

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, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send 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) that are 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.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* CMS Meeting Request Public Portal; *Use:* CMS is seeking approval to streamline the process for entities requesting external meetings. The proposed CMS Meeting Request Portal will gather only necessary information for representatives of the organization to meet with a representative of the federal government. This simplified approach aims to reduce administrative burden while enhancing transparency and accountability in meeting requests. By focusing on essential information, CMS ensures that the evaluation and screening process for private requests remains efficient and centered on logistics, scheduling, and conflict of interest. The proposed information

collection aligns with CMS's commitment to stakeholder engagement while ensuring compliance with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and security protocols.

The information will be collected solely from organizations and third-party requestors, such as law firms or other entities acting on behalf of organizations, that seek a meeting with the Administrator. The implementation of an online portal will facilitate the ease and efficiency of submitting requests. Requestors will have the capability to securely enter their requests electronically through this portal. Information collection is voluntary, whether or not it is provided through the portal or via a letter, but no matter how it is submitted to CMS, failure to provide the requested information will result in CMS's inability to review, process, and/or act on the request. *Form Number:* CMS–10943 (OMB control number: 0938–New); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Individuals, Private Sector—Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 427; *Total Annual Responses:* 427; *Total Annual Hours:* 142 hours. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Erin Palmer at (202) 690–5943.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10855]

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing

collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by February 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Managed Care and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Most Medicaid beneficiaries receive either all or part of their health care benefits through Medicaid managed care programs, including their prescription drug benefits. Because of the specialized nature of the prescription drug benefit, many of the Medicaid managed care plans (MCOs, PIHPs, or PAHPS) either own, or contract with, PBMs to administer the pharmacy benefit. In 42 CFR 438.3(s), Medicaid MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPS that provide coverage of covered outpatient drugs (CODs) are required to structure any contract that it has with any subcontractor (e.g., PBM) for the delivery or administration of the COD benefit so that the subcontractor is required to report separately the amounts related to the incurred claims described in § 438.8(e)(2) to the managed care plan. Included are (1) reimbursements for the CODs, (2) payments for other patient services, (3) dispensing or administering providers fees, and (4) subcontractor administrative fees. The provision will ensure that medical loss ratios (MLRs) reported by MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPS that use subcontractors in the delivery of COD coverage will be more accurate and transparent. The separate payment requirements will help States and managed care plans better understand whether they are appropriately and efficiently paying for the delivery of CODs, a significant part of which is funded by the Federal Government. *Form Number:* CMS-10855 (OMB control number 0938-1445); *Frequency:* Annually and once; *Affected Public:* Private sector and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 604; *Number of Responses:* 604; *Total Annual Hours:* 8,614. (For questions regarding this collection, contact: Robert Giles at 410-786-4050).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0248]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Annual Report on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs and State Maintenance-of-Effort Programs—ACF—204 (Annual TANF and MOE Report)

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the ACF-204: Annual Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Report (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0248, expiration March 31, 2026). There are no substantive changes requested to the form but instructions have been updated and burden estimates adjusted.

DATES: *Comments due* March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Annual TANF and MOE Report is used to collect descriptive program characteristics information on the programs operated by states and territories in association with their 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 TANF and 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