

Purpose: The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and by delegation, the Director, CDC, and Administrator, NCEH/ATSDR, are authorized under Section 301 (42 U.S.C. 241) and Section 311 (42 U.S.C. 243) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to: (1) Conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases and other impairments; (2) assist states and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions and in the promotion of health and well being; and (3) train state and local personnel in health work. The BSC, NCEH/ATSDR provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and Administrator, ATSDR; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agency's mission to protect and promote people's health. The board provides advice and guidance that will assist NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The board also provides guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health.

Matters To Be Discussed: An update on NCEH/ATSDR's Office of the Director; update on formaldehyde and FEMA Trailers; report on ATSDR's Great Lakes areas of concern; discussion on the draft Report by the BSC's Peer Review Workgroup for the NCEH/ATSDR Preparedness and Emergency Response Program; discussion on the proposed BSC Program Peer Review of NCEH/ATSDR's internal clearance and external peer review process; update on NCEH/ATSDR Climate Change Initiatives; update on industry challenges to NCEH/ATSDR programs; and updates on public health issues.

Agenda items are tentative and subject to change.

Contact Person for More Information: Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, 4770 Buford Highway, Mail Stop F-61, Chamblee, Georgia 30345; telephone 770/488-0575, fax 770/488-3377; E-mail: smalcom@cdc.gov. The deadline for notification of attendance is May 21, 2008.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 28, 2008.

Diane Allen,

Acting 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

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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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Program Budget Report; *Use:* The Medicaid Program Budget Report is prepared by the State Medicaid agencies and is used by CMS for developing national Medicaid budget estimates, qualification of budget estimate changes, and the issuance of quarterly Medicaid grant awards.

Form Number: CMS-37 (OMB# 0938-0101); *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 224; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,616.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Annual Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS); *Use:* Medicare Contractors are charged with processing Medicare claims and related activities and providers interact with them on a daily basis. The Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS) measures this Provider-Contractor relationship. The Contractors are currently using, and will continue to

use, the MCPSS results to implement performance improvement activities within their organizations. The MCPSS questionnaire includes the following topics: Provider inquiries, provider outreach & education, claims processing, appeals, provider enrollment, medical review, and provider audit & reimbursement. The Survey is designed to measure provider satisfaction, attitudes, perceptions and opinions about the services provided by their respective Contractor. The results include quantitative data (a satisfaction score) and qualitative information (comments relevant to specific topics).

The 2009 MCPSS will differ from 2008 in two ways, (refer to the specific documents for additional changes): (1) The questionnaire will be slightly modified, including the net addition of two questions; and (2) the definition of a completed survey will be revised. *Form Number:* CMS-10097 (OMB# 0938-0915); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 24,279; *Total Annual Responses:* 24,279; *Total Annual Hours:* 8346.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Medicare Training Program Training Needs Assessment Survey; *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting clearance for an Online Needs Assessment Survey that will inform the National Medicare Training Program (NMTP) in their efforts to develop materials vital to the performance of key Medicare partners. NMTP communicates information about a wide array of Medicare topics to a diverse audience of partner organizations through in-person workshops, teleconferences, and Online training materials. These partner organizations include other state and federal agencies, health plans, aging networks/coalitions, long term care institutions, disability/mental health providers and advocates, HIV/AIDS providers, other health care providers and disease-specific advocacy groups, faith based organizations, and racial/ethnic minority organizations. These partners extend the reach of NMTP to population segments that have information barriers, including language, literacy, location, and culture, to help them understand the varied and sometimes complex choices about how they receive their Medicare benefits. This survey will allow NMTP to assess

the education and training needs of its partner organizations on an annual basis, to ensure that they have the information and materials they need to assist the beneficiaries they serve. *Form Number:* CMS-10257 (OMB# 0938-New); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local and Tribal governments, Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,000.

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 *July 1, 2008*:

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: April 24, 2008.

Michelle Shortt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and

Families, the following authorities vested in me by the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families by memorandum dated February 16, 2007.

(a) Authorities Delegated.

1. Authority to administer the Child Welfare Services Program, including the State Grant Program, the Research and Demonstration Program and the Training program pursuant to Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, and as amended now and hereafter.

2. Authority to administer the Foster Care Program and Adoption Assistance programs including the Independent Living Initiative under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, and as amended now and hereafter.

3. Authority to administer the provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*, and as amended now and hereafter.

4. Authority to administer the provisions of the Adoption Opportunities Program under Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act, 42 U.S.C. 5111-5115, and as amended now and hereafter.

5. Authorities and functions vested in the Secretary under the Organic Act of the Children's Bureau (Act of April 9, 1912) 42 U.S.C. 191, *et seq.*, and as amended now and hereafter.

6. Authorities that provide for the establishment of A National Adoption Information Clearinghouse under Section 9442 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 679a, and as amended now and hereafter.

7. Authorities to administer the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. 670 note, and as amended now and hereafter.

8. Authority under Section 13711(a)(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. 103-66, for the Family Preservation and Support Services program, subpart 2 of the Title IV-B, Child and Family Services, of the Social Security Act 42 U.S.C. 629, and as amended now and hereafter.

9. Authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Section 330F (other than Section 330F(a)(6)(C)) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-6), as amended, titled "Certain Services for Pregnant Women."

(b) Limitations.

1. This delegation of authority shall be exercised under the Department's existing policies on delegations and regulations.

2. This delegation excludes the authority to submit reports to Congress

and shall be exercised under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families' authorities.

3. The approval or disapproval of grant applications and the making of grant awards require concurrence of the appropriate Grants Officer. The approval or disapproval of contract proposals and awards are subject to the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulations and requires the concurrence of the Contracting Officer.

4. This delegation of authority does not include the authority to sign and issue notices of grant awards for Children's Bureau programs.

5. This delegation of authority does not include the authority to appoint Central Office and Regional Office Grant Officers for the administration of Children's Bureau programs.

6. This delegation of authority does not include the authority to appoint Action Officials for Audit Resolution.

7. This delegation of authority does not include the authority to approve or disapprove State requests for Federal financial participation for the costs of automated data processing equipment and services that affect more than one HHS Operating Division.

8. This delegation of authority does not include the authority to conduct hearings.

9. This delegation of authority does not include the authority under section 429 of the Social Security Act.

10. This delegation of authority does not include the authority under section 439 of the Social Security Act, Grants for Programs for Mentoring Children of Prisoners.

11. Any redelegation shall be in writing and prompt notification must be provided to all affected managers, supervisors, and other personnel and requires the concurrence of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(c) Effective Date.

This delegation of authority is effective upon the date of signature.

(d) Effect on Existing Delegations.

As related to the authorities delegated herein, this delegation of authority supersedes all previous delegations of authority.

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, which involved the exercise of the authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.