

**Response to Public Comments**  
**Medical Necessity and Contract Amendments Under Mental Health Parity**  
**CMS-10556 (OMB 0938-1280)**

Comments were submitted in relation to the extension of ICs associated with our March 30, 2016, Medicaid and CHIP mental health parity final rule (CMS–2333–F; RIN 0938–AS24). The 60-day extension notice published in the Federal Register on July 3, 2019 (84 FR 31870), comments were due by September 3, 2019.

We received one comment from the National Health Law Program (NHeLP). The comment strongly supported the continuation of CMS’ existing information collection requirements contained in the parity final rule.

Summary of Comment 1: NHeLP offered strong support in their letter for CMS to continue to collect information to ensure compliance with Medicaid mental health parity rules. NHeLP described the importance of the Medicaid parity regulations and noted that the current information collection activities are well-designed to ensure that states and CMS have the information they need to enforce parity. NHeLP noted that should CMS consider changes in the future, they recommend that CMS aim to increase the transparency about parity for beneficiaries.

CMS Response: Thank you for the comment. We appreciate your comments about the importance of the parity regulations and the current information collection requirements.

Action(s) Taken: No revisions to regulatory requirements, burden estimates or associated documents were made as a result of this comment.