

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 of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Transitional Coverage and Retroactive Medicare Part D Coverage for Certain Low-Income Beneficiaries through the Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) Program; **Use:** Section 118 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA) (Public Law 116–260) enacted on December 27, 2020, amended section 1860D–14 of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114) and authorized CMS to make transitional coverage and retroactive Medicare Part D coverage for certain low-income beneficiaries, called the Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) program a permanent part of the Part D program. The LI NET program under this statute must begin no later than January 1, 2024.

CMS established the Medicare Part D Demonstration for Retroactive and Point-of-Sale Coverage for Certain Low-Income Beneficiaries (also known as Medicare’s Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) demonstration). The LI NET demonstration consolidates administration of transitional and retroactive Part D coverage for eligible beneficiaries to a single Part D sponsor. The LI NET demonstration provides an exception to the 36-month maximum period of retroactive enrollment if there is a Medicaid determination within the last 90 days that confers Medicaid eligibility going back further than 36 months. In these situations, LI NET enrollment under the demonstration goes back to the start of Medicaid eligibility.

The information provided by LI NET beneficiaries is largely paper based, such as showing a Medicaid eligibility letter to a pharmacist or sending a signed direct reimbursement request through the mail or by fax. Beneficiaries could also opt to email a digital copy of their documentation to the LI NET sponsor. **Form Number:** CMS–10831 (OMB control number: 0938–1441); **Frequency:** Occasionally; **Affected Public:** Individuals and Households, Private Sector and Business or other for-profit; **Number of Respondents:** 73,705; **Total Annual Responses:** 110,686; **Total Annual Hours:** 11,701. (For policy questions regarding this collection

contact Marie Gutierrez at 410–786–4486).

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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, 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 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 <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: 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–10631 The PACE Organization Application Process in 42 CFR part 460

Under the 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 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: Revision of an approved information collection; **Title of Information Collection:** The PACE Organization Application Process in 42 CFR part 460; **Use:** The Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) consist of pre-paid, capitated plans that

provide comprehensive health care services to frail, older adults in the community who are eligible for nursing home care according to state standards. PACE organizations (PO) must provide all Medicare and Medicaid covered services; financing of this model is accomplished through prospective capitation of both Medicare and Medicaid payments. Upon approval of a PACE application, CMS executes a 3-way program agreement with the applicant entity and the applicable State Administering Agency (SAA). CMS regulations at 42 CFR 460.98(b)(2) require a PO to provide PACE services in at least the PACE center, the home, and inpatient facilities. The PACE center is the focal point for the delivery of PACE services; the center is where the interdisciplinary team (IDT) is located, services are provided, and socialization occurs with staff that is consistent and familiar to participants.

Collection of this information is mandated by statute under sections 1894(f) and 1934(f) of the Act and at 42 CFR part 460, subpart B, which addresses the PO application and waiver process. In general, PACE services are provided through a PO. An entity wishing to become a PO must submit an application to CMS that describes how the entity meets all the requirements in the PACE program. An entity's application must be accompanied by an assurance from the SAA of the State in which the PO wishes to operate its PACE program. CMS accepts applications on a designated date four times per year (*i.e.*, on a quarterly basis, generally the last Friday of March, June, September and December). *Form Number:* CMS-10631 (OMB control number: 0938-1326); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits, Not for-profits and Federal Government State, Local; *Number of Respondents:* 72; *Number of Responses:* 109; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,271. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jacqueline Ford at 410-786-7767 or Jacqueline.Ford@cms.hhs.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; for the State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report (OMB Control Number 0985-0005)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This IC extension solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report (OMB Control Number 0985-0005).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by October 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: Beverley Laubert Beverley.Laubert@acl.hhs.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Beverley Laubert.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverley.Laubert@acl.hhs.gov, (202) 740-0801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the 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. "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. The PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing

collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine burden estimates;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including using automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report is needed to comply with Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging reporting requirements in the Older Americans Act (OAA); and 45 CFR 1324.21(b)(1) and (b)(2)(v). The long-term care ombudsman report is used to measure the services and strategies that are provided to assist residents in the protection of their health, safety, welfare, or rights; advocate at the state and federal levels for changes needed to improve the quality of life and care in long-term care facilities; and effectively manage the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at the state and federal level.

The National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) was developed in response to these needs and directives. Section 712(c) of the OAA requires the state agency to establish a statewide uniform reporting system to:

(1) Collect and analyze data relating to resident complaints and conditions in long-term care facilities for the purpose of identifying and resolving significant problems.

and
(2) Submit the data on a regular basis to the state licensing/certifying agency, other state and federal entities that the Ombudsman determines to be appropriate, the Assistant Secretary for Aging, and the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL website for