

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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Participating Physician or Supplier Agreement, CMS-460; *Form No.:* CMS-460 (OMB# 0938-0373); *Use:* The CMS-460 is completed by nonparticipating physicians and supplier if they choose to participate in Medicare Part B. By signing the agreement, the physician or supplier agrees to take assignment on all Medicare claims. To take assignment means to accept the Medicare allowed amount as payment in full for the services they furnish and to charge the beneficiary no more than the deductible and coinsurance for the covered service. In exchange for signing the agreement, the physician or supplier receives a significant number of program benefits not available to nonparticipating physicians and suppliers. The information is needed to know to whom to provide these benefits.; *Frequency:* Once, unless re-enrolled; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 6,250; *Total Annual Responses:* 6,250; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,563. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, CMS-460, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and 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 and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), 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 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare + Choice Disenrollment Form to original Medicare; *Form No.:* CMS-R-257 (OMB# 0938-0741); *Use:* Section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended the Social Security Act to add Section 1851; including 1851(c) (1) which required the establishment of a procedure and form to make and change Medicare + Choice elections, which include disenrollment. In addition, BBA of 1997 also required information be provided to beneficiaries to make better informed choices. Certain information is needed from the beneficiary in order to process the disenrollment action as a change of election.; *Frequency:* On

occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, federal government, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 50,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 50,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,300.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention:, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

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