, 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:
Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.
Megan G. Grumbine, General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request
AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.
that CMS continue its plan of recovery by requiring hospitals to report Medicare credit balances to contractors on a quarterly basis. **Form Number:** CMS–838 (OMB control number: 0938–0600); **Frequency:** Quarterly; **Affected Public:** Private sector (Business or other For-profits); **Number of Respondents:** 52,582; **Total Annual Responses:** 210,328; **Total Annual Hours:** 630,984. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Anita Crosier at 410–786–0217).

3. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** HIPAA Eligibility Tracking System; **Use:** Federal law requires that CMS take precautions to minimize the security risk to the federal information system. Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) 1(1–2) Paragraph 11.7—Security and Authentication states that: “Agencies shall employ risk management techniques to determine the appropriate mix of security controls needed to protect specific data and systems. The selection of controls shall take into account procedures required under applicable laws and regulations.” Accordingly, CMS requires that entities who wish to connect to the HETS application via the CMS Extranet and/or Internet are uniquely identified. CMS is required to verify the identity of the person requesting the Protected Health Information (PHI) and the person’s authority to have access to Medicare eligibility information. Furthermore, CMS requires that trading partners who wish to conduct eligibility transactions on a real-time basis with CMS provide certain assurances as a condition of receiving access to the Medicare eligibility information for the purpose of conducting real-time 270/271 inquiry/response transactions. **Form Number:** CMS–10157 (OMB control number: 0938–0960); **Frequency:** Quarterly; **Affected Public:** Private sector (Business or other For-profits and Not-for-profit institutions); **Number of Respondents:** 1,125; **Total Annual Responses:** 39,998; **Total Annual Hours:** 4,535. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Djanira Rivera at 410–786–8646).

5. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicaid Report on Payables and Receivables; **Use:** The Government Management and Reform Act of 1994 requires that all offices, bureaus and associated activities of the 24 CFO Act agencies must be covered in an agency-wide, audited financial statement. Collection of Medicaid data and the calculation of the Medicaid Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) estimate are pertinent to CMS’ financial audit. The Medicaid Report on Payables and Receivables will provide the information needed to calculate the Medicaid IBNR. Failure to collect this information could result in non-compliance with the law. **Form Number:** CMS–R–199 (OMB Control Number: 0938–0697); **Frequency:** Yearly; **Affected Public:** State, Local, or Tribal Governments; **Number of Respondents:** 20,000; **Total Annual Responses:** 2,000; **Total Annual Hours:** 250. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rupinder Singh at 410–786–7484).

4. **Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Grandfathering Provisions of the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program; **Use:** The grandfathering process was established in the April 10, 2007 final rule for competitive bidding for rented DME and oxygen and oxygen equipment included under the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program. This process only applies to suppliers that rented DME and oxygen and oxygen equipment to beneficiaries who maintain a permanent residence in a CBA before the implementation of the competitive bidding program. The competitive bidding program will require some beneficiaries to change their suppliers. In order to avoid a beneficiary being without medically necessary equipment we felt it necessary to establish this notification process. **Form Number:** CMS–10309 (OMB control number: 0938–1079); **Frequency:** Occasionally; **Affected Public:** Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); **Number of Respondents:** 1,125; **Total Annual Responses:** 39,998; **Total Annual Hours:** 4,535. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Beverly Boher at 410–786–7806.)

Dated: July 14, 2016.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Comments must be received by September 19, 2016.

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.