

Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, 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

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & 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 & Medicaid Services (CMS), 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 function; (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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Expedited Review of Denial of Premium Assistance; *Use:* The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for premium assistance and expanded eligibility for health benefits under both the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, commonly called COBRA, and comparable State continuation coverage programs. This premium assistance is not paid directly to the covered employee or the qualified beneficiary, but instead is in the form of a tax credit for the health plan, the employer, or the

insurer. "Assistance eligible individuals" pay only 35% of their continuation coverage premiums to the plan and the remaining 65% is paid through the tax credit.

If an individual requests treatment as an assistance eligible individual and the employer's group health plan, employer, or insurer denies him or her the reduced premium assistance, the Secretary of Health and Human Services must provide for expedited review of the denial upon application to the Secretary in the form and manner the Secretary provides. The Secretary is required to make a determination within 15 business days after receipt of an individual's application for review.

The *Request for Review If You Have Been Denied Premium Assistance* (the "application") is the form that will be used by individuals to file their expedited review appeals. Each individual must complete all information requested on the application in order for CMS to begin reviewing his or her case. An application cannot be reviewed if sufficient information is not provided. Refer to the supporting document "Crosswalk of Changes Between Request for Expedited Review of Denial of Premium Assistance (4/09) and Request for Review if You Have Been Denied Premium Assistance (6/09)" for a list of changes: *Form Number:* CMS-10285 (OMB#: 0938-1062); *Frequency:* Reporting—Once; *Affected Public:* Individuals and households; *Number of Respondents:* 12,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 12,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 12,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jim Mayhew at 410-786-9244. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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 by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 5, 2009: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974, E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Cost and Follow-up Assessment of Administration on Aging (AoA)-Funded Fall Prevention Programs for Older Adults—Extension—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC received OMB approval for Control number 0920-0818 to collect data for the Cost and Follow-up

Assessment of Fall Prevention Programs. This approval expires on 7/31/10. At this time we are requesting a two year extension to collect data. NCIPC seeks to examine cost of implementing each of the three AoA-funded fall prevention programs for older adults (Stepping On, Moving for Better Balance and Matter of Balance) and to assess the maintenance of fall prevention behaviors among participants six months after completing the Matter of Balance program.

To assess the maintenance of fall prevention behaviors, CDC's contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton, will conduct telephone interviews of 300 Matter of Balance program participants six months after they have completed the program. The interview will assess their knowledge and self-efficacy related to falls as taught in the course, their activity and exercise levels, and their

reported falls both before and after the program. The results of the follow-up assessment will determine the extent to which preventive behaviors learned during the Matter of Balance program are maintained and can continue to reduce fall risk.

The cost assessment will calculate the lifecycle cost of the Stepping On, Moving for Better Balance, and Matter of Balance programs. The cost analysis will include calculating the investment costs required to implement each program, as well as the ongoing operational costs associated with each program. These costs will be allocated over a defined period of time, depending on the average or standard amount of time these programs continue to operate (standard lifecycle analysis ranges from five to 10 years). The data obtained from the lifecycle cost calculation will allow us to compare

program costs and to identify specific cost drivers, cost risks, and unique financial attributes of each program.

Local program coordinators for the 200 sites in each of the AoA-funded states will collect the cost data using lifecycle cost spreadsheets that will be returned to CDC's contractor for analysis. Booz Allen Hamilton has been contracted by CDC to conduct the data collection and analysis.

The results of these studies will support the replication and dissemination of these fall prevention programs and enable them to reach more older adults. States require data on impact and cost in order to obtain sustainable and supplemental funding to maintain programs after funding from AoA ends.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Program Coordinators	Cost Assessment	200	1	2	400
Program Participants	Impact Survey	300	1	1	300
Total	700

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Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; NCCAM Customer Service Data Collection

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. A notice of this proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on

June 26, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 122, page 30577). To date, no public comments have been received. The purpose of this notice is to announce a final 30 days for public comment. NIH may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: NCCAM Customer Service Data Collection.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Revision.

Need and Use of Information

Collection: NCCAM provides the public, patients, families, health care providers, complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners, and others with the latest scientifically based information on CAM and information about NCCAM's programs through a variety of channels, including its toll-free telephone information

service. NCCAM wishes to continue to measure customer satisfaction with NCCAM telephone interactions and to assess which audiences are being reached through these channels. This effort involves a telephone survey consisting of 10 questions, which 25 percent of all callers are asked to answer, for an annual total of approximately 983 respondents. NCCAM uses the data collected from the survey to help program staff measure the impact of their communication efforts, tailor services to the public and health care providers, measure service use among special populations, and assess the most effective media and messages to reach these audiences.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Type of Respondents: Patients, spouses/family/friends of patients, health care providers, physicians, CAM practitioners, or other individuals contacting the NCCAM Clearinghouse.

The annual reporting burden is as follows: