

# SUPPORTING STATEMENT

## 1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The Health Coverage Improvement, Section 1899E of the ARRA authorizes the continuation of HCTC benefits for qualified family members after the original HCTC candidate experiences death or divorce. The family member will complete this form in order to verify the event that made them eligible for the HCTC.

## 2. USE OF DATA

The information provided by the respondent will be used to verify family member's eligibility for the HCTC program.

## 3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices, and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998.

## 4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

Respondents will be asked to provide demographic information to identify themselves. This information will be captured in the registration system and will be searchable to avoid duplication. We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

## 5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

Not applicable because the Family Member Eligibility Form does not collect information from small businesses.

## 6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Without collecting the information requested in the form, the HCTC program will have no way to verify the eligibility of the family members.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Not applicable.

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding the HCTC registration form for Medicare family members.

In response to the Federal Register notice (78 FR 20175), dated April 3, 2013, we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 14116.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

The Family Member Eligibility Form requests limited sensitive information about the original HCTC candidate and family members solely for the purpose of verifying eligibility.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

List the number of responses, time per response, and total burden for each form included in the submission.

The burden estimate is as follows:

	Number of Responses	Time per Response	Total Hours
HCTC registration form	180	10 mins.	30

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

### 13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register notice dated April 3, 2013 (78 FR 20175) requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any response from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

### 14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

No additional equipment will be needed, there will be minimal printing needs for this form given the number of anticipated respondents. Estimate cost is about \$20 annually (assuming order of 1,000 forms at 2 cents a form).

### 15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

### 16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

### 17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulation sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

### 18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB PRA SUBMISSION FORM

Not applicable. Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

### 19. REASON FOR EMERGENCY SUBMISSION

Not applicable.