

EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form name	Number of respondents/ POCs	Number of responses per POC	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Total .....	NA	NA	NA	86

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN

Form name	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
1. Eligibility and Registration Form .....	3	\$50.99	\$153
2. ASC Site Information .....	20	50.99	1,020
3. Data Use Agreement .....	3	50.99	153
4. SOPS ASC Survey Data Files Submission .....	60	50.99	3,060
Total .....	86	NA	4,386

\* Based on the mean hourly wage for 60 ASC Administrative Services Managers (11–3010; \$50.99) obtained from the May 2023 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates: NAICS 621400—Outpatient Care Centers (located at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4\\_621400.htm#11-00000](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_621400.htm#11-00000)).

**Request for Comments**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ’s health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 8, 2024.

**Marquita Cullom,**

*Associate Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[Document Identifiers: CMS–10239]

**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 October 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the document identifier or Office of Management and Budget (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 <https://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:**

**Contents**

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**).

**CMS-10239 Conditions of Participation for Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Supporting Regulations**

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Conditions of Participation for Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The purpose of this package is to request from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the approval to reinstate, with changes, the information collection request, associated with OMB Control Number 0938–1043, titled “Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Supporting Regulations.”

Sections 1820 and 1861(mm) of the Social Security Act provide that CAHs participating Medicare meet certain specified requirements. The regulations containing the information collection requirements are located at 42 CFR part 485, subpart F. These regulations implement sections 1102, 1138, 1814(a)(8), 1820(a–f), 1861(mm), 1864, and 1871 of the Act.

This is a reinstatement of the information collection request that expired on March 31, 2024. The previous iteration of this OMB No. 0938–1043 (approved March 25, 2021) had a burden of 33,905 annual hours. For this requested reinstatement, with changes, the estimated total annual burden hours for the industry is 898,332 hours and the estimated annual burden costs are \$74,020,673.

The increase in burden hours from the prior package is primarily due to new

information collections associated with new CoPs for CAHs outlined in the two CMS rules referenced below. The new CoPs include multiple information collection requirements that are one-time burdens for developing new policies and protocols and ongoing reporting requirements, such as daily or biweekly reporting of respiratory illnesses as well as maternal deaths. The reasons for the increased information collections are discussed in more detail in the rules and are summarized in the information collection request.

(1) Obstetrical services included in the proposed rule, Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems; Quality Reporting Programs, Including the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program; Health and Safety Standards for Obstetrical Services in Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals; Prior Authorization; Requests for Information; Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Eligibility; Medicaid Clinic Services Four Walls Exceptions; Individuals Currently or Formerly in Custody of Penal Authorities; Revision to Medicare Special Enrollment Period for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; and All-Inclusive Rate Add-On Payment for High-Cost Drugs Provided by Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities, 89 FR 59186 (July 22, 2024) (hereinafter referred to as the “July 2024 Proposed Rule”).

(2) Reporting of acute respiratory illnesses in the interest of public health and ensuring resiliency in the U.S. health care system included in the Final rule: Medicare and Medicaid Programs and the Children’s Health Insurance Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2025 Rates; Quality Programs Requirements; and Other Policy Changes. The aforementioned final rule, CMS–1808–F (RIN 0938–AV34), is currently on display at the Office of the Federal Register and scheduled for publication on August 28, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the “August 2024 Final Rule”).

The change in total burden hours is also due to prior information collection requests are exempt from the PRA because the requirements are customary and usual industry practice and would take place in the absence of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. *Form Number:* CMS–10239 (OMB control number: 0938–1043); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profit); *Number of*

*Respondents:* 1,245; *Total Annual Responses:* 9,145; *Total Annual Hours:* 898,332 (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Claudia Molinar at 410–786–8445).

**William N. Parham, III,**

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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 September 12, 2024.

**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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting