

Application to Use Burden/Hours from Generic PRA Clearance:  
Medicaid and CHIP State Plan, Waiver, and Program Submissions  
(CMS-10398, OMB 0938-1148)

**Information Collection #14 MAGI Conversion Plan**

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Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

**CMS requests expedited approval of this collection instrument for release upon OMB approval. An expedited approval is needed to give states time to meet our deadline. We are asking states to return their plan to us by April 30, 2013.**

## **A. Background**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) work in partnership with States to implement Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Together these programs provide health coverage to millions of Americans. Medicaid and CHIP are based in Federal statute, associated regulations and policy guidance, and the approved State plan documents that serve as a contract between CMS and States about how Medicaid and CHIP will be operated in that State. CMS works collaboratively with States in the ongoing management of programs and policies, and CMS continues to develop implementing guidance and templates for States to use to elect new options available as a result of the Affordable Care Act or to comply with new statutory provisions. CMS also continues to work with States through other methods to further the goals of health reform, including program waivers and demonstrations, and other technical assistance initiatives. States and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) share responsibility for operating Medicaid programs consistent with title XIX of the Social Security Act and its implementing regulations. Together, the federal and state governments share accountability for the integrity of the total investment of dollars in the Medicaid program and the extent to which that investment produces value for beneficiaries and taxpayers

## **B. Description of Information Collection**

As required by Section 1902(e)(14)(E) of the Social Security Act, each state submit for approval the income eligibility thresholds for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) proposed to be established using modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). As described in the December 28, 2012 State Health Officials' Letter on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) income conversion, states can choose among three options to convert net standards for Medicaid and CHIP to MAGI equivalent standards. The purpose of the MAGI Conversion Plan is to provide CMS with information about each state's MAGI conversion methodology, as well as the data used and results of conversion. States are required to submit information about their conversion methodology, data and results for income conversions related to eligibility and those required for FMAP claiming in accordance with CMS' FMAP rule.

## **C. Deviations from Generic Request**

No deviations are requested.

## **D. Burden Hour Deduction**

The total approved burden ceiling of the generic ICR is 86,240 hours, and CMS previously requested to use 22,628 hours, leaving our burden ceiling at 63,612 hours. CMS estimates that each State will complete the collection of data and submission to CMS within 20 hours. There is

a potential universe of 56 respondents, so the total burden deducted from the total for this request is 1,120 hours.

**E. Timeline**

CMS hopes to deploy this collection in April 2013.

The following attachments are provided for this information collection:

- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Conversion Plan