DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS–10887]

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 January 4, 2027.

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.

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:

Contents

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**).

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:* The Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Programs: Part C and Part D Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MARx) System Updates for the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program; *Use:* To effectively monitor the program, Part D plans are required to report data elements related to the program at the beneficiary, contract, and Plan Benefit Package (PBP) levels beginning in Contract Year (CY) 2025. In this information collection package, CMS addresses the requirement for Part D plans to submit beneficiary-level data elements into the MARx system via a program-specific transaction (separate from the enrollment file). In accordance with the Plan Communication User Guide (PCUG), plans may submit multiple transaction files during any CMS business day, Monday through Friday. Plan transactions are processed as received; there is no minimum or maximum limit to the number of files that Plans may submit in a day. In general, transaction and processing occur throughout the Current Calendar Month (CCM). *Form Number:* CMS–10887 (OMB control number: 0938–1468); *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other for-profits), Federal Government, Not for profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,005; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,200,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 4.8. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Deven Gosalia at (410) 786–8624.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10302, CMS–10346 and CMS–10105]

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 *December 7, 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:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Collection Requirements for Compendia for Determination of Medically-accepted Indications for Off-label Uses of Drugs and Biologicals in an Anti-cancer Chemotherapeutic Regimen; *Use:* Section 182(b) of the Medicare Improvement of Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) amended section 1861(t)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(t)(2)(B)) by adding at the end the following new sentence: 'On and after January 1, 2010, no compendia may be included on the list of compendia under this subparagraph unless the compendia has a publicly transparent process for evaluating therapies and for identifying potential conflicts of interest.' CMS implemented this statutory provision that compendia have a ''publicly transparent process for evaluating therapies and for identifying potential conflicts of interests'' by amending 42 CFR 414.930 to include the MIPPA requirements and by defining the key components of publicly transparent processes for evaluating therapies and for identifying potential conflicts of interests.

All compendia were required to comply with these provisions as of January 1, 2010, to remain on the list of recognized compendia. In addition, any compendium that is the subject of a future request for inclusion on the list of recognized compendia will be required to comply with these provisions. No compendium can be on the list if it does not fully meet the standard described in section 1861(t)(2)(B) of the Act, as revised by section 182(b) of the MIPPA. *Form Number:* CMS–10302 (OMB control number: 0938–1078); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business and other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 845; *Total Annual Responses:* 900; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,135. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Sarah Fulton at 410–786–2749.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension with change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Quality Bonus Payment Appeals; Use: Sections 1853(n) and 1853(o) of the Social Security Act (the Act) require CMS to make Quality Bonus Payments (QBPs) to MA organizations that achieve at least 4 stars in a 5-star quality rating system. In addition, section 1854(b)(1)(C) of the Act ties the share of savings that MA organizations must provide to enrollees as the beneficiary rebate to the level of an MA organization's QBP rating. The administrative review process for an MA contract to appeal their QBP status is laid out at § 422.260(c). §§ 422.260(c)(1) and (2) describe a two-step administrative review process that includes a request for reconsideration and a request for an informal hearing on the record, and § 422.260(c)(3) describes limits to requesting an administrative review. Historically, every November CMS has released the preliminary QBP ratings for MA contracts to review their ratings and to submit an appeal request under § 422.260(c) if they believe there is a calculation error or incorrect data are used. Each MA organization continues to be afforded the right to request an administrative review of CMS's determination concerning the organization's qualification for a QBP. *Form Number:* CMS–10346 (OMB control number: 0938–1129); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 20; *Total Annual Responses:* 20; *Total Annual Hours:* 160. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Joy Binion at 410–786–5004.)

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey Mode Experiment; *Use:* The national implementation of the ICH CAHPS Survey is designed to allow third-party, CMS-approved survey vendors to administer the ICH CAHPS Survey using mail-only, telephone-only, or mixed (mail with telephone follow-up) modes of survey administration. Experience from previous CAHPS surveys shows that mail, telephone, and mail with telephone follow-up data collection modes work well for respondents, vendors, and health care providers. Any additional forms of information technology, such as web surveys, is under investigation as a potential survey option in this population. *Form Number:* CMS–10105 (OMB control number: 0938–0926); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents:* 211,770; *Total Annual Responses:* 211,770; *Total Annual Hours:* 42,269. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lauren Popham at 410–786–8568.)

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