

Collection and use of information about CDC fellowship activities will help ensure effective, efficient, and satisfying experiences among fellowship program participants and interest holders.

CDC estimates that annually, a subset of CDC's various fellowship programs will conduct one query each with one of the three respondent groups: (1) fellowship applicants or fellows; (2) mentors, supervisors, or employers; and (3) alumni. These collections might include short surveys, interviews, and focus groups. CDC will submit a project-specific information collection request ("GENIC") to OMB for each activity to be conducted under this Generic Clearance. Each GENIC submission will include the information collection instrument(s) associated with the

project and a completed "GENIC Request Template" which describes the project's data collection methods, respondent population(s), and the intended uses of the information to be collected.

In this Revision, CDC is revising the estimated number of responses and the estimated burden hours. Lower than anticipated usage for the active approval period and organizational changes at CDC support the request to reduce these estimates. Over the last approval period average response times were typically lower for modules targeting alumni respondents. In this Revision, average burden per response for alumni has accordingly been reduced from 30 minutes per response to 20 minutes per response.

In addition, CDC is standardizing the title of the Generic Clearance as "CDC

Fellowship Programs Assessment." This title is used on the GENIC Request Template associated with the generic and has been used on previous Supporting Statement documents. The title Data Collection for CDC Fellowship Programs has also been associated with OMB Control No. 0920-1163. For clarity, CDC will amend all documentation and consistently use the title "CDC Fellowship Programs Assessment." No other changes are requested. OMB approval is requested for three years. The total estimated annualized number of responses is reduced from 3,091 to 1,225, and the total estimated annualized burden hours are reduced from 1,546 to 550. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Applicants or fellows	Fellowship Data Collection Instrument	750	1	30/60
Mentors, supervisors, or employers	Fellowship Data Collection Instrument	100	1	30/60
Alumni	Fellowship Data Collection Instrument	375	1	20/60

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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, 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 March 5, 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: Revision with change of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP); **Use:** Medicare Advantage organizations (MAO) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) are required to submit an actuarial pricing “bid” for each plan offered to Medicare beneficiaries for approval by CMS. The MAOs and PDPs use the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) software to develop their actuarial pricing bid. The competitive bidding process defined by the “The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act” (MMA) applies to both the MA and Part D programs. It is an annual process that encompasses the release of the MA rate book in April, the bid’s that plans submit to CMS in June, and the release of the Part D and RPPO benchmarks, which typically occurs in August. **Form Number:** CMS-10142 (OMB control number: 0938-0944); **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** Private Sector, Business or other for profits, and Not for profits institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 460; **Total Annual Responses:** 11,700; **Total Annual Hours:** 406,000. (For questions regarding this collection contact Rachel Shevland at 410-786-3026 or Rachel.shevland@cms.hhs.gov.)

2. Type of Information Collection
Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved information collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Complaints Submission Process under the No Surprises Act; **Use:** Enacted on December 27, 2020, the No Surprises Act, which was enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Code). The No Surprise Act implements provisions that protect individuals from surprise medical bills for emergency services, air ambulance services furnished by nonparticipating providers, and non-emergency services furnished by nonparticipating providers at participating facilities in certain circumstances. Additionally, the No Surprises Act sets forth a complaints processes with respect to potential violations of balance billing requirements set forth in the No Surprises Act.

The No Surprises Act directs the Departments to establish a process to receive complaints regarding violations of the application of QPA requirements by group health plans and health

insurance issuers offering group or individual health coverage. The No Surprises Act also directs HHS to establish a process to receive consumer complaints regarding violations by health care providers, facilities, and providers of air ambulance services regarding balance billing requirements and to respond to such complaints within 60 days.

CMS will request information from non-federal governmental plans and issuers, health care providers, facilities, providers of air ambulance services, and individuals to review and process a complaint for potential violations of balance billing requirements. **Form Number:** CMS-10779 (OMB control number 0938-1406); **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** Private sector and Business or other for-profits; **Number of Respondents:** 39,000; **Number of Responses:** 39,000; **Total Annual Hours:** 19,500. (For questions regarding this collection, contact: Patrick Edwards at patrick.edwards@cms.hhs.gov.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Generic Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION:

SUMMARY: On May 28, 2010, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) guidance related to the “generic” clearance process. Generally, this is an expedited process by which agencies may obtain OMB’s approval of collection of information requests that are “usually voluntary, low-burden, and uncontroversial collections,” do not raise any substantive or policy issues, and do not require policy or methodological review. The process requires the submission of an overarching plan that defines the scope of the individual collections that would

fall under its umbrella. On October 23, 2011, OMB approved our initial request to use the generic clearance process under control number 0938-1148 (CMS-10398). It was last approved on April 26, 2021, via the standard PRA process which included the publication of 60- and 30-day **Federal Register** notices. The scope of the April 2021 umbrella accounts for Medicaid and CHIP State plan amendments, waivers, demonstrations, and reporting. This **Federal Register** notice seeks public comment on one or more of our collection of information requests that we believe are generic and fall within the scope of the umbrella. Interested persons are invited to submit 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 February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the applicable form number (CMS-10398 #45) and the OMB control number (0938-1148). 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: CMS-10398 # /OMB control number: 0938-1148, 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/PRAListing>.