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 August 8, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Supplementary Information:

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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).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CMS–10346 Appeals of Quality Bonus Payment Determinations
CMS–10036 IRF–PAI for the Collection of Data Pertaining to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System and Quality Reporting Program
CMS–10437 Genomic Social Marketing & Consumer Testing Research

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: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Appeals of Quality Bonus Payment Determinations; Use: Section 1853(o) of the Social Security Act requires us to make Quality Bonus Payments (QBP) to Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations that achieve performance rating scores of at least 4 stars under a five star rating system. MA organizations have 10 calendar days from the date of CMS’ release of its QBP determinations to request a technical report from CMS explaining the development of their QBP status. The technical report is provided in writing by electronic mail to the MA organization. If, after reviewing the technical report, the MA organization believes that CMS was incorrect in its QBP determination, within 10 calendar days the MA...
organization may request an appeal to be conducted by a hearing officer designated by CMS. The hearing officer’s decision is final and binding on both the MA organization and CMS. The hearing officer is required to issue his/her decision on or before May 15 of the year preceding the year in which the contract for which the QBP is to be applied will be offered. Form Number: CMS–10343 (OMB control number: 0938–1129); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private sector (Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions); Number of Respondents: 500; Total Annual Responses: 20; Total Annual Hours: 160. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Sarah Gaillot at 410–786–4637).

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: IRF–PAI for the Collection of Data Pertaining to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System and Quality Reporting Program Use: This instrument with its supporting manual is needed to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and CMS, to implement Section 1886(j) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395ww(j), as enacted by § 4421 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), Pub. L. 105–33. The statute requires the Secretary to develop a prospective payment system for inpatient rehabilitation facility services for the Medicare program. This payment system is to cover both operating and capital cost for inpatient rehabilitation facility services. It applies to inpatient rehabilitation hospitals as well as rehabilitation units of acute care hospitals, both of which are exempt from the current PPS for inpatient hospital services. CMS implemented the inpatient rehabilitation facility prospective payment system for cost reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002.

Since October 1, 2012, the IRF–PAI has also been used to collect quality measure data, using data items in the Quality Indicator section, as required by Section 1886(j)(7) of the Social Security Act added by section 3004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The statute requires the Secretary to establish a quality reporting program for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), which was established in the FY 2012 IRF PPS final rule (76 FR 47873 through 47883). Further, section 1886(j)(7)(A)(i) of the Act requires the Secretary to reduce the increase factor with respect to a fiscal year by percentage points for any IRFs that do not submit data to the Secretary in accordance with requirements established by the Secretary for that fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2014. Section 2(a) of the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act) (Pub. L. 113–185, enacted on Oct. 6, 2014), requires that the Secretary specify not later than the applicable specified application date, as defined in section 1899B(a)(2)(E), quality measures on which IRF providers are required to submit standardized patient assessment data described in section 1899B(b)(1) and other necessary data specified by the Secretary. Section 1899B(c)(2)(A) requires, to the extent possible, the submission of the such quality measure data through the use of a PAC assessment instrument and the modification of such instrument as necessary to enable such use; for IRFs, this requirement refers to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility—Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF–PAI).

Since October 1, 2015, there have been numerous changes to the IRF–PAI. Some of the changes were subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act and some are exempt under the IMPACT Act. This information collection includes a summary of those revisions. Form Number: CMS–10036 (OMB control number: 0938–0842); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector: Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Governments and Federal Government; Number of Respondents: 1,137; Total Annual Responses: 402,311; Total Annual Hours: 227,151. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Charles Padgett at 410–786–2811.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Generic Social Marketing & Consumer Testing Research; Use: The purpose of this submission is to extend the approval of the generic clearance for a program of consumer research aimed at a broad audience of those affected by CMS programs including Medicare, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and health insurance exchanges. This program extends strategic efforts to reach and tailor communications to beneficiaries, caregivers, providers, stakeholders, and any other audiences that would support the Agency in improving the functioning of the health care system, improve patient care and outcomes, and reduce costs without sacrificing quality of care. Qualitative data collected will be used to create a streamlined and proactive process for collection of data and utilizing the feedback on service delivery for continuous improvement of communication activities aimed at diverse CMS audiences.

The generic clearance will allow rapid response to inform CMS initiatives using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative consumer research strategies (including formative research studies and methodological tests) to improve communication with key CMS audiences. As new information resources and persuasive technologies are developed, they can be tested and evaluated for beneficiary response to the materials and delivery channels. Results will inform communication development and information architecture as well as allow for continuous quality improvement. The overall goal is to maximize the extent to which consumers have access to useful sources of CMS program information in a form that can help them make the most of their benefits and options.

The activities under this clearance involve social marketing and consumer research using samples of self-selected customers, as well as convenience samples, and quota samples, with respondents selected either to cover a broad range of customers or to include specific characteristics related to certain products or services. All collection of information under this clearance will utilize a subset of items drawn from a core collection of customizable items referred to as the Social Marketing and Consumer Testing Item Bank. This item bank is designed to establish a set of pre-approved generic question that can be drawn upon to allow for the rapid turn-around consumer testing required for us to communicate more effectively with our audiences. The questions in the item bank are divided into two major categories. One set focuses on characteristics of individuals and is intended primarily for participant screening and for use in structured quantitative on-line or telephone surveys. The other set is less structured and is designed for use in qualitative one-on-one and small group discussions or collecting information related to subjective impressions of test materials.

Results will be compiled and disseminated so that future communication can be informed by the testing results. We will use the findings to create the greatest possible public benefit. Form Number: CMS–10437 (OMB control number: 0938–1247); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Individuals; Number of Respondents: 41,592; Number of Respondents: 28,800; Total Annual Hours: 21,488. (For policy questions regarding this collection...
AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of Award of 48 single-source low-cost extension supplement grants under the Unaccompanied Alien Children’s (UAC) Program.

SUMMARY: ACF, ORR, announces the award of 48 single source low-cost extension supplement grants for a total of $110,480,457 under the Unaccompanied Alien Children’s (UAC) Program.

DATES: Low-cost extension supplement grants will support activities from October 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, for 46 grantees and October 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017, for two grantees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jallyn Sualog, Director, Division of Children’s Operations, Unaccompanied Children’s (UAC) Program. Phone: 202–401–4997.

Location | Grantee | Amount
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U.S. Multi-City | BCFs Health and Human Services | $3,413,200
U.S. Multi-City | Southwest Key, Inc | 1,036,081
U.S. Multi-City | United States Conference of Catholic Bishops | 706,881
U.S. Multi-City | Crittenton | 298,324
U.S. Multi-City | Children’s Village | 286,202
U.S. Multi-City | MercyFirst | 122,186
U.S. Multi-City | United States Committee for Refugee and Immigrants | 1,575,161
U.S. Multi-City | His House, Inc | 69,214
U.S. Multi-City | Heartland | 330,046
U.S. Multi-City | Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service | 804,135
U.S. Multi-City | Shinandoah | 980,112
Lincoln Hall | 3,800,000
St. Peter-St. Joseph Children’s Home | 1,704,925
Upbring | 643,276
Heartland Human Care, Inc | 7,764,682
His House, Inc | 699,394
Shiloh | 1,273,995
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops | 1,505,823
A New Leaf | 736,736
David & Margaret | 1,539,365
Florence Crittenton | 3,018,997
Catholic Charities Houston-Galveston | 1,670,956
His House | 2,202,796
Upbring | 3,134,996
BCFs Health and Human Services (102) | 24,469,448
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service | 4,303,231
Juvenile Detention Commission for Northern Virginia | 631,569
Youth Care | 384,560
Morrison Child and Family Services | 2,622,674
Tumbleweed Child and Family Services | 525,600
KidsPeace | 2,471,157
BCFs Health and Human Services (110) | 479,610
Seton Home | 804,614
BCFs Health and Human Services (112) | 937,867
Youth for Tomorrow | 2,327,600
Youth for Tomorrow | 657,800
Yolo County | 699,306
Catholic Charities Boystown | 1,312,947
BCFs Health and Human Services (116) | 2,190,001
BCFs Health and Human Services (116) | 864,000
Cardinal McCloskey | 439,392
Mercy First | 1,528,461
Children’s Home of Kingston | 435,312
Lutheran Social Services of Metropolitan New York | 1,095,782

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following supplement grants will support the immediate need for additional capacity of shelter services to accommodate the prior increase in number of UACs referred by DHS into ORR care. This increase in the UAC population necessitated the need for expansion of services to expedite the release of UAC. In order to be prepared for an increase in referrals for shelter services, ORR solicited proposals from grantees to accommodate the extensive amount of referrals from DHS.