

Rationale for Non-substantive Changes to MCPSS Instrument

Under the approved OMB control number (OCN) # 0938-0915 CMS included a request to include a limited number of questions (up to 3) devoted to late-emerging topics. At the time of the initial OMB approval only 2 specific questions were identified. We received an OMB follow-up email request stating, "Would CMS be comfortable submitting a "non-substantive" change request each time it wishes to change the topic? We are not at liberty to approve a collection without a description of what it is asking, so we would need to somehow sync up the public record (in ROCIS) with whatever CMS is using. The "non-substantive" change request is one fairly quick way to change the topic of this type of survey."

CMS is in agreement with submitting a "non-substantive" change request for changes we need to make to the emerging topic questions. (CMS-10097, OMB Passback, 11/03/09) Therefore, we submit this "non-substantive" change request for OMB approval to revise question number B.11 in Section B: Provider Outreach & Education. This question is being revised to change to obtain provider feedback regarding CMS communication and training efforts as it related to DME Competitive Bidding. The revision is as follows:

Section B:

Current:

B. 11. In the last 12 months, how satisfied have you been with CMS' educational and outreach efforts on preventive services?

- 1 Very dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 Satisfied
- 5 Very satisfied

Revision:

B. 11. In the last 12 months, how satisfied have you been with CMS' educational and outreach efforts on DME Competitive Bidding?

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The emerging topic may be changed from year to year, but the base question would remain the same. Providers would rate the question on the current MCPSS scale of 1-5.

Also note, SciMetrika, LLC replaced Westat as the CMS MCPSS survey contractor as of August 23, 2009. The SciMetrika will implement changes to the survey instrument upon OMB approval.