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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Paid Feeding Assistants in Long Term Care Facilities and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 483.160. *Use:* 42 CFR part 483 permits long-term care facilities to use paid feeding assistants to supplement the services of certified nurse aides. If facilities choose this option, feeding assistants must completed a specified training program. In addition, a facility must maintain a record of all individuals, used by the facility as feeding assistants, who have successfully completed the training course for paid feeding assistants. This information is used as part of the process to determine facility compliance with this requirement. *Form Number:* CMS–10053 (OMB#: 0938–0916); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping—once; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 8,772; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,509; *Total Annual Hours:* 21,054.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995,* or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Katherine Astrich, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, *Fax Number:* (202) 395–6974.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

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## 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, HHS.

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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) Web Security Consent Form; *Form No.:* CMS–10220 (OMB# 0938–NEW); *Use:* In establishing a Web based application process, we allow providers and suppliers the ability to enroll in the Medicare program via the Internet. For these applicants, no security consent form is needed to enroll or make a change in their Medicare enrollment information. These applicants receive complete access to their own enrollments through the Web based version of the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).

In order to allow a provider or supplier to delegate the Medicare credentialing process to another individual or organization, it is necessary to establish a Security Consent Form for those providers and suppliers who choose to have another individual or organization access their enrollment information and complete enrollments on their behalf. These users could consist of administrative staff, independent contractors, or credentialing departments and are represented as a User group. User groups and its members must request access to enrollment data through a Security Consent Form. The security consent form replicates business service agreements between Medicare applicants and organizations providing enrollment services.

We are proposing four different versions of the Security Consent Form. The form, once signed, mailed and approved, grants a user group or its member access to specific Medicare enrollment records. The system administrator, within the user group, assigns to each member of the group, a security role that will define their levels of functionality within PECOS web for an individual or organization. *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 177,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 177,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 44,375.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995*, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov*, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on May 22, 2007.

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—B, *Attention:* William N. Parham, III, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**[Document Identifier: CMS–10095]**

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage and Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.624 and 42 CFR 422.626; *Use:* Providers will deliver a Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage to enrollees at least two days prior to the end of covered services in skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, and comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities. Enrollees will use this information to determine whether they wish to appeal the service termination to the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) in their State. If the enrollee decides to appeal, the Medicare Health organization will send the QIO and the enrollee a Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage detailing the rationale for the termination decision. *Form Number*: CMS–10095 (OMB#: 0938–0910); *Frequency:* Reporting: Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 454; *Total Annual Responses:* 47,558; *Total Annual Hours:* 23,780.52.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995*, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974.

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## 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, HHS.

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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Alternative Benefits State Plan Amendment Health Opportunity Accounts (HOA) Demonstration Program; *Use:* The DRA provides States with numerous flexibilities in operating their State Medicaid programs. For example, Section 6082 of the DRA allows up to 10 States to operate Medicaid demonstrations to test alternative systems for delivering their Medicaid benefits. Under these demonstrations, States would have the flexibility to deliver their Medicaid benefits to volunteer beneficiaries through a program that is comprised of an HOA and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). Under the DRA, States can submit a State Plan Pre-print to CMS to effectuate this change to their Medicaid programs. CMS will provide a State Medicaid Director letter providing guidance on this provision and the implementation of the DRA and the associated State Plan Amendment template for use by States to modify their Medicaid State Plans if they choose to implement this flexibility; Form Number: CMS–10216 (OMB#: 0938–1007); *Frequency:* Reporting: One-time; *Affected Public:* State, Local or tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 10; *Total Annual Hours:* 10.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Imposition of Cost Sharing Charges Under Medicare and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 447.53; *Use:* The purpose of this collection is to ensure that States impose nominal cost sharing charges upon categorically and medically needy individuals as allowed by law and implementing regulations. States must identify in their State plan the following: (1) The service for which the charge is made; (2) The amount of the charge; (3) The basis for determining the charge; (4) The method used to collect the charge; (5) The basis for determining whether an individual is unable to pay the charge and the way in which the individual will be identified to providers; and, (6) The procedures for implementing and enforcing the exclusions from cost sharing; *Form*