

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN—Continued

Form name	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
4. Data Files Submission	50	48.43	2,422
Total	61	NA	2,907

* Mean hourly wage rate of \$48.43 for Medical and Health Services Managers (SOC code 11–9111) was obtained from the May 2023 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, NAICS 623000—Nursing and Residential Care Facilities located at https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_623000.htm.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ’s health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 3, 2024.

Marquita Cullom,
Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1800–N4]

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program Final Guidance

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing

the availability of CMS’ final guidance for the second cycle of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program and manufacturer effectuation of the maximum fair price in 2026 and 2027 for the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act. This and other Inflation Reduction Act-related guidance can be viewed on the dedicated Inflation Reduction Act section of the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/inflation-reduction-act-and-medicare/>.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries related to the final guidance should be sent to IRARebateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov with the relevant subject line, “Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program Final Guidance.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law on August 16, 2022. Sections 11001 and 11002 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) (Pub. L. 117–169) established the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program (hereafter the “Negotiation Program”) to negotiate maximum fair prices (MFPs) for certain high expenditure, single source drugs and biological products. The requirements for this program are described in sections 1191 through 1198 of the Social Security Act (hereafter “the Act”) as added by sections 11001 and 11002 of the IRA. The final guidance summarizes and addresses comments received on the draft guidance issued on May 3, 2024 and describes how CMS intends to implement the Negotiation Program for Initial Price Applicability Year 2027 (January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027), and specifies the requirements for manufacturer effectuation of the MFPs in 2026 and 2027. To obtain copies of the Negotiation Program final guidance and other Inflation Reduction Act-related documents, please access the CMS Inflation Reduction Act website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/inflation-reduction-act-and-medicare/>. If interested in receiving CMS Inflation Reduction Act updates by email, individuals may sign up for CMS Inflation Reduction Act’s email updates at <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/>

Agency-Information/Aboutwebsite/EmailUpdates. The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Evell J. Barco Holland, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Evell J. Barco Holland,
Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Financing for Early Care and Education: Quality and Access for All–Case Studies (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks approval to collect information to deepen our understanding of Head Start programs’ funding approaches, as well as how the use of multiple funding sources within a single Head Start program may be associated with the delivery of Head Start’s comprehensive services and early care and education (ECE) funding landscapes within states. Interviews will be conducted with Head Start staff, as well as state and local/regional staff knowledgeable about and/or directly responsible for ECE financial decision making and/or funding source administration. Existing documents from Head Start programs and ECE agencies will also be reviewed to further contextualize interview data.

DATES: *Comments due* December 9, 2024. In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The proposed data collection builds upon prior survey work (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0623) and seeks to better understand Head Start programs’ use of multiple funding sources to support high-quality programming, as well as the state and local/regional policy contexts that influence their decision making. The data collection effort will consist of two studies: Study 1 will focus on coordination, or lack thereof, between the state level and the Head Start program level; Study 2 will focus on coordination, or lack thereof,

between the local level (region/county, city/municipality) and the Head Start program level. To capture the diversity of state ECE funding landscapes, both studies will examine coordination within: (A) states that combine ECE funding sources at the state level and (B) states that do not combine ECE funding sources at the state level.

Studies 1 and 2 will both include semi-structured interviews with staff within Head Start programs and state government agencies, and Study 2 will also include interviews with staff within local/regional coordinating entities (LCEs). The interviews will probe on approaches to using multiple funding sources at state, local/regional, and Head Start program levels, including how Head Start programs use multiple funding sources to support high-quality programming, how Head Start program funding approaches are shaped by system-level approaches and structures, and the implications of using multiple funding sources for access, quality, and equity in ECE programming. Because of slight differences in the ECE funding landscape across states that do and do

not combine funding at the state level, different interview protocols have been created within each study for state agency staff in states that do combine funding at the state level and staff in states that do not combine funding at the state level. Similarly, separate protocols were created for use in Head Start programs that do or do not use multiple funding sources. There is a single interview protocol for staff of LCEs with statutorily defined ECE financing authority.

Interviewers will also request and collect existing policy and/or budget-related documentation that may further contextualize respondent accounts and perspectives.

The resulting insights will inform ACF about the implementation of different funding models supporting Head Start programs, the facilitators that support and challenges that deter the use of multiple funding sources, and potential associations with program quality.

Respondents: Head Start program staff, State ECE staff, local/regional coordinating entity staff.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)	Annual burden (in hours)
Final Recruitment Script—Head Start Staff	86	1	.5	43	21.5
Final Recruitment Script—Local/Regional Staff	42	1	.5	21	10.5
Final Recruitment Script—State ECE Agency Staff	56	1	.5	28	14
Study 1—Head Start Program Staff Interview Guide—programs that use multiple funding sources	16	1	1.5	24	12
Study 1—Head Start Program Staff Interview Guide—programs that do not use multiple funding sources	16	1	1.5	24	12
Study 1—State ECE Agency Staff Interview Guide—states that combine funding at the state level	6	1	1.5	9	4.5
Study 1—State ECE Agency Staff Interview Guide—states that do not combine funding at the state level	6	1	1.5	9	4.5
Study 2—Head Start Program Staff Interview Guide—programs that use multiple funding sources and are in states that have LCEs	16	1	1.5	24	12
Study 2—Head Start Program Staff Interview Guide programs that do not use multiple funding sources and are in states that have LCEs	16	1	1.5	24	12
Study 2—Local Coordinating Entity Staff Interview Guide for states with LCEs	24	1	1.5	36	18
Study 2—State ECE Agency Staff Interview Guide—states that combine funding at the state level and have LCEs	12	1	1.5	18	9
Study 2—State ECE Agency Staff Interview Guide—states that do not combine funds at the state level and have LCEs	12	1	1.5	18	9

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 139 hours.

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9835; 42 U.S.C. 9844.

Mary C. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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