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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Inpatient Rehabilitation Assessment Instrument and Data Set for PPS for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Sections 412.23, 412.604, 412.606, 412.610, 412.614, 412.618, 412.626, 413.64; *Form Number:* CMS-10036 (OMB#: 0938-0842); *Use:* This is a request to use the IRF-PAI (Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities—Patient Assessment Instrument) and its supporting manual for the implementation phase of the Inpatient Rehabilitation PPS (Prospective Payment System). This payment system is to cover both operating and capital costs for inpatient rehabilitation hospital services. It will apply to rehabilitation units of acute care hospitals as well as to rehabilitation hospitals, both of which are exempt from the current Medicare PPS which is generally applicable for inpatient hospital services. Use of this instrument will enable CMS to implement a classification and payment system for the legislatively mandated inpatient rehabilitation hospital and the aforementioned exempt units. *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, third party disclosure and reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,165; *Total Annual Responses:* 390,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 421,939.

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/regulations/praf/>, 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.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 15, 2005. CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Bonnie L Harkless, 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

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board (MGCRB) Procedures and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.256 and 412.230; *Form Nos.:* CMS-R-138 (OMB # 0938-0573); *Use:* Section 1886(d)(10) of the Social Security Act established the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board (MGCRB), an entity with the authority to accept short-term hospital inpatient prospective payment system applications from hospitals requesting geographic reclassification for wage index or standardized payment amounts and to issue decisions on these requests. This regulation sets up the application process for prospective payment system hospitals that choose to appeal their geographic status to the

MGCRB. This regulation also establishes procedural guidelines for the MGCRB; *Frequency:* Reporting—Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 500.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Provider Cost Report Reimbursement Questionnaire and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.20, 413.24, and 415.60; *Form Nos.:* CMS-339 (OMB # 0938-0301); *Use:* The purpose of Form CMS-339 is to assist the provider in preparing an acceptable cost report and to minimize subsequent contact between the provider and its intermediary. Form CMS-339 provides the basic data necessary to support the information in the cost report. This includes information the provider uses to develop the provider and professional components of physician compensation so that compensation can be properly allocated between the Part A and the Part B trust funds. CMS is currently working on eliminating Form CMS-339 and including the applicable questions on the individual cost report forms. Because of the time required to include the applicable questions in each of the individual cost reports, CMS is revising the currently approved information collection; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 35,904; *Total Annual Responses:* 35,904; *Total Annual Hours:* 618,210.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Uniform Institutional Provider Bill and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 424.5; *Form No.:* CMS-1450 (OMB #0938-0279); *Use:* Section 42 CFR 424.5(a)(5) requires providers of services to submit claims prior to Medicare reimbursement. Charges are coded by revenue codes. The bill specifies diagnoses according to the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Edition (ICD-9-CM) codes. Inpatient procedures are identified by ICD-9-CM codes, and outpatient procedures are described using the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). These are standard systems of identification for all major health insurance claims payers. Submission of information on the CMS-1450 permits Medicare intermediaries to receive consistent data for proper payment;

Frequency: On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit; *Number of Respondents:* 51,629; *Total Annual Responses:* 174,461,278; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,997,581.

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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 October 17, 2005. OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Christopher Martin, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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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, 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Certification in the Medicare and/or Medicaid Program to Provide Outpatient Physical Therapy (OPT) and/or Speech Pathology Services, OPT Speech Pathology Survey Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 485.701-485.729.; *Form No.:* CMS-1856, CMS-1893 (OMB # 0938-0065); *Use:* The Medicare Program requires OPT providers to meet certain health and safety requirements. The request for certification form is used by State agency surveyors to determine if minimum Medicare eligibility requirements are met. The survey report form records the result of the on-site survey; *Frequency:* On occasion and Other—every 6 years; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 2,968; *Total Annual Responses:* 495; *Total Annual Hours:* 866.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Medicare Education Program (NMEP); *Form No.:* CMS-R-254 (OMB # 0938-0738); *Use:* The NMEP was developed to inform people with Medicare, their family members, and other interested parties about their Medicare options. The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 expanded the program to include among other things, a new Prescription Drug Benefit; therefore, this package has been revised to include this information. The NMEP employs numerous communication channels to educate people with Medicare and help them make more informed decisions concerning the Medicare program benefits; health plan choices; supplemental health insurance; rights, responsibilities, and protections; and preventive health services. As part of the NMEP, CMS must provide information to this population about the Medicare program and their Health Plan options, as well as information about the new prescription drug coverage to help them choose the option that is right for them. This survey seeks to assess the awareness, knowledge, understanding and experiences of people with Medicare regarding the Medicare program overall and these new initiatives; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:*

5,700; *Total Annual Responses:* 5,700; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,425.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Consumer Assessment of Health Behaviors Survey; *Form No.:* CMS-10160 (OMB # 0938-NEW); *Use:* New focus on personalizing messages by relating health care choices with individual beliefs may help guide these educational efforts. The intent of this survey is to understand the role personal responsibility plays when people with Medicare make health care decisions; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 1580; *Total Annual Responses:* 1580; *Total Annual Hours:* 395.

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Physician Assessment of Hospital Quality Reports; *Form No.:* CMS-10154 (OMB # 0938-NEW); *Use:* This assessment will monitor the attitudes and behaviors of physicians as they relate to the concerns of their patients who have been exposed to hospital quality-of-care reports at CMS's Web Site; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 1730; *Total Annual Responses:* 1730; *Total Annual Hours:* 346.

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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 October 17, 2005.

OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Christopher Martin, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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