

completed BPTs are due to CMS by the first Monday of June each year. CMS reviews and analyzes the information provided on the Bid Pricing Tool. Ultimately, CMS decides whether to approve the plan pricing (i.e., payment and premium) proposed by each organization. *Form Number:* CMS-10142 (OMB# 0938-0944); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits b. Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 550; *Total Annual Responses:* 6050; *Total Annual Hours:* 42,350.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Certification Statement for Electronic File Interchange Organizations (EFIOs) *Use:* Health care providers can currently obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) via a paper application or over the Internet through the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). These applications must be submitted individually, on a per-provider basis. The Electronic File Interchange (EFI) process allows provider-designated electronic file interchange organizations (EFIOs) to capture multiple providers' NPI application information on a single electronic file for submission to NPPES. This process is also referred to as "bulk enumeration." To ensure that the EFIO has the authority to act on behalf of each provider and complies with other Federal requirements, an authorized official of the EFIO must sign a certification statement and mail it to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). *Form Number:* CMS-10175 (OMB# 0938-0984); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Private Sector—Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 300; *Total Annual Responses:* 300; *Total Annual Hours:* 300.

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements contained in 45 CFR Part 162; HIPAA Standards for Electronic Transactions. *Use:* We are revising the currently approved information collection request to include the information collection requirements contained in CMS-0009-P (73 FR 49742). In the aforementioned regulation, we update the adopted standards for electronic transactions and

propose the adoption of a new standard transaction for Medicaid subrogation for retail pharmacy claims. The use of these updated and additional standards would improve the Medicare and Medicaid programs and other Federal health programs as well as private health programs, and the effectiveness and efficiency of the health care industry in general, by simplifying the administration of the system and fostering and increase in EDI for exchanging healthcare information. Increased advances in technology and improvements in healthcare business processes have fostered development of updated EDI standards to facilitate efficient and effective flow of administrative operations. Adopting an updated version of the standards and a new standard for Medicaid subrogation would greatly improve EDI standardization for healthcare transactions. *Form Number:* CMS-R-218 (OMB# 0938-0866); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 696,026; *Total Annual Responses:* 696,026; *Total Annual Hours:* 6,960,260.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site 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 December 9, 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: October 2, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Annual Report / ACF 204 (State MOE)—1 collection.

OMB No.: 0970-0248.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a three-year extension of the ACF-204 (Annual MOE Report). The report is used to collect descriptive program characteristics information on the programs operated by States and Territories in association with their Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs. All State and Territory expenditures claimed toward States and Territories MOE requirements must be appropriate, i.e., meet all applicable MOE requirements. The Annual MOE Report provides the ability to learn about and to monitor the nature of State and Territory expenditures used to meet States and Territories MOE requirements, and it is an important source of information about the different ways that States and Territories are using their resources to help families attain and maintain self-sufficiency. In addition, the report is used to obtain State and Territory program characteristics for ACF's annual report to Congress, and the report serves as a useful resource to use in Congressional hearings about how TANF programs are evolving, in assessing State the Territory MOE expenditures, and in assessing the need for legislative changes.

Respondents: The 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-204	54	1	128	6,912
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				6,912

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: October 7, 2008.

Janean Chambers,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: ACF-IV-E-1 Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Financial Reporting Form.

OMB No.: 0970-0205.

Description: State agencies administer the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Programs under Title IV-E of

the Social Security Act. The Administration for Children and Families provides Federal funding at the rate of 50 percent for most of the administrative costs and at other rates for other specific categories of costs as detailed in Federal statute and regulations. This form is submitted quarterly by each State to estimate the funding needs for the upcoming fiscal quarter and to report expenditures for the fiscal quarter just ended. This form is also used to provide annual budget projections from each State. The information collected in this report is used by this agency to calculate quarterly Federal grant awards and to enable this agency to submit budget requests to Congress through the Department and to enable oversight of the financial management of the programs.

Respondents: State agencies (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) administering the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Form ACF-IV-E-1	52	4	17	3,536

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,536.

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