

Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes each. If the number of persons requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled time, CDC will conduct a random draw to determine the speakers for the scheduled public comment session. CDC staff will notify individuals regarding their request to speak by email by November 30, 2026 at 5 p.m. EST.

The Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10143]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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 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 December 15, 2026.

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: CMS-10143/OMB Control Number: 0938-0958, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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 N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collection. More detailed information can be found in the collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

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 Collections

1. Type of Information Collection

Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State Data for the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA); *Use:* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-173) requires CMS to calculate the payment rates for the Phased-Down State Contribution (PDSC) for Part D each year using the latest available National Health Expenditure (NHE) estimates of per capita drug expenditure growth for the period 2003 to 2006, combined with the annual percentage increase (API) in average per capita aggregate Part D expenditures for 2007 and later years, as defined in section 1860D-2(b)(6) of the Social Security Act.

Section 103(a)(2) of the MMA addresses the PDSC process for the Medicare program. The PDSC is a partial recoupment from the states of ongoing Medicaid drug costs for dually eligible beneficiaries assumed by Medicare under the MMA, which (absent the MMA) would have been paid for by the states.

As CMS leverages MMA data on dual eligibility status into systems supporting all four parts of the Medicare program (which includes Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Part D), it is important that dual eligibility status is accurate and up to date. Dual eligibility status can change at any time in a month. Daily status updates mitigate the risk of a lack of access to the correct level of benefit at the correct level of payment. Daily data exchange is critical to timely access to affordable benefits; without daily exchanges, CMS would experience a lag in its ability to automatically enroll these individuals in Medicare drug plans or deem them automatically eligible for the low-income subsidy for Part D premiums, deductibles, and copayments.

Since 2005, states have been submitting files at least monthly to CMS to identify all dually eligible beneficiaries. This includes full-benefit dually eligible beneficiaries and partial-benefit dually eligible beneficiaries (*i.e.*, those who get Medicaid help with Medicare premiums, and often for cost-sharing but are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid-covered services). The file is called the "MMA file" (after the Medicare Prescription Drug,

Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003) and is occasionally referred to as the “state phase-down file.” Federal regulations at 42 CFR 423.910 require states to submit files daily. The Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) State User Guide (SUG) contains technical guidance for the state and file layouts of the MMA request and response files. Regulations governing MMA file data collection require Medicaid agencies in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as states) to submit at least one monthly file, including all known dually eligible beneficiaries, and subsequent daily files that provide updates for changes in dual eligibility status (accretions, deletions, and changes).

This submission is a revision of the currently approved collection with technical revisions to the MAPD SUG. *Form Number:* CMS–10143 (OMB control number: 0938–0958); *Frequency:* Daily; *Affected Public:* State Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 51; *Total Annual Hours:* 4,896. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Christopher DeYoung at ModernizetheMSPs@cms.hhs.gov.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10494 and CMS–10710]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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

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Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Annual State Report on CMS Value Based Purchasing Arrangements (VBP) Supplemental Rebate Agreements; *Use:* The Affordable Care Act created Health Insurance Exchanges (Exchanges), marketplaces where consumers and small businesses can purchase private health insurance. Consumers who access health insurance coverage through Exchanges can receive skilled assistance from Navigators and certified application counselors (CACs) who provide information and help facilitate enrollment in qualified health plans (QHPs) and determine whether consumers potentially qualify for insurance affordability programs through an Exchange. Exchanges will use the information collected to certify individual Navigators, Certified Application Counselors (CACs), or certified application counselor designated organization (CDOs) and to maintain CMS records related to those certifications and designations. CDOs will use the information collected to manage their internal processes to certify individual CACs. Exchanges will also use the information collected to inform the public about the availability of application services from Navigators and CACs. *Form Number:* CMS–10494 (OMB control number: 0938–1205); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 275,089; *Total Annual Responses:* 275,089; *Total Annual Hours:* 857,046. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Meredyth Woody at Meredyth.Woody@cms.hhs.gov.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Generic Clearance for Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 Implementation); *Use:*