

and reporting sent to and prepared for the Offices of the Director, Chief Operating Officer (COO), and other Divisions within the agency. The Exec Sec controls, tasks and responds to interagency requests at the Agency level; and reviews, validates, and authorizes release of correspondence requested under Freedom of Information Act.

b. Office of the Chief Operating Officer

(1) *Chief Operating Officer*: The Chief Operating Officer (COO) supervises and coordinates the Agency's administrative and support operations, including the Offices of: General Counsel, Human Resources, Information Technology, Financial Resources, and Operations, Acquisitions and Security. The COO helps ensure that these Offices are fully integrated and that FMCS Headquarters delivers services promptly, efficiently, consistently, and in compliance with applicable federal rules, regulations, and laws.

(2) *Office of the General Counsel*: The Office of General Counsel (OGC) provides legal advice and support on a wide variety of matters necessary for the Agency to carry out its mission and for its employees to perform official duties including, but not limited to, arbitration program management, ethics matters, labor and employment law matters, administrative law matters, regulatory law matters, FOIA matters, privacy matters, contract matters, procurement matters, fiscal law matters, legislative matters, and other general law matters. Also, OGC responds to requests for testimony and subpoenas, represents the Agency in legal proceedings before the MSPB, EEOC, and other administrative bodies and, in cooperation with the Department of Justice, represents the Agency in all matters arising in the federal courts. The Office of General Counsel includes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office, the Privacy Office, the Ethics Office, and Arbitration Services.

(3) *Office of Human Resources*: The Office of Human Resources (OHR) provides job applicants, employees, and Agency Senior Leadership with strategic guidance on civilian personnel programs and services that support the Agency's mission and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The HR Director oversees the human capital management of the Agency through hiring qualified employees, classifying positions, implementing and monitoring performance appraisal systems, coordinating employee relations programs, training and learning

opportunities, and directing the personnel programs for the Agency.

(4) *Office of Information Technology*: The Office of Information Technology (OIT) develops and implements the Agency's technology plan, maintains computer applications and systems, and provides technological support to all aspects of the Agency's operations. The OIT Director provides strategic advice and leadership with respect to technology issues and trends and ensures continuity of Agency information services operations under a variety of possible scenarios.

(5) *Office of Financial Resources*: The Office of Financial Resources ensures that all funds, both appropriated and earned, are properly and completely accounted for and that internal controls minimize opportunities for fraud, waste, and abuse and this provides accountability to the Office of Management Budget (OMB), Congress, and the American public. Also, the Office of Financial Resources develops budget estimates and support materials for the financial needs of the Agency, coordinates and assists in presenting the budget to OMB and Congress and ensures that enacted appropriations are properly executed. The Financial Resources Director is responsible for providing an integrated system of records and reports to meet management's data needs, and advises employees about and ensures compliance with appropriations, integrity rules, laws, and procedures, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(6) *Office of Operations, Acquisitions and Security*: The Office of Operations, Acquisitions and Security (OAS) procures and manages goods and services necessary for orderly and efficient Agency operations. These include managing office space, managing agency records and forms, ordering office supplies, computer and printing equipment, mail and supply distribution, and inventory management. The Director is responsible for leading efforts to procure goods and services in accordance with government rules and regulations and in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The OAS also ensures the safety and security of its employees, facilities, information, and operations. OAS protects its buildings from threats and provides emergency responses, conducts background investigations, manage security clearances of its employees and contractors, protects the Agency's systems, data, and government networks from cyber threats, breaches, and unauthorized access, develops and

enforces security plans and policies, and handles security incidents.

c. Office of Field Operations

(1) *Deputy Director of Field Operations (DDFO)*: The DDFO provides the Agency Head with support, guidance, leadership, and advice concerning mediation and conciliation services. The DDFO also represents the Agency externally with other agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

(2) *Field Operations Managers (FOM)*: The FOMs' supervisory functions include mediator selection, education, training, retention, professional development, and performance evaluation of Mediators. Also, FOMs are responsible for overseeing delivery of FMCS services throughout the Eastern, Central and Western United States.

(3) *Associate Deputy Director of Field Operations—National (ADDFON)*: The ADDFON provides senior-level leadership, coordination and oversight of national projects, programs, cases, and initiatives with cross-cutting impact on the Agency's mission and overseeing federal services. The ADDFON represents the Agency in high-profile disputes.

(4) *Associate Deputy Director of Field Operations—Operations (ADDFOO)*: The ADDFOO oversees professional development for the field and manages the Field Client Services function and Notice Processing.

Dated: October 5, 2026.

Anna Davis,

General Counsel, Performing the Duties of the Director.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Notice of Meeting of the Employee Thrift Advisory Council

DATES: October 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Telephonic. Dial-in (listen only) information: Number: 1–202–599–1426, Code: 773 638 657#; or via web: <https://www.frtib.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Kaplan, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 864–7150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ETAC Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Joint Board/ETAC Meeting
2. Executive Director Remarks
3. Office of Investments Report
4. Office of Participant Experience Report

5. Office of Planning and Risk Report
6. New Business

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, interested parties may submit written statements in response to the stated agenda of the meeting, or to the Employee Thrift Advisory Council (ETAC), in general. Individuals may submit their comments to ETACComments@frib.gov. Written comments or statements received less than 5 days before ETAC's meeting may not be provided to the Committee until its next meeting.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(1).

Dated: October 5, 2026.

Dharmesh Vashee,

General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

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

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 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 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 on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by November 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

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.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Transformed—Medicaid Statistical Information System (T–MSIS); *Use:* The data reported in T–MSIS are used by federal, state, and local officials, as well as by private researchers and corporations to monitor past and projected future trends in the Medicaid and CHIP programs. The data provides the only national level information available on enrollees,

beneficiaries, and expenditures. It also provides the only national level information available on Medicaid utilization. The information is the basis for analyses and for cost savings estimates for the Department's cost sharing legislative initiatives to Congress. The collected data are also crucial to our actuarial forecasts.

Section 71109 of the Working Families Tax Cut legislation (WFTC) (Pub. L. 119–21) amended sections 1903(v) and 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) by restricting, with limited exceptions, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for medical assistance (Medicaid) and child or pregnancy-related health assistance (CHIP) to the following groups beginning October 1, 2026: (1) U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals; (2) Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs); (3) Cuban/Haitian entrants; and (4) Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants (collectively referred to as “FFP-eligible noncitizens”).

The statutory amendments necessitate an update to the valid value set for the IMMIGRATION–STATUS data element reported to CMS through T–MSIS to accurately reflect updates to state eligibility determination processes and support compliance, program oversight, and proper FFP claiming. To support oversight of the implementation of changes to IMMIGRATION–STATUS, two valid values are being added to the ELIGIBILITY–TERMINATION–REASON data element to identify disenrollment reasons related to changes in immigration status or immigration verifications.

The TRANSACTION–TYPE (FTX388) data element will be updated to include a new valid value with an effective date of October 1, 2026, for per-member-per-month home health service payments. These payments are already expected to be reported as part of state T–MSIS submissions but are not currently uniquely identifiable as states typically report these data in the “other” valid value. Implementation of this data element will support oversight of home health programs.

We also propose three non-substantive changes that would not impact current state T–MSIS reporting. The purpose of these updates is to eliminate ambiguity and potentially reduce both CMS and state burden by reducing the need for technical assistance to address any questions on these topics.

Form Number: CMS–R–284 (OMB control number: 0938–0345); **Frequency:** Quarterly, monthly, and once; **Affected Public:** State, Local, or Tribal Governments; **Number of Respondents:**