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Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**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. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To

comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

**Proposed Project**

Compliance Attestation Statement for the Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening—New—Office of Science (OS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

This data collection form was developed pursuant to the Framework

for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening, which was released by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in April of 2024. This framework was directed by the *Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development of Artificial Intelligence*, and recommends that providers and manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids screen their sequences and customers before fulfilling orders to prevent potential misuse.

The Attestation Form will collect basic organizational information and an attestation of compliance from providers and manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment. Data collected includes organization name, location, website, and type of organization. The form also includes primary and secondary contact information such as name, location, phone number and email address to ensure there is a point of contact with the company in case of questions regarding compliance and record keeping. This data is needed to ensure the self-attestation form can be filed and logged correctly, and to ensure the government can reach out to the correct contact if clarification if necessary.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 20 annual burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Providers and manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment.	Annual Provider and Manufacturer Self-Attestation Statement.	60	1	20/60	20
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**  
**[Document Identifier: CMS-10434 #66]**  
**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:** Notice.  
**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. 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 August 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the applicable form number (CMS-10434 #66) and the OMB control number (0938-1188). 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-10434 #66/OMB control number: 0938-1188, 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>.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because of system limitations, we are submitting this generic collection of information request on an interim basis under CMS-10434 (OMB 0938-1188). At the appropriate time we will move this request under its proper place (CMS-10398, OMB 0938-1148) and subsequently remove it from CMS-

10434 to prevent duplication. The public can monitor the status of such activities at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov).

Following is a summary of the use and burden associated with the subject information collection(s). More detailed information can be found in the collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Generic Information Collection

1. *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility Processing Data Report; *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a previously approved collection of information request; *Use:* The COVID-19 outbreak and implementation of Federal policies to address the public health emergency (PHE) disrupted routine Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) eligibility and enrollment operations. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment grew to historic levels due in large part to the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition that States implemented as a condition of receiving a temporary Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) increase under section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Pub. L. 116-127).

States have an obligation to conduct redeterminations of eligibility for all individuals enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in compliance with all existing Federal requirements at 42 CFR 435.916 and 457.343. In March 2023, CMS identified that 35 States were non-compliant with at least one Medicaid/CHIP renewal requirement. To be eligible for temporary increased funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA, 2023), these States were required to implement mitigation strategies or take other steps before they were able to begin unwinding. During unwinding, several States were also required to adopt mitigations when CMS identified other issues (*e.g.*, 29 States with the household auto-renewal issue). As of June 2024, most States have at least one outstanding area of non-compliance with Federal renewal requirements.

It is critical that States ensure their compliance with all Federal renewal requirements to help individuals eligible for Medicaid or CHIP successfully renew their coverage. To confirm compliance with these regulations, CMS is providing a template for States to indicate their current compliance status with renewal regulations, describe policies and processes, and identify planned mitigations for any identified

deficiencies. This template will be completed once by States, with updates provided as States with compliance deficiencies inform CMS of progress and come into compliance with requirements.

*Form Number:* CMS-10434 #66 (OMB control number: 0938-1188); *Frequency:* Monthly and once; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,400; *Total Annual Hours:* 21,056. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact: Bonnie Norton at (301) 492-4176.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before September 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov) or by calling (202) 264-0041 and [PRA@HHS.GOV](mailto:PRA@HHS.GOV).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990-0281-60D and project title for reference, to Sherrette A. Funn, email: [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov), [PRA@HHS.GOV](mailto:PRA@HHS.GOV) or call (202) 264-0041 the Reports Clearance Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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