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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:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Retail Prices: Payment and Utilization Rates, and Performance Rankings; *Use:* CMS will develop a National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) for States to consider when developing reimbursement methodology. The NADAC is a new pricing benchmark that will be based on the national average costs that pharmacies pay to acquire Medicaid covered outpatient drugs. It is intended to provide States with a more accurate reference price to base reimbursement for prescription drugs and will be based on drug acquisition costs collected directly from pharmacies through a nationwide survey process. This survey will be conducted on a monthly basis to ensure that the NADAC reference file remains current and up-to-date. A NADAC Survey Request for Information has been developed to send to random pharmacies for voluntary completion. CMS proposes to add the survey to an existing collection, "Annual State Report and Annual State Performance Rankings." The requirements and burden associated with the annual report/rankings are unaffected by this proposed action; *Form Number:* CMS-10241 (OCN 0938-1041); *Frequency:* Biennially, Once; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 30,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 30,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 15,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lisa Ferrandi at 410-786-5445. 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, 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 by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on April 2, 2012. OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax

Number: (202) 395-6974, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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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:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges; *Use:* All States (including the 50 States, consortia of States, and the District of Columbia herein referred to as States) that received a State Planning and Establishment Grant for Affordable Care Act's Exchanges are eligible for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Exchanges. The State of Alaska did not apply for either the original Planning grant made available in September 2010, nor the second Planning grant made available in January 2011 exclusively to States that did not apply for the first. Because Alaska did not receive funding under

Section 1311 for planning and establishment of an Exchange within one year of the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, by Statute, it will not be eligible for Section 1311 Exchange planning and establishment money in the future. Section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act provides for grants to States for the planning and establishment of these Exchanges. Given the innovative nature of Exchanges and the statutorily prescribed relationship between the Secretary and States in their development and operation, it is critical that the Secretary work closely with States to provide necessary guidance and technical assistance to ensure that States can meet the prescribed timelines, federal requirements, and goals of the statute.

In order to provide appropriate and timely guidance and technical assistance, the Secretary must have access to timely, periodic information regarding State progress. Consequently, the information collection associated with these grants is essential to facilitating reasonable and appropriate federal monitoring of funds, providing statutorily mandated assistance to States to implement Exchanges in accordance with Federal requirements, and to ensure that States have all necessary information required to proceed, such that retrospective corrective action can be minimized.

There are two levels of awards for States to apply for the Establishment grants. Grants are open to States that received federal funding for Exchange Planning activities, awardees of the Cooperative Agreements to Support Innovative Exchange Information Technology Systems, and awardees under the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges. Level One Establishment cooperative agreements provide one year of funding to States that are ready to initiate establishment activities having made progress under their Exchange Planning grant. Level Two Establishment cooperative agreements are designed to provide funding to applicants for the establishment of a State-based Exchange and that can demonstrate specific eligibility criteria. Level One Establishment grantees may apply for additional funding under Level Two Establishment grants once they have achieved the benchmarks identified in the Level Two Establishment review criteria.

HHS anticipates releasing this funding opportunity on June 15, 2012. There will be four opportunities for applicants to apply for funding. HHS anticipates Level One Establishment

and Level Two Establishment applications will be due: August 1, 2012; November 1, 2012; February 1, 2013; May 1, 2013; August 1, 2013; November 1, 2013; February 3, 2014; May 1, 2014; August 1, 2014; and November 3, 2014. The Period of Performance for Level One Establishment grants is up to one year after date of award. The Period of Performance for Level Two Establishment grants is up to three years after date of award. *Form Number:* CMS-10424 (OCN: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments. *Number of Respondents:* 50. *Number of Responses:* 325. *Total Annual Hours:* 49,175. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Katherine Harkins at 301-492-4445. 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, 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 May 1, 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/OMB Control Number _____, 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

[CMS-6043-N]

Medicare Program; Solicitation of Independent Accrediting Organizations To Participate in the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Supplier Accreditation Program

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites independent accreditation organizations who have not previously submitted applications to participate in the advanced diagnostic imaging supplier accreditation program as a designated accreditation organization, for the purpose of accrediting suppliers furnishing the technical component (TC) of advanced diagnostic imaging services. It also sets forth the application guidelines for approval of organizations wishing to accredit suppliers furnishing the TC of advanced diagnostic imaging services.

DATES: Applications will be considered if received at the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, no later than 5 p.m. daylight savings time (d.s.t.) on May 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to the following: Attention: Sandra Bastinelli, Mail stop AR-18-50, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Bastinelli, (410) 786-3630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 135(a) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) added section 1834(e) to the Social Security Act (Act). Section 1834(e) of the Act requires the Secretary to designate organizations to accredit suppliers furnishing the technical component (TC) of advanced diagnostic imaging services (section 1834(e)(2)(B) of the Act), and to establish procedures to ensure that the criteria used by such accrediting organizations to accredit TC suppliers are specific to each imaging modality and meet the requirements of the statute (section 1834(e)(3)). Section 1834 (e)(1)(B) of the Act defines advanced diagnostic imaging services as—