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Section 1413 of the Affordable Care Act directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and provide to each State a single, streamlined form that may be used to apply for coverage through the Exchange and Insurance Affordability Programs, including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program, as applicable. The application must be structured to maximize an applicant's ability to complete the form satisfactorily, taking into account the characteristics of individuals who qualify for the programs. A State may develop and use its own single streamlined application if approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413 and if it meets the standards established by the Secretary.

Section 155.405(a) of the Exchange Final Rule (77 FR 18310) provides more detail about the application that must be used by the Exchange to determine eligibility and to collect information necessary for enrollment. The regulations in § 435.907 and § 457.330 establish the requirements for State Medicaid and CHIP agencies related to the use of the single streamlined application. CMS is designing the single streamlined application to be a dynamic online application that will tailor the amount of data required from an applicant based on the applicant's circumstances and responses to particular questions. The paper version of the application will not be able to be tailored in the same way but is being designed to collect only the data required to determine eligibility. Individuals will be able to submit an application online, through the mail, over the phone through a call center, or in person, per § 155.405(c)(2) of the Exchange Final Rule, as well as through other commonly available electronic means as noted in § 435.907(a) and § 457.330 of the Medicaid Final Rule. The application may be submitted to an Exchange, Medicaid or CHIP agency.

The online application process will vary depending on each applicant's circumstances, their experience with health insurance applications and

online capabilities. The goal is to solicit sufficient information so that in most cases no further inquiry will be needed. We estimate that on average it will take approximately .50 hours (30 minutes) to complete for people applying for Insurance Affordability Programs. It will take an estimated .25 hours (15 minutes) to complete without consideration for Insurance Affordability Programs. We expect approximately 7,700,260 applications to be submitted for Insurance Affordability Programs between 2014 and 2016. The total burden is estimated to be 2,264,329 hours for 2014, and 605,920 hours and 979,881 hours for years 2015 and 2016, respectively. We estimate 1,139,240 applications to be submitted online without consideration for Insurance Affordability Programs between 2014 and 2016, resulting in 71,203 hours of burden each year in 2014 and in 2015, and 142,405 burden hours in 2016. The paper application process will take approximately .75 hours (45 minutes) to complete for those applying for Insurance Affordability Programs and .33 hours (20 minutes) for those applying without consideration for Insurance Affordability Programs. We expect approximately 855,584 applications to be submitted for Insurance Affordability Programs on paper in 2014 through 2016 for a total of 377,388 estimated burden hours in 2014. The burden hours are projected to be 100,987 hours and 163,314 hours in 2015 and 2016, respectively. We estimate 126,581 applications will be submitted without consideration for Insurance Affordability Programs from 2014 through 2016. Total burden hours are expected to be 10,443 hours in 2014 and 2015, and 20,886, in 2016. *Form Number:* CMS-10440 (OCN: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Once per year; *Affected Public:* Individuals and households; *Number of Respondents:* 3,273,889; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,273,889; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,669,683 hours. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Hannah Moore at 301-492-4232. 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 Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto: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 *September 4, 2012*:

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 (\_\_\_\_), Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**[Document Identifier CMS-10427 and CMS-10437]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; 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), Department of Health and Human Services, 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 function; (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:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* For-Profit PACE Study; *Use:* The Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) aims to provide integrated care and services to the frail elderly at risk of institutionalization to enable them to remain in the community. Under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA), the not-for-profit PACE plans were established as permanent providers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The BBA also mandated a demonstration of for-profit PACE plans. This study will estimate the differences in quality and access to care between the for-profit and not-for-profit PACE plans. The data collected in the survey will be used to measure the outcomes of interest-differences in access to and quality of care delivered to PACE enrollees. To measure these key outcomes, the survey will collect data on access to and satisfaction with healthcare, personal care, and transportation assistance provided by the plans. *Form Number:* CMS-10427 (OCN: 0938-New); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Number of Respondents:* 813. *Number of Responses:* 813. *Total Annual Hours:* 447. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Julia Zucco at 410-786-6670. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Generic Social Marketing & Consumer Testing Research; *Use:* The purpose of this submission is to request an Information Collection Request (ICR) generic clearance for a program of consumer research aimed at a broad audience of those affected by CMS programs including Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and health insurance exchanges. This program extends strategic efforts to reach and tailor communications to beneficiaries, caregivers, providers, stakeholders, and any other audiences that would support the Agency in improving the functioning of the health care system, improve patient care and outcomes, and reduce costs without sacrificing quality of care. With the clearance, CMS will create a fast track, streamlined, proactive process for collection of data and utilizing the feedback on service delivery for continuous improvement of communication activities aimed at diverse CMS audiences.

The generic clearance will allow rapid response to inform CMS initiatives using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative consumer research

strategies (including formative research studies and methodological tests) to improve communication with key CMS audiences. As new information resources and persuasive technologies are developed, they can be tested and evaluated for beneficiary response to the materials and delivery channels. Results will inform communication development and information architecture as well as allow for continuous quality improvement. The overall goal is to maximize the extent to which consumers have access to useful sources of CMS program information in a form that can help them make the most of their benefits and options.

The activities under this clearance involve social marketing and consumer research using samples of self-selected customers, as well as convenience samples, and quota samples, with respondents selected either to cover a broad range of customers or to include specific characteristics related to certain products or services. All collection of information under this clearance will utilize a subset of items drawn from a core collection of customizable items referred to as the Social Marketing and Consumer Testing Item Bank. This item bank is designed to establish a set of pre-approved generic question that can be drawn upon to allow for the rapid turn-around consumer testing required for CMS to communicate more effectively with its audiences. The questions in the item bank are divided into two major categories. One set focuses on characteristics of individuals and is intended primarily for participant screening and for use in structured quantitative on-line or telephone surveys. The other set is less structured and is designed for use in qualitative one-on-one and small group discussions or collecting information related to subjective impressions of test materials. A Study Initiation Request Form detailing each specific study (description, methodology, estimated burden) conducted under this clearance will be submitted before any testing is initiated. Results will be compiled and disseminated so that future communication can be informed by the testing results. We will use the findings to create the greatest possible public benefit. *Form Number:* CMS-10427 (OCN: 0938-New); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Number of Respondents:* 41,592. *Number of Responses:* 28,800. *Total Annual Hours:* 21,488. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Neal Hickson at 410-786-6737. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 6, 2012.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974, Email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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