

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE—Continued

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours	Average hourly wage of respondents	Total annual burden cost
Focus group guide for youth participants (10)	100	1	1.5	150	NA	0
Totals	310	420	\$5,300

Keith Tucker,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initial Review

The meeting announced below concerns Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) PS11-1113, initial review.

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting:

Time and Date: 1 p.m.–3 p.m., October 3, 2011 (Closed).

Place: CDC, Corporate Square, Building 8, Room 3015, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, Telephone: (877) 691-5831.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of an application received in response to “HIV Prevention Projects for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color, FOA PS11-1113.” This meeting will be subsequent to the July 10–13, 2011, and the July 22, 2011, meetings published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2011, Volume 76, Number 35, Pages 9785–9786 and July 7, 2011, Volume 76, Number 130, Page 39879. An application submitted via <http://www.grants.gov> within the specified timeframe was not reviewed during the initial review period; therefore, the application requires review.

Contact Person for More Information: Harriette Lynch, Public Health Analyst,

Extramural Programs, National Center for HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-60, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 498-2726, E-mail: HLynch@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, 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.

Dated: September 20, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee on Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR), Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); Notice of Cancellation

This notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2011, Volume 76, Number 174, page 55678. This meeting, scheduled to convene on September 29, 2011, is canceled due to scheduling conflict arising for the Subcommittee chair. Notice will be provided when the meeting is rescheduled in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Contact Person for More Information: Theodore M. Katz, M.P.A., Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE. Mailstop: E-20, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (513) 533-6800, Toll Free: 1-800-CDC-INFO, E-mail: ocas@cdc.gov.

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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.

Dated: September 16, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10102]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Implementation of Hospital Consumer

Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS); *Use:* The HCAHPS (*Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems*) survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients' perspectives of hospital care. HCAHPS (pronounced "*H-caps*"), also known as the CAHPS® Hospital Survey, is a survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perceptions of their hospital experience. While many hospitals have collected information on patient satisfaction for their own internal use, until HCAHPS there was no national standard for collecting and publicly reporting information about patient experience of care that allowed valid comparisons to be made across hospitals locally, regionally and nationally.

Three broad goals have shaped HCAHPS. First, the survey is designed to produce data about patients' perspectives of care that allow objective and meaningful comparisons of hospitals on topics that are important to consumers. Second, public reporting of the survey results creates new incentives for hospitals to improve quality of care. Third, public reporting serves to enhance accountability in health care by increasing transparency of the quality of hospital care provided in return for the public investment. With these goals in mind, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken substantial steps to assure that the survey is credible, useful, and practical. Hospitals implement HCAHPS under the auspices of the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA), a private/public partnership that includes major hospital and medical associations, consumer groups, measurement and accrediting bodies, government, and other groups that share an interest in improving hospital quality. Both the HQA and the National Quality Forum have endorsed HCAHPS.

The enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 created an additional incentive for acute care hospitals to participate in HCAHPS. Since July 2007, hospitals subject to the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) annual payment update provisions ("subsection (d) hospitals") must collect and submit HCAHPS data in order to receive their full IPPS annual payment update. IPPS hospitals that fail to publicly report the required quality measures, which include the HCAHPS survey, may receive an annual payment update that is reduced by 2.0 percentage points. Non-IPPS hospitals, such as Critical Access Hospitals, may voluntarily participate in HCAHPS.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-148) includes HCAHPS among the measures to be used to calculate value-based incentive payments in the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing program, beginning with discharges in October 2012.

Currently the HCAHPS survey asks discharged patients 27 questions about their recent hospital stay. The survey contains 18 core questions about critical aspects of patients' hospital experiences (communication with nurses and doctors, the responsiveness of hospital staff, the cleanliness and quietness of the hospital environment, pain management, communication about medicines, discharge information, overall rating of hospital, and would they recommend the hospital). The survey also includes four items to direct patients to relevant questions, three items to adjust for the mix of patients across hospitals, and two items that support Congressionally-mandated reports.

This revision is being submitted in order to add five new items to the survey: Three items that comprise a Care Transitions composite; one item that asks whether the patient was admitted through the emergency room; and one item that asks about the patient's overall mental health. This marks the first addition of items to the HCAHPS Survey since its national implementation in 2006. *Form Number:* CMS-10102 (OCN: 0938-0981); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions. *Number of Respondents:* 2,713,812; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,713,812; *Total Annual Hours:* 365,136. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact William Lehrman at 410-786-1037. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by *November 22, 2011*:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit 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) 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.

Dated: September 20, 2011.

Martique Jones,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Division B, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-2375-FN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of the Joint Commission's Continued Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our decision to approve the Joint Commission for continued recognition as a national accreditation program for critical access hospitals (CAHs) seeking to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final notice is effective November 21, 2011 through November 21, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in a critical access hospital (CAH) provided certain requirements are met. Sections 1820(c)(2)(B) and 1861(mm) of the Social Security Act (the Act) establish distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as a CAH. The minimum requirements that a CAH must meet to participate in Medicare are set forth in regulations at 42 CFR part