

Supporting Statement – Part A
Children’s Health Insurance Program Managed Care and Supporting Regulations
CMS-10554, OMB-0938-1282

Background

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 457.10, 457.204, 457.940, 457.950, 457.1200, 457.1201, 457.1203, 457.1206, 457.1207, 457.1208, 457.1210, 457.1212, 457.1214, 457.1216, 457.1218, 457.1220, 457.1222, 457.1224, 457.1226, 457.1228, 457.1230, 457.1233, 457.1240, 457.1250, 457.1260, 457.1270, and 457.1285.

This iteration is associated with the changes proposed in our May 3, 2023 (88 FR 28092) NPRM (CMS-2439-P; RIN 0938-AU99) which would advance CMS’s efforts to improve access to care, quality and health outcomes, and better address health equity issues for Medicaid and CHIP managed care enrollees. The proposed rule would strengthen standards for timely access to care and states’ monitoring and enforcement efforts; enhance quality as well as fiscal and program integrity standards for Medicaid state directed payments (SDPs); specify the scope of in lieu of services and settings to better address health-related social needs (HRSNs); further specify medical loss ratio (MLR) requirements; and establish a framework and other requirements for states to implement a quality rating system (QRS) to compare and framework Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans.

Our overarching goal for these regulations is to align CHIP managed care standards with those of the Marketplace and Medicaid where practical to ensure consistency across programs. As discussed in section I of the preamble, in the final rule, we are revising existing Medicaid regulations in order to modernize managed care contracting and service delivery while improving health care outcomes and beneficiary experience in a cost-effective manner. To the extent appropriate, the final and proposed regulations for CHIP are aligned with the revisions made for Medicaid.

A. Justification

1. Need and Legal Basis

Section 403 of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) added section 2103(f)(3) to the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 2103(f)(3) of the Act applies sections 1932(a)(4), 1932(a)(5), 1932(b), 1932(c), 1932(d), and 1932(e) of the Act to CHIP.

In addition, CMS-2390-F implements section 2107(e)(1)(M) of the Act, as added by section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This provision applies sections 1932(a)(2)(C) and 1932(h) of the Act, which provide protections for American Indians to CHIP. The CMS-2390-F final rule implements statutory provisions related to program integrity, specifically sections 2107(b) and 2107(e)(2)(C) through (E) of the Act.

The CMS-2408-F affirms the continued federal commitment to partner with states by noting key areas to improve collaboration with states and move toward more effective program management.

The proposed CMS-2439-P would strengthen CMS's oversight of Medicaid and CHIP managed care programs by improving CMS's ability to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of states' managed care plans.

2. Information Users

General

CHIP enrollees use the information collected and reported to make informed choices regarding health care, including how to access health care services and the grievance and appeal system.

States use the information collected and reported as part of contracting processes with managed care entities, as well as its compliance oversight role.

CMS uses the information collected and reported in an oversight role of State CHIP managed care programs and CHIP state agencies.

EQRO provisions

Section 2102 of the Social Security Act requires that the state agency provide to the EQRO information from the EQR-related activities, obtained through methods consistent with the Protocols specified by CMS.

Section 457.1250 extends the availability of the results of the EQR to the public. In addition to responding to requests, states must post the EQR technical reports on their websites. This allows CHIP enrollees and potential enrollees to make informed choices regarding the selection of their providers. It also allows advocacy organizations, researchers, and other interested parties access to information on the quality of care provided to CHIP beneficiaries enrolled in CHIP managed care organizations (MCO), prepaid inpatient health plans (PIHP), and prepaid ambulatory health plans (PAHP).

Comprehensive quality strategy provisions

As required in § 457.1240, CHIP beneficiaries and stakeholders use the information collected and reported to understand the state's quality improvement goals and objectives, and to understand how the state is measuring progress on its goals. The QRS also provides beneficiaries the information and performance ratings to make an informed choice when comparing and selecting managed care plans.

States use this information to help monitor and assess the performance of their CHIP programs. This information may assist states in comparing the outcomes of different delivery systems and can assist them in identifying future performance improvement subjects.

3. Use of Information Technology

Sections 457.1201, 457.1203, 457.1230, and 457.1240 contain requirements concerning specific reporting to CMS and will all be done electronically.

Most of the other sections do not involve submitting information to any entity; those that do concern the submission of information between the State and plans. Because this concerns disclosure to a third party, we are not in the position to dictate how the information may be disclosed.

4. Duplication of Efforts

The information collection requirements (ICRs) under section 12 of this Supporting Statement do not duplicate any other information collections.

5. Small Businesses

The information collection requirements are limited to state and private sector, for example, managed care entities (MCEs), respondents. Neither of the respondents are small businesses.

6. Less Frequent Collection

These ICRs were mandated by CHIPRA, ARRA, and the Affordable Care Act. If CMS were to collect them less frequently, we would be in violation of the law.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances. More specifically, this information collection does not do any of the following:

- Require respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;
- Require respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;
- Require respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;
- Require respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;
- Is connected with a statistical survey that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study,
- Require the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;
- Includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or

-Require respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

8. Federal Register/Outside Consultation

Serving as the 60-day notice, the proposed rule (CMS-2439-P; RIN 0938-AU99) published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2023 (88 FR 28092).

As the collection of information request was not posted for public review or submitted to OMB we are making up for that oversight by publishing a standalone 60-day notice in the Federal Register on August 28, 2023 (88 FR 58588). Comments must be received by October 27, 2023.

9. Payments/Gifts to Respondents

There is no payment/gift to respondents.

10. Confidentiality

The information received by CMS is aggregate in nature and does not include the identity of any individual patient. This information is not confidential and its release would fall under the Freedom of Information Act.

The information collected by states under §§457.1240 and 457.1250 will be subject to state freedom of information requirements. However, as per section 1932(c)(2)(A)(iv) of the Act, the results of EQR may not be made available in a manner that discloses the identity of any individual patient.

11. Sensitive Questions

There are no sensitive questions associated with this collection. Specifically, the collection does not solicit questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

12. Burden Estimates (Hours & Wages)

12.1 Wages

States and the Private Sector: To derive average costs, we used data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' May 2021 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for all salary estimates (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm). In this regard, the following table presents BLS' mean hourly wage, our estimated cost of fringe benefits and other indirect costs (calculated at 100 percent of salary), and our adjusted hourly wage.

Table 1: Occupation Titles and Wages

Occupation Title	Occupation Code	Mean Hourly Wage(\$/hr)*	Fringe Benefits and Other Indirect Costs (\$/hr)	Adjusted Hourly Wage(\$/hr)
All Occupations (CMS-2439-P)	00-0000	28.01	n/a	n/a
Accountant (CMS-2439-P)	13-2011	40.37	40.37	80.74
Business Operations Specialist	13-1000	37.66	37.66	75.32
Business Operations Specialist, All Other (CMS-2439-P)	13-1199	38.64	38.64	77.28
Computer Programmer*	15-1251	45.98	45.98	91.96
Computer Programmer (CMS-2439-P)	15-1251	54.68	54.68	109.36
Database Administrator (CMS-2439-P)	15-1242	49.25	49.25	98.50
General and Operations Mgr	11-1021	60.45	60.45	120.90
General and Operations Manager (CMS-2439-P)	11-1021	55.41	55.41	110.82
Healthcare Social Worker	21-1022	29.07	29.07	58.14
Mail Clerk	43-9051	16.20	16.20	32.40
Medical Records Specialist (CMS-2439-P)	29-2072	23.23	23.23	46.46
Office and Administrative Support Worker	43-9000	18.41	18.41	36.82
Office Clerk, General (CMS-2439-P)	43-9061	18.98	18.98	37.96
Registered Nurse	29-1141	38.47	38.47	76.94

Registered Nurse (CMS-2439-P)	29-1141	39.78	39.78	79.56
Web Developer (CMS-2439-P)	15-1245	39.09	39.09	78.18

*Our currently approved (active) collection of information uses BLS' May 2018 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates which set out Occupation Code 15-1131 for a Computer Programmer. That Occupation Code has since been replaced with Occupation Code 15-1251.

As indicated, we are adjusting our employee hourly wage estimates by a factor of 100 percent. This is necessarily a rough adjustment, both because fringe benefits and other indirect costs vary significantly from employer to employer, and because methods of estimating these costs vary widely from study to study. Nonetheless, we believe that doubling the hourly wage to estimate total cost is a reasonably accurate estimation method.

Wages for Individuals: To derive average costs for individuals, we used data from the National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for our salary estimate. We believe that the burden will be addressed under All Occupations (occupation code 00-0000) at \$28.01/hr since the group of individual respondents varies widely from working and nonworking individuals and by respondent age, location, years of employment, and educational attainment, etc.

Unlike our state/private sector adjustment to the respondent's hourly wage, we are not adjusting this figure for fringe benefits and other indirect costs since the individuals' activities would occur outside the scope of their employment.

12.2 Burden Estimates

Section 457.1201 Standard Contract Requirements Section 457.1201 contains a list of standard requirements that must be included in MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM contracts. The following burden estimate addresses the effort to amend such contracts in addition to the contract amendments associated with §§457.1203, 457.1207, 457.1208, 457.1209, 457.1210, 457.1212, 457.1218, 457.1220, 457.1222, 457.1224, 457.1226, 457.1228, 457.1230, 457.1233, 457.1240, 457.1250, 457.1260, 457.1270, and 457.1285. We estimate a one-time **state burden** of 6 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to amend all contracts associated with the aforementioned requirements. In aggregate, we estimate 372 hr (62 contracts x 6 hr) and \$28,019 (372 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **124 hr** at a cost of **\$9,340**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.
(Estimate 12.1 (S))

Section 457.1201 In Lieu of Services (ILOS) Contract and Supporting Documentation Requirements Proposed amendments at §§ 438.16 and 457.1201 would require States that provide ILOSs, with the exception of short term IMD stays, to comply with additional information collection requirements. For CHIP, we estimate that half of the States with MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPS (16 States) provide ILOSs and would be subject to the additional information collection requirements._

Proposals at §§ 438.16(d)(1) and 457.1201(e) would require States that elect to use ILOS to include additional documentation requirements in their managed care plan contracts. We anticipate that 16 States for CHIP would need 1 hour at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to amend 100 CHIP contracts annually. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1201(e) we estimate an annual State burden of 100 hours (100 contracts x 1 hr) at a cost of \$7,728 (100 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.133)**

Proposals at §§ 438.16(d)(2) and 457.1201(e) would require some States to provide to CMS additional documentation to describe the process and supporting data the State used to determine each ILOS to be a medically appropriate and cost-effective substitute. This additional documentation would be required for States with a projected ILOS cost percentage greater than 1.5 percent. We anticipate that approximately 5 States may be required to submit this additional documentation. We estimate it would take 2 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to provide this documentation. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1201(e) we estimate the same annual State burden of 10 hours (5 States x 2 hr) at a cost of \$773 (10 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.134)**

Proposals at §§ 438.16(e)(1) and 457.1201(e) would require States with a final ILOS cost percentage greater than 1.5 percent to submit an evaluation for ILOSs to CMS. We anticipate that approximately 5 States may be required to develop and submit an evaluation. We estimate it would take 25 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1201(e), we estimate the same annual State burden of 125 hours (5 States x 25 hr) at a cost of \$9,660 (125 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.135)**

An ILOS may be terminated by either a State, a managed care plan, or by CMS. Proposals at §§ 438.16(e)(2)(iii) and 457.1201(e) would require States to develop an ILOS transition of care policy. We estimate both a one-time burden and an annual burden for these proposals. We estimate for a one-time burden, it would take: 2 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer and 2 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business and operations specialist for initial development of a transition of care policy. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1201(e), we estimate a one-time State burden 64 hours (16 States x 4 hr) at a cost of \$5,973 (16 States x [(2 hr x \$109.36/hr) + (2 hr x \$77.28/hr)]). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 21 hours and \$1,991. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.136-137)**

For updates to reflect specific ILOSs, we also estimate that this proposed ILOS transition of care policy would have an annual burden of 1 hour at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist per State. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1201(e), we estimate an annual State burden of 16 hours (16 States x 1 hr) at a cost of \$1,236 (16 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.138)**

For MCOs, PIHPs, or PAHPs that would need to implement a transition policy when an ILOS is terminated, we estimate that on an annual basis, 20 percent of managed care plans (40 plans for CHIP) may need to implement this policy. We estimate an annual managed care plan burden of 2 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to implement the policy. In aggregate for

CHIP for § 457.1201(e), we estimate an annual burden of 80 hours (40 plans x 2 hr) at a cost of \$6,182 (80 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.180)**

Section 457.1203 Rate development and Medical Loss Ratio Section 457.1203 applies the requirements of §438.8 to CHIP. The regulation at §438.8(c) requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs report to the state annually their total expenditures on all claims and non-claims related activities, premium revenue, the calculated MLR, and, if applicable under other authority, any remittance owed.

We estimate the total number of MLR reports that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs will be required to submit to the state will amount to 58 reports. We estimate a one-time burden of 168 hr for the initial administration activities. In the first year, we estimate that 60 percent of the time will be completed by a computer programmer (101 hr at \$91.96/hr), 30 percent will be completed by a business operations specialist (50 hr at \$75.32/hr), and 10 percent will be completed by a general and operations manager (17 hr at \$120.90/hr).

The burden amounts to 168 hr and \$15,109.26 ((101 hr x \$91.96) + (50 hr x \$75.32) + (17 hr x \$120.90)) per report or, in aggregate, **9,744 hr** (58 reports x 168 hr) and **\$876,337** (58 x \$15,109). **(Estimate 12.2 (PS))**

In subsequent years, since the programming and processes established in year 1 will continue to be used, the burden will be decrease from 168 hr to an ongoing burden of approximately 53 hr. Using the same proportions of labor allotment, we estimate 53 hr and \$4,763 ((31.8 hr x \$91.96 (Estimate 12.5 (PS)) + (15.9 hr x \$75.32 (Estimate 12.6 (PS)) + (5.3 hr x \$120.90 (Estimate 12.7 (PS))) per report and a total of **3,074 hr** (53 hr x 58 reports) and **\$276,236** (58 reports x \$4,763). **(Estimate 12.3 (PS))**

We expect states to permit MCOs and PIHPs to submit the report electronically. Since the submission time is included in our reporting estimate, we are not setting out the burden for submitting the report.

Proposed amendments to §§ 438.8 and 457.1203 would require that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs report to the State annually their total expenditures on all claims and non-claims related activities, premium revenue, the calculated MLR, and, if applicable, any remittance owed. We estimate the total number of MLR reports that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs were required to submit to States amount to 199 CHIP contracts. All MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs need to report the information specified under § 457.1203 regardless of their credibility status.

The proposed amendments to §§ 438.8(k)(1)(vii) and 457.1203(f) would require that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs develop their annual MLR reports compliant with the proposed expense allocation methodology. To meet this requirement, we anticipate it would take: 1 hr at \$80.74/hr for an accountant, 1 hr at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist, and 1 hr at \$110.82/hr for a general operations manager. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1203(f), we estimate an annual private sector burden of 597 hours (199 contracts x 3 hr) at a cost of \$53,499 [199 contracts x ((1 hr x \$80.74/hr) + (1 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (1 hr x \$110.82/hr))]. **(Estimates 12.181 - 183)**

The proposed amendments to §§ 438.74 and 457.1203(e) would require States to comply with data aggregation requirements for their annual reports to CMS. We estimate that only 5 States would need to resubmit MLR reports to comply with the proposed data aggregation changes. We anticipate that it would take 5 hours x \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1203(e) we estimate a one-time State burden of 25 hours (5 States x 5 hr) at a cost of \$1,932 (5 States x 5 hr x \$77.28/hr). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates for CHIP to 8 hours and \$644. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.141)**

Section 457.1203 Regarding Standard Contract Requirements Proposed amendments to §§ 438.3(i) and 457.1203(f) would require that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs report provider incentive payments based on standard metrics for provider performance. The proposed amendments to § 438.8(e)(2) would define the provider incentive payments that could be included in the MLR calculation; however, the administrative burden for these changes is attributable to the managed care contracting process, so we are attributing these costs to the contracting requirements in § 438.3(i). Approximately half (or 100 CHIP contracts) of all MCO, PIHP, and PAHP contracts would require modification to reflect these changes. For the contract modifications, we estimate it would take 2 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 1 hour at \$110.82/hr for a general operations manager. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1203(f) we estimate a one-time State burden of 300 hours (100 contracts x 3 hr) at a cost of \$26,538 [100 contracts x ((2 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (1 hr x \$110.82/hr))]. As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 66 hours and \$8,819. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.137-138)**

To report provider incentive payment based on standard metrics, MCOs, PIHP, and PAHPs would need to select standard metrics, develop appropriate payment arrangements, and then modify the affected providers' contracts. We estimate it would take 120 hours consisting of: 80 hours x \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 40 hours x \$110.82/hr for a general and operations manager. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1203(f) we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 12,000 hours (100 contracts x 120 hr) at a cost of \$1,061,520 [100 contracts x ((80 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (40 hr x \$110.82/hr))]. **(Estimates 12.184-185)**

To do the annual reconciliations needed to make the incentive payments and include the expenditures in their annual report required by 438.8(k), we estimate MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs would take 1 hour at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate for CHIP, we estimate an annual private sector burden of 100 hours (100 contracts x 1 hr) and \$7,728 (100 contracts x 1 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.186)**

Section 457.1206 Non-emergency Medical Transportation PAHPs Section 457.1206 provides a list of standard requirements that must be included in NEMT PAHP contracts.

The following burden estimate addresses the effort to amend such contracts in addition to the contract amendments associated with §§457.1203, 457.1207, 457.1208, 457.1209, 457.1212, 457.1214, 457.1216, 457.1220, 457.1222, 457.1224, 457.1226, 457.1230, and 457.1233. We estimate a one-time state burden of 4 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to amend all contracts associated with the aforementioned requirements. In aggregate, we estimate 12 hr (3 contracts x 4 hr) and \$904 (12 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **4 hr** at a cost of **\$301** . We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.8 (S))**

Section 457.1207 Information Requirements Section 457.1207 applies the requirements of §438.10 to CHIP.

Section 438.10(c)(1) requires that states with separate CHIPs with managed care (25) to provide enrollment notices, informational materials, and instructional materials in an easily understood format. We anticipate that most states already do this and will only have to make minor revisions. We estimate an annual burden of 4 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to make these revisions. In aggregate, we estimate **100 hr** (25 states x 4 hr) and **\$7,532** (100 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.9 (S))**

Section 438.10(c)(3) requires that states operate a website which provides the information set out under §438.10(f). Since all states already have websites for their Medicaid programs and most also include information about their managed care program, most states will probably only have to make minor revisions to their existing website. We estimate a one-time state burden of 6 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to make the initial changes. In aggregate, we estimate **150 hr** (25 states x 6 hr) and **\$13,794** (150 hr x \$91.96/hr) **(Estimate 12.10 (S))**.

We also estimate an annual burden of 3 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to periodically add or update documents and links on the website. In aggregate, we estimate **75 hr** (25 states x 3 hr) and **\$6,897** (75 hr x \$91.96/hr). **(Estimate 12.11 (S))**

Section 438.10(c)(4)(i) recommends that states develop definitions for commonly used terms to enhance consistency of the information provided to enrollees. We estimate a one-time state burden of 6 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to develop these definitions. In aggregate, we estimate 150 hr (25 states x 6 hr) and \$11,298 (150 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **50 hr** at a cost of **\$3,766** . We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.12 (S))**

Section 438.10(c)(4)(ii) recommends that states create model enrollee handbooks and notices. Since many states already provide model handbooks and notices to their entities, we estimate that 15 states may need to take action to comply with this provision. We estimate a one-time state burden of 40 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create these documents.

In aggregate, we estimate **600 hr** (15 states x 40 hr) and **\$45,192** (600 hr x \$75.32/hr).
(Estimate 12.13 (S))

We also estimate an annual state burden of 2 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to maintain these documents. In aggregate, we estimate **30 hr** (15 states x 2 hr) and **\$2,260** (30 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.14 (S))**

Section 438.10(d)(1) requires that states identify prevalent non-English languages spoken in each managed care entity's service area. Given that states must already determine the prevalent non-English languages spoken in their entire Medicaid service area based on the policy guidance "Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - National Origin Discrimination Against Persons With Limited English Proficiency" from the U.S. Department of Justice, we believe that dividing the information by plan service area requires only minimal IT programming. More specifically, we estimate a one-time **state burden** of 4 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to create these reports. In aggregate, we estimate 100 hr (25 states x 4 hr) and \$9,196(100 hr x \$91.96/hr) to create these reports.

Annually, we estimate **33.3 hr** at a cost of **\$3,062**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.
(Estimate 12.15 (S))

We estimate no additional burden for the running of these reports as they will be put into a production schedule, and putting a report into production adds no additional burden.

Section 438.10(d)(2)(i) requires that states add taglines to all printed materials for potential enrollees explaining the availability of translation and interpreter services as well as the phone number for choice counseling assistance. We estimate a one-time state burden of 2 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create the taglines and another 4 hr to revise all document originals. In aggregate, we estimate **150 hr** (25 states x 6 hr) and **\$11,298** (150 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.16 (S))**

As the prevalent languages within a state do not change frequently, we are not estimating burden for the rare updates that will be needed to these taglines.

Section 438.10(e)(1) clarifies that states can provide required information in paper or electronic format. As the amount and type of information that can be provided electronically will vary greatly among the states due to enrollee access and knowledge of electronic communication methods, it is not possible to estimate with any accuracy the amount that will be able to be converted from written to electronic format. Therefore, we will use estimates for all written materials knowing that some of this burden will be alleviated as the states are gradually able to convert to electronic communication methods. Many states already provide similar information to potential enrollees, so we anticipate that only 15 states will need to create these materials. We estimate a one-time state burden of 40 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create the materials. In aggregate, we estimate a burden of 600 hr (15 states x 40 hr) and \$45,192 (600 hr x \$75.32/hr) **(Estimate 12.17 (S))**.

Annually, we estimate **200 hr** at a cost of **\$15,064** . We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.17 (S))**

For existing states, we estimate 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to update or revise existing materials. We estimate a one-time state burden of 25 hr (25 states x 1 hr) and \$1,883 (25 hr x \$75.32/hr) to update or revise existing materials **(Estimate 12.18 (S))**.

Annually, we estimate **8.3 hr** at a cost of **\$625** . We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.18 (S))**

We also estimate 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to mail the materials to 5 percent of the enrollees that are new (115,000 enrollees).

We estimate an ongoing burden of **1,917 hr** (115,000 enrollees x 1 min) and **\$70,584** (1,917 hr x \$36.82/hr) to mail materials. **(Estimate 12.19 (S))**

Although §438.10(g)(1) and (2) require the provision of an enrollee handbook, Medicaid regulations have always required the provision of this information (although it did not specifically call it a “handbook”) so we do not anticipate that all entities will need to create a new handbook. Additionally, given the requirement in §438.10(c)(4)(ii) (which is adopted in CHIP through §457.1207) for the state to provide a model template for the handbook, the burden on an entity is greatly reduced. We estimate approximately 5 new managed care entities per year using 10 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create a handbook using their state’s model template. In aggregate, we estimate **50 hr** (5 entities x 10 hr) and **\$3,766** (50 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.20 (PS))**

For existing MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs that already have a method for distributing the information, we believe that 20 entities will need to modify their existing handbook to comply with a new model provided by the state. We also estimate a one-time private sector burden of 4 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to update their entity’s handbook. In aggregate, we estimate **80 hr** (20 entities x 4 hr) and **\$6,026** (80 hr x \$75.32/hr) to update handbooks. **(Estimate 12.21 (PS))**

Once revised, we estimate 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to send these handbooks to 1,150,000 enrollees (50 percent of total enrollment). To send the updated handbooks, we estimate **19,167hr** (1,150,000 enrollees x 1 min) and **\$705,729** (19,167 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.22 (PS))**

All new enrollees must receive a handbook within a reasonable time after receiving notice of the beneficiary’s enrollment. We assume a 5 percent enrollee growth rate thus 115,000 enrollees (5 percent of 2,300,000) will need to receive a handbook each year. (Existing enrollees typically do not receive a new handbook annually unless significant changes have occurred so this estimate is for new beneficiaries only.) We estimate a private sector burden of 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to mail the handbook. In aggregate, we estimate **1,917**

hr (115,000 enrollees x 1 min) and **\$70,584** (1,917 hr x \$36.82/hr) to send handbooks to new enrollees. **(Estimate 12.23 (PS))**

All entities will need to keep their handbook up to date. In this regard, we estimate an annual private sector burden of 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to update the handbook. While the updates need to be made as program changes occur, we estimate 1 hr since each change may only take a few minutes to make. In aggregate, we estimate **62 hr** (62 entities x 1 hr) and **\$4,670** (62 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.24 (PS))**

Section 438.10(h) requires that MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs make a provider directory available in paper or electronic form. Producing a provider directory is a longstanding Medicaid requirement in §438.10, as well in the private health insurance market. Additionally, given the time sensitive nature of provider information and the notorious high error rate in printed directories, most provider information is now obtained via website or by calling the customer service unit. Thus, the only new burden estimated is the time for a computer programmer to add a few additional fields of data as appropriate, specifically, provider website addresses, additional disability accommodations, and adding behavioral and long-term services and support providers. We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 1 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to update the existing directory. In aggregate, we estimate **62 hr** (62 entities x 1 hr) and **\$5,702** (62 hr x \$91.96/hr). Updates after creation of the original program will be put on a production schedule, which generates no additional burden. **(Estimate 12.25 (PS))**

Proposed amendments to §§ 438.10(c)(3) and 457.1207 would require States to operate a website that provides the information required in § 438.10(f). We propose to require that States include required information on one page, use clear labeling, and verify correct functioning and accurate content at least quarterly. We anticipate it would take 20 hours at \$109.36/hr once for a computer programmer to place all required information on one page and ensure the use of clear and easy to understand labels on documents and links. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1207, we estimate a one-time State burden of 640 hours (32 States x 20 hr) at a cost of \$69,990 (640 hr x \$109.36/hr). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 213 hours and \$23,294. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.142)**

We also anticipate that it would take 40 hr at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to periodically add and verify the function and content on the site at least quarterly (10 hours/quarter). In aggregate for Medicaid for we estimate an annual State burden of 1,800 hours (45 States x 40 hr) at a cost of \$196,848 (1,800 hr x \$109.36/hr). Due to the additional proposal to post summary enrollee experience survey results by separate CHIP managed care plan on the State's website, we estimate an additional 1 hour at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to post these comparative data annually for a total of 41 hours. For CHIP, we estimate an annual State burden of 1,312 hours (32 States x 41 hr) at a cost of \$143,480 (1,312 hr x \$109.36/hr). **(Estimate 12.143)**

Section 457.1209 Requirements that Apply to MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM Contracts Involving Indians, Indian Health Care Providers, and Indian Managed Care Entities

Section 457.1209 applies the requirements of §438.14 to CHIP.

Section 438.14(c) requires states to make supplemental payments to Indian providers if the managed care entity does not pay at least the amount paid to Indian providers under the FFS program. There are approximately 18 states with separate CHIPs that have federally recognized tribes. We do not know how many managed care entities have Indian providers, but estimate that it is approximately 40 entities. This type of payment arrangement typically involves the managed care entity sending a report to the state, which then calculates and pays the amount owed to the Indian health care provider. We estimate it will take 1 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to create the claims report and approximately 12 hr at \$75.32/hr for a state business operations specialist to process the payments. We estimate that approximately 18 states will need to use this type of arrangement. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 40 hr (40 entities x 1 hr) and \$3,678 (40 hr x \$91.96/hr).

Annually, we estimate **13.3 hr** at a cost of **\$1,223**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.26 (PS))**

We also estimate an ongoing state burden of **216 hr** (18 states x 12 hr) and **\$16,269** (216 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.27 (S))**

After the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM report is created, it will most likely run automatically at designated times and sent electronically to the state as the normal course of business operations; therefore, no additional burden is estimated after the first year. (Note: this process is not necessary when the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM entity pays the IHCP at least the full amount owed under this regulation.)

Section 457.1210 Managed Care Enrollment Section 457.1210(a) requires states to establish a process for prioritizing individuals for enrollment into managed care plans. Establishing a default enrollment process requires policy changes and require the state to send notices to enrollees once they have been enrolled in a plan. We estimate that states will need to use the default enrollment process specified in §457.1210(a) for 5 percent of enrollees (115,000), and that it will take 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to send the notice. In aggregate, we estimate **1,917hr** (115,000 beneficiaries x 1 min) and **\$70,584** (1,917 hr x \$36.82/hr) to send the notices. **(Estimate 12.28 (S))**

Section 457.1210(c) requires states to send a notice to potential enrollees. We believe some states already send such notices, so that only 15 states will have to develop new notices. We estimate that it will take 4 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create the notice. We estimate a one-time burden of 60 hr (4 hr x 15 states) and \$4,519 (60 hr x \$75.32/hr) to develop the notice.

Annually, we estimate **20 hr** at a cost of **\$1,506**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.29 (S))**

In addition, we estimate that states would need to send notices to 5 percent of enrollees (115,000) who would be new to managed care each year. We estimate it would take 1 min/enrollee 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to mail each notice. We estimate a total annual burden of **1,917 hr** (115,000 beneficiaries x 1 min) and **\$70,584** (1,917 hr x \$36.82/hr) to send the notices. **(Estimate 12.30 (S))**

Section 457.1212 Disenrollment Section 457.1212 applies the requirements of §438.56 to CHIP.

To disenroll, §438.56(d)(1) requires that the beneficiary (or his or her representative) submit an oral or written request to the state agency (or its agent) or to the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM, where permitted. We estimate that 5 percent of MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM enrollees will request that they be disenrolled from an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM each year. We also estimate approximately one-fourth of the enrollees will choose a written rather than an oral request.

We estimate an ongoing burden of 10 min for an enrollee to generate a written disenrollment request and 3 min per oral request. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden (written requests) of **4,792 hr** (28,750 enrollees x 10 min) and **4,313 hr** (86,250 enrollees x 3 min) for oral requests.

Section 457.1214 Conflict of Interest Safeguards Section 457.1214 applies the requirements of §438.58 to CHIP. The following requirements and burden estimates were set out in the proposed rule and are being adopted with minor revisions to reflect BLS' updated hourly wage data. No comments were received.

Section 438.58 requires that states have in place safeguards against conflict of interest for employees or agents of the state who have responsibilities relating to the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. We anticipate that most states already have such safeguards in place, and only 5 states will need to develop new standards to comply with this provision. We estimate a one-time state burden of 10 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to develop those standards. In aggregate, we estimate 50 hr (5 states x 10 hr) and \$3,766 (50 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **16.7 hr** at a cost of **\$1,258**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.31 (S))**

Section 457.1216 Continued Services to Beneficiaries Section 457.1216 applies the requirements of §438.62 to CHIP.

Section 438.62(b)(1) requires that states have a transition of care policy for all beneficiaries moving from FFS CHIP into a MCO, PIHP, PAHP or PCCM, or when an enrollee is moving from one MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM to another and that enrollee would experience a serious detriment to health or be at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization without continued access to services. We estimate a one-time state burden of 10 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations

specialist to develop the transition of care policy. In aggregate, we estimate 250 hr (25 states x 10 hr) and \$18,830 (250 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **83.3 hr** at a cost of **\$6,274**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.
(Estimate 12.32 (S))

Section 438.62(b)(2) requires that MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, or PCCMs implement their own transition of care policy that meets the requirements of §438.62(b)(1). We estimate it will take 4 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to create the program that gathers and sends the FFS data to the MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, or PCCMs. We also estimate each MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM will use 4 hr of a computer programmer time to create programs to receive and store data as well as gather and send data to other plans. We are not estimating additional ongoing burden for the routine running of these reports as they will be put into a production schedule. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 100 hr (25 states x 4 hr) and \$9,196 (100 hr x \$91.96/hr) to create the program that gathers and sends the FFS data to the MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, or PCCMs.

Annually, we estimate **33.3 hr** at a cost of **\$3,062**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.
(Estimate 12.33 (S))

We also estimate a one-time **private sector** burden of 248 hr (62 MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, or PCCMs x 4 hr) and \$22,806 (248 hr x \$91.96/hr) to create programs to receive and store data as well as gather and send data to other plans.

Annually, we estimate **82.67 hr** at a cost of **\$7,602**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.
(Estimate 12.34 (PS))

Once a MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM receives a request or identifies a need to arrange for the transition of services, we estimate a registered nurse at the managed care plan may need 10 min, on average, to access the stored information and take appropriate action. We believe that an average of 25,000 beneficiaries will transition into managed care each year from FFS and 5,000 may switch between plans that meet the state defined standards to qualify for the transition of care policy. In aggregate, we estimate an annual for **private sector** burden of **5,000 hr** (30,000 beneficiaries x 10 min) and **\$384,700** (5,000 hr x \$76.94/hr). **(Estimate 12.35 (PS))**

Section 457.1218 Network Adequacy Standards Section 457.1218 applies the requirements of §438.68 to CHIP.

Section 438.68(a) requires that states set network adequacy standards that each MCO, PIHP and PAHP must follow. Section 438.68(b) and (c) require that states set standards that must include time and distance standards for specific provider types and network standards for LTSS (if the MCO, PIHP or PAHP has those benefits covered through their contract).

We believe some states already comply with these requirements and that only 12 states will need to develop the standards. We estimate a one-time first year burden of 15 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to develop network standards meeting the specific provider types found in §438.68(b)(1). In aggregate, we estimate 180 hr (12 states x 15 hr) and \$13,558 (180 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **60 hr** at a cost of **\$4,519**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.36 (S))**

Very few states include LTSS in CHIP, therefore we estimate only 5 states will need to develop related standards. We estimate a one-time burden of 10 additional hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to develop those standards. In aggregate, we estimate **50 hr** (5 states x 10 hr) and **\$3,766** (50 hr x \$75.32/hr) for the development of LTSS standards. **(Estimate 12.37 (S))**

After network standards are established, we estimate that the maintenance of the network standards will be part of usual and customary business practices and therefore, we do not estimate any burden for states after the first year.

Section 438.68(d) requires that states: (1) develop an exceptions process for plans unable to meet the state's standards; and (2) review network performance for any MCO, PIHP or PAHP to which the state provides an exception. We estimate a one-time state burden of 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to establish an exceptions process. In aggregate, we estimate 75 hr (25 states x 3 hr) and \$5,649(75 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **25 hr** at a cost of **\$1,883**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.38 (S))**

The exception process should not be used very often as MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs meeting the established standards is critical to enrollee access to care. As such, after the exceptions process is established, we estimate that the occasional use of it will not generate any measurable burden after the first year.

Proposed amendments at §§ 438.68(e) and 457.1218 would require States with MCO, PIHP, and PAHPs to develop appointment wait time standards for four provider types. We anticipate it would take: 20 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist for development and 10 hours at \$77.28/hr a business operations specialist for ongoing enforcement of all network adequacy standards. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1218, we estimate a one-time State burden of 640 hours (32 States x 20 hr) at a cost of \$49,459 (640 hr x \$77.28/hr) and an annual State burden of 320 hours (32 States x 10 hr) at a cost of \$24,730 (320 hr x \$77.28/hr). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 320 hours and \$24,729. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.144-145)**

Amendments to §§ 438.68(f) and 457.1218 would require States with MCO, PIHPs, or PAHPs to contract with an independent vendor to perform secret shopper surveys of plan compliance with appointment wait times and accuracy of provider directories and send directory inaccuracies to the State within three days of discovery. In the first year, for procurement, contract implementation, and management, we anticipate it would take: 85 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 25 hours at \$110.82/hr for general operations manager. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1218, we estimate a one-time State burden of 3,520 hours (32 States x 110 hr) at a cost of \$298,858 (32 States x [(85 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (25 hr x \$110.82/hr)]). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 1441 hours and \$129,228. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.146-147)**

In subsequent years, for contract management and analysis of results, we anticipate it would take 50 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 15 hours at \$110.82/hr for general operations manager. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1218 we estimate an annual State burden of 2,080 hours (32 States x 65 hr) at a cost of \$176,842 (32 States x [(50 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (15 hr x \$110.82/hr)]). **(Estimates 12.148-149)**

Section 457.1220 Enrollee Rights Section 457.1220 applies the requirements of §438.100 to CHIP. The following requirements and burden estimates were set out in the proposed rule and are being adopted with minor revisions to reflect BLS' updated hourly wage data. No comments were received.

We do not anticipate a burden associated with implementing this section because the requirements to provide enrollees with treatment options and alternatives, allow enrollees to participate in decisions regarding health care, ensure that enrollees are free from restraint or seclusion, are standard practice in the field. The burden associated with providing information in accordance with 45 CFR §§164.524 and 164.526 is accounted for in the collection of information associated with those regulations. The burden associated with modifying contracts to comply with this regulation are accounted for under §457.1202.

Section 457.1222 Provider-enrollee Communication Section 457.1222 applies the requirements of §438.102 to CHIP. The following requirements and burden estimates were set out in the proposed rule and are being adopted with minor revisions to BLS' update hourly wage data. No comments were received.

Section 438.102(a)(2) provides that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs are not required to cover, furnish, or pay for a particular counseling or referral service if the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP objects to the provision of that service on moral or religious grounds and that written information on these policies is available to: (1) prospective enrollees, before and during enrollment; and (2) current enrollees, within 90 days after adopting the policy for any particular service.

We believe the burden for providing written notice to current enrollees within 90 days of adopting the policy for a specific service, will affect no more than 3 MCOs or PIHPs annually since it will apply only to the services they discontinue providing on moral or religious grounds

during the contract period. PAHPs are excluded from this estimate because they generally do not provide services that are affected by this provision.

We estimate that each of the 3 MCOs or PIHPs will have such a policy change only once annually. We estimate that it will take 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations analyst to update the policies. In aggregate, we estimate **3 hr** (3 MCOs/PIHPs x 1 hr) and **\$226** (3 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.39 (PS))**

We further estimate that it will take 4 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create the notice and 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to mail each notice. With an average MCO/PIHP enrollment of 78,000 enrollees, we estimate a total annual burden of **12 hr** (3 MCOs/PIHPs x 4 hr/notice) and **\$904** (12 hr x \$75.32/hr) to create the notice. **(Estimate 12.40 (PS))**

To mail the notice we estimate **3,900 hr** (3 MCOs/PIHPs x 78,000 enrollees x 1 min/notice) and **\$143,598** (3,900 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.41 (PS))**

Section 457.1224 ICRs Regarding Marketing Activities Section 457.1224 applies the requirements of §438.104 to CHIP.

Section 438.104(c) requires that the state review marketing materials submitted by managed care entities. We believe that each entity will revise its materials once every 3 years. We estimate a state burden of 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review an entity's materials. In aggregate, we estimate an annual state burden of **75 hr** [3 hr x 25 entities (one third of the total entities)] and **\$5,649** (75 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.42 (S))**

We estimate that 5 entities may need to revise and submit updated materials. We estimate a private sector burden of 2 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to update and submit the materials. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time burden of **10 hr** (5 entities x 2 hr) and **\$753** (10 hr x \$75.32). **(Estimate 12.43 (PS))**

Section 457.1230 Regarding Access Standards Section 457.1230 applies the requirements of §§438.206, 438.207, 438.208, and 438.210 to CHIP.

Section 438.206(c)(3), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(a), requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs ensure that providers assure access, accommodations, and equipment for enrollees with physical and/or mental disabilities. We believe that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs will need to review and revise (possibly) their policies and procedures for network management to ensure compliance with this requirement.

We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review and revise their network management policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate 174 hr (58 MCO/PIHP/PAHPs x 3 hr) and \$13,106 (174 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **58 hr** at a cost of **\$4,369**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.44 (PS))**

Section 438.207(b), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(b) would require that each MCO, PIHP, and PAHP (where applicable) submit documentation to the state, in a format specified by the state, to demonstrate that it: (1) complies with specified requirements, and (2) has the capacity to serve the expected enrollment in its service area in accordance with the state's standards for access to care. Section 438.207(c) would require that the documentation be submitted to the state at least annually, at the time the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP enters into a contract with the state, and at any time there has been a significant change (as defined both by the state) in the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP's operations that would affect adequate capacity and services.

We estimate an annual private sector burden of 20 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to compile the information necessary to meet this requirement. In aggregate, we estimate **1,160 hr** (58 entities x 20 hr) and **\$87,371** (1,160 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.45 (PS))**

After reviewing the documentation, §438.207(d), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(b), would require that the state certify (to CMS) that the entity has complied with the state's requirements regarding the availability of services, as set forth at §438.68. We estimate an annual state burden of 1 hr/contract at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review documentation and submit the certification to CMS. In aggregate, we estimate **58 hr** (58 entities x 1 hr) and **\$4,369** (58 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.46 (S))**

Section 438.208(b)(2)(iii) through §457.1230(c), requires that MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs coordinate service delivery with the services the enrollee receives in the FFS program (carved out services). This would involve using data from the state to perform the needed coordination activities. Since only a small percentage of enrollees receive carved out services and need assistance with coordination, we estimate 2 percent of all MCO, PIHP, and PAHP enrollees (64,000) will be affected.

We estimate an annual private sector burden of 10 min/enrollee at \$58.14/hr for a healthcare social worker. In aggregate, we estimate **10,666 hr** (64,000 enrollees x 10 min) and **\$620,121** (10,666 hr x \$58.14/hr). **(Estimate 12.47 (PS))**

Section 438.208(b)(3), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(c), would require that an MCO, PIHP or PAHP make its best effort to conduct an initial assessment of each new enrollee's needs within 90 days of the enrollment. We believe that most MCOs and PIHPs already meet this requirement and only 25 percent of the MCOs and PIHPs (14) would need to alter their processes; however, we do not believe this to be as common a practice among PAHPs and assume that all 3 PAHPs will be need to add this assessment to their initial enrollment functions. We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to revise their policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate 51 hr [(14 MCOs and PIHPs + 3 PAHPs) x 3 hr] and \$3,841 (51 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **17 hr** at a cost of **\$1,280**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.48 (PS))**

We estimate that in a given year, approximately 10 percent of all enrollees are new to a managed care plan. Thus, 230,000 enrollees would be considered new and in need of an initial assessment. As PAHPs are typically a single entity within the state, we estimate that only 5 percent of their enrollees (10,000 enrollees) would need an initial assessment. In general, we believe these assessments will take 10 min on average to complete by Call Center staff at \$36.82/hr. In aggregate, we estimate an annual **private sector burden** of **38,333 hr** (230,000 enrollees x 10 min) and **\$1,411,421** (38,333 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.49 (PS))**

Section 438.208(b)(4), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(c), requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs share with other MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs serving the enrollee the results of its identification and assessment of any enrollee with special health care needs so that those activities need not be duplicated. The burden associated with this requirement is the time it takes each MCO, PIHP or PAHP to disclose information on enrollees with special health care needs to the MCO, PIHP or PAHP providing a carved-out service. This would most likely be accomplished by developing a report to collect the data and sending that report to the other MCO, PIHP, or PAHP.

We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 4 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to develop the report. In aggregate, we estimate of 232 hr (58 MCOs, PIHP, and PAHPs x 4 hr) and \$21,335 (232 hr x \$91.96/hr).

Annually, we estimate **77.3 hr** at a cost of **\$7,109**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.50 (PS))**

Once put into production on a schedule, no additional staff time would be needed, thus no additional burden is estimated.

Section 438.208(c)(2) and (3), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(c), requires that the MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs complete a comprehensive assessment and treatment plan for all enrollees that have special health care needs. The assessments and treatment plans should be completed by providers or MCO, PIHP or PAHP staff that meet the qualifications specified by the state. We believe the burden associated with this requirement is the time it takes to gather the information during the assessment. (Treatment plans are generally developed while the assessment occurs so we are not estimating any additional time beyond the time of the assessment.) We believe that only enrollees in MCOs and PIHPs will require this level of assessment as most PAHPs provide limited benefit packages that do not typically warrant a separate treatment plan.

We estimate that 1 percent of the total enrollment of 2,300,000 (23,000) are enrolled in either an MCO, PIHP or both, and would qualify as an individual with special health care needs. The time

needed for the assessment and for treatment planning will, on average, take 1 hr at \$76.94/hr for a registered nurse to complete. In aggregate, we estimate an annual private sector burden of **23,000 hr** (23,000 enrollees x 1 hr) and **\$1,769,620** (23,000 hr x \$76.94/hr). **(Estimate 12.51 (PS))**

Section 438.210(c), adopted in CHIP through §457.1230(d), requires that each contract provide that the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP notify the requesting provider, and give the enrollee written notice of any decision by the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to deny a service authorization request, or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested.

We estimate an annual private sector burden of 30 min at \$76.94/hr for a registered nurse to generate the notice. We estimate that each of 58 MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs will process 20 denials/service reductions per 1,000 members. This is our best estimate based on the data available in the SEDS, conversations with states and observations of trends in Medicaid and the commercial market. With average enrollment of 78,000, each entity is estimated to process a total of 1,560 denials and service reductions annually. In aggregate, we estimate **45,240 hr** (58 entities x 1,560 denials or service reductions/entity x 30 min) and **\$3,480,766** (45,240 hr x \$76.94/hr). **(Estimate 12.52 (PS))**

The proposed amendments to §§ 438.207(b) and 457.1230(b) would require MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs to submit documentation to the State of their compliance with § 438.207(a). As we propose in this rule to add a reimbursement analysis at § 438.207(b)(3) (and at § 457.1230(b) for separate CHIP), we estimate a one-time plan burden of: 50 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist, 20 hours at \$110.82/hr for a general operations manager, and 80 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1230(b), we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 29,850 hours (199 MCO, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 150 hr) at a cost of \$2,948,543 (199 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x [(50 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (20 hr x \$110.20/hr) + (80 hr x \$109.36/hr)]). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 9,950 hours and \$982,848. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.187-189)**

For ongoing analyses and submission of information that would be required by amendments to § 438.207(b), we estimate it would take: 20 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist, 5 hours at \$110.82/hr for a general operations manager, and 20 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer. In aggregate for CHIP, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 8,955 hours (199 MCO, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 45 hr) at a cost of \$852,476 (199 MCO, PIHPs, and PAHPs x [(20 hr x \$77.28 /hr) + (5 hr x \$110.20/hr) + (20 hr x \$109.36/hr)]). **(Estimates 12.190 – 192)**

Amendments to §§ 438.207(d) and 457.1230(b) would require States to submit an assurance of compliance to CMS that their MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs meet the State's requirements for availability of services. The submission to CMS must include documentation of an analysis by the State that supports the assurance of the adequacy of the network for each contracted MCO, PIHP or PAHP and the accessibility of covered services. Including the proposals in this rule at §

438.68(f) and § 438.208(b)(3), we anticipate it would take 40 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist. Although States may need to submit a revision to this report at other times during a year (specified at § 438.207(c)), we believe these submissions will be infrequent and require minimal updating to the template; therefore, the burden estimated here is inclusive of occasional revisions. Due to the additional proposal to include enrollee experience survey results in the State's separate CHIP analysis of network adequacy, we anticipate an additional 4 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to analyze these data for a total of 44 hours annually. In aggregate for CHIP, we estimate an annual State burden of 1,408 hours (32 States x 44 hr) at a cost of \$108,810 (1,408 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.150)**

Section 457.1233 Structure and Operation Standards Section 457.1233 applies the requirements of §§438.214, 438.230, 438.236, and 438.242 to CHIP.

Although we added paragraph §457.1233(d), it references an existing CHIP requirement, and will not create additional burden. Section 438.214 requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs have policies for the selection and retention of providers. We believe that the requirements in §438.214 are part of the usual course of business and will not add additional burden onto entities because the entities will have policies for selecting and retaining providers even in the absence of these regulations.

Section 438.230, adopted in CHIP through §457.1233(b), requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs oversee subcontractors and specifies the subcontracted activities. We estimate 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations analyst to amend appropriate contracts. We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 174 hr (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 3 hr) and \$13,106 (174 hr x \$75.32).

Annually, we estimate **58 hr** at a cost of **\$4,369**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.53 (S))**

Section 438.236(c), adopted in CHIP through §457.1233(c), requires that each MCO, PIHP, and PAHP disseminate guidelines to its affected providers and, upon request, to enrollees and potential enrollees. The burden associated with this requirement is the time required to disseminate the guidelines, usually by posting on their website. This is typically done annually. We estimate an annual private sector burden of 2 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate, we estimate **116 hr** (58 entities x 2 hr) and **\$8,737** (116 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.54 (PS))**

In §438.242(b)(2), adopted in CHIP through §457.1233(b), the state is required to stipulate that each MCO and PIHP collect data on enrollee and provider characteristics (as specified by the state) and on services furnished to enrollees (through an encounter data system or other such methods as may be specified by the state). We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 20 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to extract this data from an entity's system and report to the state. In aggregate, we estimate 1,100 hr (55 entities x 20 hr) and \$101,156 (1,100 hr x \$91.96/hr).

Annually, we estimate **366.7 hr** at a cost of **\$33,719**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.55 (PS))**

After the initial creation, the reports will be set to run and sent to the state at specified times as part of a production schedule.

Section 457.1240 Quality Measurement and Improvement Section 457.1240 applies the requirements of §§438.330, 438.332, 438.334, and 438.340 to CHIP.

Section 438.330(a)(2), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), specifies the process CMS will use if it elects to specify national QAPI and PIP topics, which will include a public notice and comment process. Assuming that we do use this process to identify performance measures and PIP topics at least once every 3 years, the burden for states will be altered. Some may experience a decrease in the time spent selecting performance measures and PIP topics while others might experience a slight increase in the form of programming their MMIS systems to account for the specified performance measures and PIP topics.

We estimate that MMIS programming changes requires 10 hr (every 3 years) at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer. In aggregate, we estimate an ongoing annualized state burden of **83 hr** [(25 states x 10 hr) / 3 years] and **\$7,633** (83 hr x \$91.96/hr). **(Estimate 12.56 (S))**

We cannot estimate the amount of possible decrease in burden as we have no way to know the average amount of time a state expended on selecting performance measures or PIP topics and how this might change based on this revision. Section 438.330(a)(2)(i) allows states to apply for an exemption from the CMS-required performance measure and PIP topic requirements established under §438.330(a)(2). While we have no data on how many states would take advantage of this option, given that the performance measures and PIP topics under §438.330(a)(2) would be identified through a public notice and comment process, we estimate that 2 states would ask for an exemption every 3 years. We estimate that the exemption process would require 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate, we estimate an ongoing state burden of **0.67 hr** [(2 states x 1 hr)/3 years] and **\$50** (0.67 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.57 (S))**

Section 438.330(a)(2)(ii), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), allows states to select performance measures and PIPs in addition to those specified by CMS under §438.330(a)(2). Since this language continues the flexibility available to states today, we do not believe this creates any change in burden for states or the private sector.

Section 438.330(b)(3) clarifies that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs must have an approach to evaluate and address findings regarding the underutilization and overutilization of services. Because utilization review in managed care has become commonplace in the private, Medicare, and Medicaid settings, we do not believe that this regulatory provision imposes any new burden on MCOs, PIHPs, or PAHPs.

In accordance with §438.310(c)(2), some PCCM entities (we estimate 3) will now be subject to the requirements of §438.330(b)(3). We estimate a one-time private sector burden of 10 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to establish the policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate 30 hr (3 PCCMs x 10 hr) and \$2,260 (30 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **10 hr** at a cost of **\$753**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.58 (PS))**

We also estimate an ongoing burden of 10 hr to evaluate and address the findings. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of **30 hr** (3 PCCMs x 10 hr) and **\$2,260** (30 hr x \$75.32/hr) for program maintenance. **(Estimate 12.59 (PS))**

Section 438.330(c) addresses QAPI performance measurement. Section 438.330(c)(1), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), requires the state to identify standard performance measures for their managed care plans, including LTSS measures if appropriate. We believe that it is standard practice for states to identify performance measures for their contracted managed care plans; therefore, there is no burden associated with this paragraph.

Section 438.310(c)(2), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), requires each MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM entity (described in §438.310(c)(2)) to annually measure its performance using the standard measures specified by the state in paragraph (c)(1) and to report on its performance to the state. We assume that each of the MCOs and PIHPs would report on three performance measures to the state. The use of performance measures is commonplace in private, Medicare, and Medicaid managed care markets; therefore, we believe that MCOs and PIHPs already collect performance measures.

We recognize that PAHPs and PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)) may not currently engage in performance measurement as described in §438.330(c)(2), and estimate that 7 entities might be impacted. We estimate that, in any given year, each PCCM entity and each PAHP would report to the state on 3 performance measures. We estimate an annual private sector burden of 4 hr per measure at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to prepare a report for each performance measure. In aggregate, we estimate **84 hr** [(3 PAHPs + 4 PCCMs) x 3 performance measures x 4 hr] and **\$6,327** (84 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.60 (PS))**

Section 438.330(c)(1)(ii) requires states to identify standard performance measures in two LTSS-specific categories for managed care plans that provide LTSS. We do not know of any states that have an LTSS plan in CHIP, so there is no burden associated with the provision.

In §438.330(d), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), states must ensure that each MCO, PIHP and PAHP have an ongoing program of PIPs, designed to achieve sustainable improvement, which the managed care plan will report on to the state as requested, but at least once per year. We assume that each MCO and PIHP will conduct at least 3 PIPs and each of the 3 PAHPs would conduct at least 1 PIP. We further expect that states will request the status and results of each entity's PIPs annually. Given that PAHPs may not currently conduct PIPs, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 2 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist

to develop policies and procedures, for an aggregate burden of 6 hr (3 PAHPs x 2 hr) and \$452 (6 hr x \$75.32/hr) **(Estimate 12.63)**.

Annually, we estimate **2 hr** at a cost of **\$151**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.61 (PS))**

We estimate an annual burden of 8 hr to prepare a report on each PIP. In aggregate, we estimate **1,344 hr** [((55 MCOs and PIHPs x 3 PIPs) + (3 PAHPs x 1 PIP)) x 8 hr] and **\$101,230** (1,344 hr x \$75.32/hr) to prepare the report. **(Estimate 12.62 (PS))**

Per §438.310(c)(2), PCCM entities specified are also subject to the requirements in §438.330(e) through §457.1240(b). We estimate an annual **state burden** of 15 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to assess the performance of a single §438.3(r) PCCM entity. In aggregate, we estimate **45 hr** (3 PCCM entities x 15 hr) and **\$3,389** (45 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.64 (S))**

Section 438.330(e)(1)(ii), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(b), requires that states include outcomes and trended results of each MCO, PIHP, and PAHP's PIPs in the state's annual review of QAPI programs. We estimate a one-time state burden of 0.5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to modify the state's policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate 12.5 hr (25 states x 0.5 hr) and \$942 (12.5 hr x \$75.32/hr) **(Estimate 12.65 (S))**.

Annually, we estimate **4.2 hr** at a cost of **\$314**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.65 (S))**

We also estimate an annual burden of 1 hr for the additional review. In aggregate, we estimate **25 hr** (25 states x 1 hr) and **\$1,883** (25 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.66 (S))**

Section 438.330(e)(1)(iii) sets out a new requirement, related to §438.330(b)(5), requiring that the state must assess the rebalancing effort results for LTSS in its annual review. We do not know of any states that have an LTSS plan in CHIP, so there is no burden associated with the provision.

Under §438.332(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(c), states must confirm the accreditation status of contracted MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs once a year. We estimate an annual state burden of 0.25 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review the accreditation status of each of the estimated 58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of **14.5 hr** (0.25 hr x 58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs) and **\$1,092** (14.5 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.67 (S))**

Section 438.332(b), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(c), describes the information MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs must authorize the private accrediting entity to release to the state regarding the plan's accreditation status. We believe that states will need to amend their MCO, PIHP, and PAHP contracts to reflect this requirement, and estimate a one-time burden of 0.25 hr per

contract amendment. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time burden of 14.5 hr (0.25 hr x 58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs) and \$1,092 (14.5 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **5.2 hr** at a cost of **\$364**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.68 (S))**

Under §438.332(c), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(c), states will document the accreditation status of each contracted MCO, PIHP, and PAHP on the state's website, and will update this information at least annually. The burden is included in §457.1207. **(see Estimate 12.11 (S))**

Section 438.334, adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(d), requires each state that contracts with an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to adopt a quality ratings system to generate plan ratings annually. States must either adopt the quality rating system developed by CMS in accordance with §438.334(b) or an alternative quality rating system in accordance with §438.334(c).

We assume that states will utilize the same system and processes developed for CHIP managed care plans as was developed for Medicaid managed care plans. Using the assumptions developed for §438.332, we estimate that 17 states (with 46 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs) will elect to adopt the quality rating system developed by CMS in accordance with §438.334(b), while the remainder (8 states with 16 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs) will elect to use an alternative quality rating system in accordance with §438.334(c). We assume that, given the robust public engagement process CMS will use to develop the QRS in accordance with §438.334(b), states electing to adopt the CMS-developed QRS will not need to conduct additional public engagement and will require less time to develop their QRS as compared to states which elect to adopt an alternative QRS consistent with §438.334(c).

Therefore, for states adopting the CMS-developed QRS under §438.334(b), we estimate the state burden for the development and implementation of the QRS as 200 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist, 100 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer, and 30 hr at \$120.90/hr for a general and operations manager. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 5,610 hr (17 states x 330 hr) and \$474,079 [17 states x ((200 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (100 hr x \$91.96/hr) + (30 hr x \$120.90/hr)] for the development of a state's quality rating system consistent with §438.334(b).

Annually, we estimate **1,667 hr** at a cost of **\$140,848**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.69 (S))**

The burden is more variable for states seeking CMS approval for the adoption of an alternative QRS per §438.334(c). A state may submit an existing QRS, may submit a modified version of an existing QRS, or may develop a new QRS. We assume that the burden for each of these options would vary by state; therefore, we estimate an average burden for the development of an alternative QRS. We believe that the average alternative QRS burden will exceed the burden to adopt the CMS-developed QRS, and will require public engagement by the state. Therefore, we

estimate the average state burden for the development and implementation of an alternative QRS as 800 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist, 400 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer, and 120 hr at \$120.90/hr for a general and operations manager. We estimate an additional 20 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker for the public engagement process and an additional 50 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review and incorporate public feedback. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 11,120 hr (8 states x 1,390 hr) and \$928,400 [8 states x ((800 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (400 hr x \$91.96/hr) + (120 hr x \$120.90/hr) + (20 hr x \$36.82/hr) + (50 hr x \$75.32/hr))] for the development of a state's alternative quality rating system consistent with §438.334(c).

Annually, we estimate **3,707 hr** at a cost of **\$309,467**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.70 (S))**

To elect the option under §438.334(c) to use an alternative QRS, a state will submit a request to CMS and must receive written CMS approval. We estimate a one-time state burden of 20 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to seek and receive approval from CMS for the state's alternative quality rating system. In aggregate, we estimate 160 hr (8 states x 20 hr) and \$12,051 (160 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **53.3 hr** at a cost of **\$4,015**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.77 (S))**

Section 438.334(c)(3) outlines the process for a state to make changes to an approved alternative QRS. We estimate that it will require 5 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker and 25 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to complete the public comment process, and an additional 5 hr at \$75.32/hr from a business operations specialist to seek and receive approval from CMS for the change.

While we have no data to estimate how frequently a state may elect to alter an approved alternative QRS, we estimate that CMS will revise the QRS under §438.334(b) on average approximately once every 3 years. We assume that states will revise their alternative QRS on a similar frequency to ensure that the alternative QRS continues to yield substantially comparable information regarding MCO, PIHP, and PAHP performance, and apply this assumption here. Therefore, we estimate an aggregate annualized burden of **93 hr** [(8 states x 35 hr) / 3 years] and **\$6,517** [(8 states x ((5 hr x \$36.82/hr) + (30 x \$75.32/hr))) / 3 years]. **(Estimate 12.78 (S))**

Under §438.334(d), each state will collect information from its MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs to calculate and then issue a quality rating each year. We expect that states will rely on information and data already provided to them by their MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs; therefore, we do not expect this data collection to pose an additional burden on the private sector. However, each year states will rate each MCO, PIHP, or PAHP with which they contract. We estimate 40 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist for a state to rate a MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. We believe this burden will be similar for states regardless of if they adopt the CMS-developed QRS consistent with §438.334(b) or the alternative QRS consistent with §438.334(c). In aggregate, we

estimate an annual state burden of **2,320 hr** (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 40 hr) and **\$174,742** (2,320 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.80 (S))**

Section 438.340, adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(e), requires states to have a quality strategy for managed care. In accordance with §438.340(c)(2), states will review and revise their quality strategies as needed, but no less frequently than once every 3 years. While the 25 states that contract with MCOs and/or PIHPs currently revise their quality strategies periodically, approximately half of those states (13) revise their quality strategies less frequently than what was proposed and finalized. We estimate a burden for the revision of a quality strategy of, once every 3 years, 25 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations analyst to review and revise the comprehensive quality strategy, 2 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to publicize the strategy, 5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review and incorporate public comments, and 1 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to submit the revised quality strategy to CMS. In aggregate, we estimate an ongoing annualized state burden of **143 hr** [(13 states x 33 hr) / 3 years] and **\$10,272** [(13 states x ((30 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (3 hr x \$36.82/hr))) / 3 years]. **(Estimate 12.81 (S))**

The revision of a quality strategy will be a new process for the estimated three states with only PAHPs and the estimated two states with only PCCM entities. We estimate that those states need 0.5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to revise their policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 2.5 hr (5 states x 0.5 hr) and \$188 (2.5 hr x \$75.32/hr) to update policies and procedures.

Annually, we estimate **0.8 hr** at a cost of **\$60**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.85 (S))**

We assume that it will be less burdensome to revise an existing quality strategy than to draft an initial strategy. Therefore, we estimate a burden for the quality strategy revision process, once every 3 years, of 25 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations analyst to review and revise the comprehensive quality strategy (see **Estimate 12.86 (S)**), 2 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to publicize the strategy (see **Estimate 12.87 (S)**), 5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review and incorporate public comments (see **Estimate 12.88 (S)**), and 1 hr at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to submit the revised quality strategy to CMS (see **Estimate 12.89 (S)**). In aggregate, we estimate an **ongoing annualized state burden of 55 hr** [(5 states x (33 hr) / 3 years] and **\$3,950** [(5 states x ((30 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (3 hr x \$36.82/hr)))/3 years].

Consistent with §438.340(c)(2), the review of the quality strategy will include an effectiveness evaluation conducted within the previous 3 years. We estimate the burden of this evaluation at 40 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist once every 3 years for all 25 states that contract with MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and/or PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)). We estimate an annualized burden of **333 hr** [(25 states x 40 hr)/3 years] and **\$25,082** (333 hr x \$75.32/hr) to evaluate the effectiveness of a quality strategy. **(Estimate 12.90a (S))**

States will post the effectiveness evaluation on the state's CHIP website under §438.340(c)(2)

(iii). In the proposed rule we state that while this standard was subject to the PRA, we believed that the associated burden is exempt from the PRA in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2). We believed that the time, effort, and financial resources necessary to comply with the aforementioned standards will be incurred by persons during the normal course of their activities and, therefore, should be considered a usual and customary business practice. Upon further consideration, however, we determined that states today do not necessarily post the quality strategy effectiveness evaluation online. Therefore, we estimate that posting the quality strategy effectiveness evaluation online will require 0.25 hr at \$75.32 from a business operations specialist once every three years. In aggregate, we estimate an ongoing burden of **2.1 hr** [(25 states x 0.25 hr) / 3 years] and **\$158** (2.1 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.90b (S))**

As described in §438.340(c)(3), states will submit to CMS a copy of the initial quality strategy and any subsequent revisions. The burden associated with this standard has been incorporated into burden estimates for initial and revised quality strategies. As this will be a new standard for the estimated 3 states with only PAHPs and the estimated 2 states with only PCCM entities, we believe that these states will need to modify their policies and procedures to incorporate this action. We estimate a burden of 0.5 hr \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 2.5 hr (5 states x 0.5 hr) and \$188 (2.5 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **0.8 hr** at a cost of **\$60**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.91a (S))**

Finally, §438.340(d) requires states to post the final quality strategy to their CHIP websites. In the proposed rule, we stated that while this standard was subject to the PRA, we believed that the associated burden is exempt from the PRA in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2). We believed that the time, effort, and financial resources necessary to comply with the aforementioned standards will be incurred by persons during the normal course of their activities and, therefore, should be considered a usual and customary business practice. Upon further consideration, however, we determined that states today do not necessarily post the final quality strategy online, though some do. Therefore, we estimate that posting the final quality strategy online will require 0.25 hr at \$75.32 from a business operations specialist once every three years. In aggregate, we estimate an ongoing burden of **2.1 hr** [(25 states x 0.25 hr) / 3 years] and **\$158** (2.1 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.91b (S))**

Section 438.515(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1240(d), requires that states collect specified data from each managed care plan with which it contracts that has 500 or more enrollees on July 1 of the measurement year.

For CHIP for § 457.1240(d), we estimate reporting non-survey QRS measures would take: 400 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to program and synthesize the data; 148 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to manage the data collection process; 152 hours at \$37.96/hr for an office clerk to input the data; 60 hours at \$79.56/hr for a registered nurse to review medical records for data collection; and 60 hours at \$46.46/hr for medical records specialist to compile and process medical records. For one CHIP managed care entity we

estimate an annual private sector burden of 820 hours (400 hr + 148 hr + 152 hr + 60 hr +60 hr) at cost of \$68,513 ([400 hr x \$109.36/hr] + [148 hr x \$77.28/hr] + [152 hr x \$37.96/hr] + [60 hr x \$79.56/hr] + [60 hr x \$46.46/hr]). **(Estimates 12.193 – 197(PS))**

For CHIP for section 457.1240(d) we also estimate that conducting the survey measures (comprised of the CAHPS survey and secret shopper) would take: 20 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to manage the data collection process; 56 hours at \$37.96/hr for an office clerk to input the data; and 32 hours at \$95.62/hr for a statistician to conduct data sampling. For one CHIP managed care entity we estimate an annual private sector burden of 108 hours (20 hr + 56 hr + 32 hr) at cost of \$6,731 ([20 hr x \$77.28/hr] + [56 hr x \$37.96/hr] + [32 hr x \$95.62]). **(Estimates 12.198 – 200(PS))**

For one CHIP managed care entity, for mandatory QRS non-survey and survey measures, we estimate an annual private sector burden of 928 hours (820 hr +108 hr) at a cost of \$75,244 (\$68,513 + \$6,731). In aggregate, for CHIP for § 457.1240(d), we estimate an annual private sector burden of 184,672 hours (199 CHIP MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs × 928 hours) and \$14,973,556 (199 CHIP MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs × \$75,244).

For CHIP for section 457.1240(d), in aggregate, we estimate a new beneficiary burden of 27,263 hours (199 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 0.33 hr per survey response x 411 beneficiary responses) at a cost of \$763,637 (27,263 hr x \$28.01/hr).

Section 438.520(a), adopted in CHIP through § 457.1240, requires that states prominently post an up-to-date display on its website that provides information on available MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs. The display must: allow users to view tailored information, compare managed care plans, provide information on quality ratings and directs users to resources on how to enroll in a CHIP plan. Additionally, the display must offer consumer live assistance services.

The burden associated with initial QRS Website display is estimated to take: 600 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to create and test code; 600 hours at \$78.18/hr for a web developer to create the user interface; 80 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to manage the display technical development process; and 450 hours at \$98.50/hr for a database administrator to establish the data structure and organization. We estimate that 32 States for CHIP will develop QRS website displays. **(Estimates 12.153-156(S))**

For one State, we estimate a burden of 1,730 hours (600 hr + 600 hr + 80 hr + 450 hr) at a cost of \$163,031 ([600 hr x \$109.36/hr] + [600 hr x \$78.18/hr] + [80 hr x \$77.28/hr] + [450 hr x \$98.50/hr]). In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1240(d), we estimate a one-time State burden of 55,360 hours (32 States x 1,730 hr) and \$5,216,992 (32 States x \$163,031). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates for CHIP to 18,453 hours and \$48,330,202. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.

To maintain the QRS display annually, we estimate it would take: 384 hours at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to modify and test code; 256 hours at \$78.18/hr to update and maintain

the user interface; 120 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to manage the daily operations of the display; and 384 hours at \$98.50/hr for a database administrator to organize data. We estimate that 32 States for CHIP will maintain QRS displays annually. For one State, we estimate a burden of 1,144 hours (384 hr + 256 hr + 120 hr + 384 hr) at a cost of \$109,106 ($[384 \text{ hr} \times \$92.92/\text{hr}] + [256 \text{ hr} \times \$78.18/\text{hr}] + [120 \text{ hr} \times \$77.28/\text{hr}] + [384 \text{ hr} \times \$98.50/\text{hr}]$). In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1240(d), we estimate an annual State burden of 103,168 hours (1,144 hr x 32 States) at a cost of \$3,491,392 ($\$109,106 \times 32 \text{ States}$). **(Estimates 12.157-160(S))**

Section 457.1240 applies the requirements of Section 438 Subpart G and section 438.520(a) to CHIP.

We estimate that 32 States for CHIP will submit annual MAC QRS reports. We estimate it would take 24 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to compile the required documentation to complete this report and attestation that the State is in compliance with QRS standards. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1240(b), we estimate an annual State burden of 768 hours (32 States x 24 hr) at a cost of \$59,351 ($768 \text{ hr} \times \$77.28/\text{hr}$). **(Estimate 12.161(S))**

Section 457.1240(d) for separate CHIP, would revise the quality rating system requirements and associated burden previously promulgated under § 438.334. Therefore, alleviating this burden would result in an annual CHIP State savings of minus 116.7 hours ($[(10 \text{ States} \times 35 \text{ hr}) / 3 \text{ years}]$) and minus \$8,361 ($[(10 \text{ States} \times ((5 \text{ hr} \times \$37.96/\text{hr}) + (30 \times \$77.28/\text{hr})) / 3 \text{ years}]$). **(Estimates 12.162-163(S))**

Section 457.1250 External Quality Review Section 457.1250 applies the requirements of §§438.350, 438.352, 438.354, 438.356, 438.358, and 438.364 to CHIP.

Section 438.350, adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), requires that states include CHIP in their EQR. We anticipate that most states include CHIP in their Medicaid contract with the EQRO and that the burden for adding CHIP will be included in the burden for adding PAHPs to the EQRO contract. We anticipate that 5 states may contract separately for CHIP EQR services and that this requires states to procure a new vendor.

Section 438.358, adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), addresses the EQR-related activities. Per §438.358(a)(1) of this section, the EQR-related activities described in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section may be conducted by the state, its agent that is not an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM entity (described in §438.310(c)(2)), or an EQRO; we describe the burden assuming that the state conducts these activities, though we believe the burdens will be similar regardless of who conducts each activity.

The burden associated with the mandatory EQR-related activities described in §438.358(b)(1) is the time for a state to conduct and document the findings of the four mandatory activities: (1) the annual validation of PIPs conducted by the MCO/PIHP/PAHP; (2) the annual validation of performance measures calculated by the MCO/PIHP/PAHP; (3) once every 3 years, a review of MCO/PIHP/PAHP compliance with structural and operational standards; and (4) validation of MCO, PIHP, and PAHP network adequacy. Each of these activities will be conducted on the 5 MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs that are currently providing CHIP services separately from Medicaid.

The types of services provided by these managed care entities, the number of PIPs conducted, and the performance measures calculated will vary. We assume that each MCO/PIHP will conduct at least 3 PIPs, each PAHP will conduct at least 1 PIP, and that each MCO/PIHP/PAHP will calculate at least 3 performance measures.

For a business operations specialist to conduct the mandatory EQR activities at \$75.32/hr, we estimate an annual **state burden** of 65 hr (PIP validation) (see **Estimate 12.96 (S)**), 53 hr (performance measure validation) (see **Estimate 12.97 (S)**), 361 hr (compliance review; occurs once every 3 years) (see **Estimate 12.98 (S)**), and 60 hr (validation of network adequacy activity). In aggregate, we estimate **2,670 hr** ($5 \times [(65 \text{ hr} \times 3 \text{ PIPs}) + (53 \text{ hr} \times 3 \text{ performance measures}) + (361 \text{ hr}/3) + 60 \text{ hr}]$) and **\$201,104** ($2,670 \text{ hr} \times \$75.32/\text{hr}$).

In §438.358(b), the burden will include the time for an MCO/PIHP/PAHP to prepare the information necessary for the state to conduct the three mandatory activities. We estimate that it will take each MCO/PIHP/PAHP 160 hr to prepare the documentation for these activities. We estimate that one-half of the time will be for preparing the information which will be performed by a business operations specialist at \$75.32/hr while the other half will be performed by office and administrative support worker at \$36.82/hr. In aggregate, we estimate a **private sector burden** of **800 hr** ($5 \text{ states} \times 160 \text{ hr}$) and **\$44,856** [$(5 \text{ states} \times 80 \text{ hr} \times \$75.32/\text{hr})$ (see **Estimate 12.99 (PS)**) + $(5 \text{ states} \times 80 \text{ hr} \times \$36.82/\text{hr})$ (see **Estimate 12.100 (PS)**)].

The fourth mandatory EQR-related activity described in §438.358(b)(1)(iv) requires the validation of MCO, PIHP, and PAHP network adequacy during the preceding 12 months. States will conduct this activity for each MCO, PIHP, and PAHP. Given that this is a new activity, we do not have historic data on which to base an hourly burden estimate for the network validation process. We estimate that it will take less time than the validation of a PIP but more time than the validation of a performance measure. Therefore, we estimate an annual state burden of 60 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to support the validation of network adequacy activity. In aggregate, we estimate **3,480 hr** ($58 \text{ MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs} \times 60 \text{ hr}$) and **\$262,114** ($3,480 \text{ hr} \times \$75.32/\text{hr}$) for the validation of network adequacy activity (**Estimate 12.101 (S)**).

Section 438.358(b)(2) describes the mandatory EQR-related activities which must be conducted for each PCCM entity (described in §438.310(c)(2)), specifically the activities described in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (b)(1)(iii) of this section. Given that we do not have data to estimate the time required for each of these activities for these PCCM entities, we rely on the time per activity estimates used for MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs; we assume the validation of one performance measure per PCCM entity (described in §438.310(c)(2)). Therefore, we estimate an annual state burden of **693.2 hr** ($4 \text{ PCCM entities} \times 173.3 \text{ hr} [(53 \text{ hr} \times 1 \text{ performance measure}) + (361 \text{ hr} / 3 \text{ years})]$) and **\$52,212** ($693.2 \text{ hr} \times \$75.32/\text{hr}$) for the mandatory EQR-related activities for PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)). (**Estimate 12.102 (S)**)

The burden associated with §438.358(b)(1) also includes the time for an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to prepare the information necessary for the state to conduct the mandatory EQR-related activities. We estimate that it will take each MCO, PIHP, or PAHP 200 hr to prepare the

documentation for these four activities, half (100 hr) at \$75.32/hr by a business operations specialist (see **Estimate 12.103 (PS)**) and half (100 hr) at \$36.82/hr by an office and administrative support worker (see **Estimate 12.104 (PS)**). The burden associated with §438.358(b)(2) also includes the time for a PCCM entity (described in §438.310(c)(2)) to prepare the information necessary for the state to conduct the mandatory EQR-related activities. Given the estimate of 200 hr for an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP, and that there are only 2 mandatory EQR-related activities for PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)), we estimate it will take 100 hr to prepare the documentation for these 2 activities, half (50 hr) at \$75.32/hr by a business operations specialist (see **Estimate 12.105 (PS)**) and half (50 hr) at \$36.82/hr by an office an administrative support worker (see **Estimate 12.106 (PS)**). In aggregate, we estimate an annual **private sector** burden of **12,000 hr** [(58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 200 hr) + (4 PCCM entities x 100 hr)] and **\$672,840** [(6,000 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (6,000 hr x \$36.82/hr)].

Section 438.358(c), adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), describes optional EQR-related activities. For the optional EQR activities, we have no data to estimate how long it will take to conduct these activities. We, therefore, estimate that it will take 350 hr to validate client level data and 50 hr to validate consumer or provider surveys. We estimate it will take three times as long to calculate performance measures as it takes on average to validate (159 hr) and three times as long to conduct PIPs and focused studies as it takes on average to validate PIPs (195 hr). We also estimate that it will take three times as long to administer a consumer or provider survey than it takes to validate a survey (60 hr).

For a business operations specialist \$75.32/hr, we estimate: (1) 16,800 hr (350 hr × 48 MCOs/PIHPs) and \$1,265,376 (16,800 hr x \$75.32/hr) to validate client level data (see **Estimate 12.107 (PS)**); (2) 1500 hr (50 hr × 30 MCOs/PIHPs) and \$112,980 (1500 hr x \$75.32/hr) to validate consumer or provider surveys (see **Estimate 12.108 (PS)**); (3) 3,180 hr (159 hr × 20 MCOs/PIHPs) and \$239,518 (3,180 hr x \$75.32/hr) to calculate performance measures (see **Estimate 12.109 (PS)**); (4) 5,070 hr (195 hr × 26 MCOs/PIHPs) and \$381,872 (5,070 hr x \$75.32/hr) to conduct PIPs (see **Estimate 12.110 (PS)**); and (5) 8,268 hr (159 hr × 52 MCOs/PIHPs) and \$622,746 (8,268 hr x \$75.32/hr) to conduct focused studies (see **Estimate 12.111 (PS)**). In aggregate, we estimate **34,818 hr** and **\$2,622,492** for the optional EQR-related activities.

The optional EQR-related activities described in §438.358(c) may also be conducted on PAHPs and PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)). Since neither PAHPs or PCCM entities (described in §438.310(c)(2)) have historically been subject to EQR, we do not have any data on which to base an estimate regarding how states will apply the optional EQR-related activities to these delivery systems. Section 438.358(c)(6) allows a state to contract with an EQRO to support the quality rating of MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs consistent with §438.334. We do not believe that the effort required to rate a plan changes based on which entity (state or EQRO) develops the plan rating. Therefore, we believe that any burden associated with this optional EQR-related activity will only offset the burden associated with §438.334(d).

Section 438.364(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), describes the information that will be included in the annual detailed technical report that is the product of the EQR. Section 438.364(a)(1)(iii) specifies that the EQR technical report includes baseline and outcomes data

regarding PIPs and performance measures. Many states already provide much of this information in their final EQR technical report. The burden of compiling this data for MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs is captured in §438.358. Under §438.364(a)(3), EQR technical reports will include recommendations on how the state can use the goals and objectives of its comprehensive quality strategy to support improvement in the quality, timeliness, and access to care for beneficiaries. We believe that states will amend their EQRO contracts to address the changes to §438.364(a). We estimate a one-time state burden of 0.5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to amend the EQRO contract. In aggregate, we estimate 12.5 hr (25 states x 0.5 hr) and \$942 (12.5 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **4.2 hr** at a cost of **\$316**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.112 (S))**

Section 438.364(c)(1), adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), clarifies that the EQRO will produce and finalize the annual EQR-technical report and that states may not substantively revise the report without evidence of error or omission. The April 30th deadline for the finalization and submission of EQR technical reports is consistent with existing Medicaid sub-regulatory guidance.

While we do not anticipate that these changes will pose a significant burden on states or the private sector, we estimate that this provision may necessitate a change in a state's EQRO contract for approximately 5 states. In this regard, we estimate a one-time state burden of 0.5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to modify the EQRO contract. In aggregate, we estimate 2.5 hr (5 states x 0.5 hr) and \$188 (2.5 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **0.8 hr** at a cost of **\$60**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.113 (S))**

Section 438.364(c)(2)(ii), adopted in CHIP through §457.1250(a), requires that each state agency provide copies of technical reports, upon request, to interested parties such as participating health care providers, enrollees and potential enrollees of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP, beneficiary advocacy groups, and members of the general public. States will also be required to make the most recent EQR technical report publicly available in a manner specified by CMS. This will likely be accomplished by posting to the state's website, the burden for which is included in §457.1207. **(see Estimate 12.11 (S))**

We believe that by making these reports available online, states will be able to significantly decrease the burden associated with responding to requests from the public for this information, as it will already be easily accessible. The burden associated with this requirement is the time for a state agency to disclose copies of a given technical report to interested parties.

We estimate an annual state burden of 5 min at \$36.82/hr for office and administrative support worker to disclose the required information per request. We also estimate that each state will receive 5 requests per MCO/PIHP/PAHP per year. In aggregate, we estimate **24.1 hr** (58

MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs x 5 requests x 5 min) and **\$887** (24.1 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.114 (S))**

The proposed amendments to § 438.364(a)(2)(iii) for Medicaid, and through an existing cross-reference at § 457.1250(a) for separate CHIP, would (1) require that the EQR technical reports include “any outcomes data and results from quantitative assessments” for the applicable EQR activities in addition to whether or not the data has been validated, and (2) add the mandatory network adequacy validation activity to the types of EQR activities to which the requirement to include data in the EQR technical report applies. For CHIP, we assume 32 States and 199 MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs will be subject to the proposed EQR provisions. We estimate it would take 1 hour at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to describe the data and results from quantitative assessments and 30 minutes at \$37.96/hr for an office and administrative worker clerk to collect and organize data. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1250(a), we estimate an annual State burden of 299 hours (199 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs yearly reports × 1.5 hr) at a cost of \$19,156 (199 reports × [(1 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (0.5 hr x \$37.96/hr)]). **(Estimates 12.164 - 165)**

Amendments to § 438.364(c)(1) for Medicaid, and through an existing cross-reference at § 457.1250(a) for separate CHIP, shifts the date in which States must finalize their annual EQR technical report. Previously, EQR annual reports had to be posted by April 30th, but under this new provision, EQR technical reports must be posted on the web site required under §§ 438.10(c)(3) and 457.1207 by December 31st of each year. We estimate it would take 1 hour at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 30 minutes at \$110.82/hr a general operations manager to amend vendor contracts to reflect the new reporting date. In aggregate for CHIP, we estimate an annual State burden of 299 hours (199 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs yearly reports × 1.5 hr) and \$26,405 (199 contracts [(1 hr × \$77.28/hr) + (0.5 hr x \$110.82/hr)]). **(Estimates 12.168 - 169)**

Amendments to § 438.364(c)(2)(i) for Medicaid, and through an existing cross-reference at § 457.1250(a) for separate CHIP, would require States to notify CMS within 14 calendar days of posting their EQR technical reports on their quality website and provide CMS with a link to the report. Previously States were not required to notify CMS when reports were posted. We estimate it would take 30 minutes at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to notify CMS of the posted reports. In aggregate for CHIP, we estimate an annual State burden of 16 hours (32 States × 0.5 hr) at a cost of \$1,236 (16 hr × \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.166)**

Amendments to § 438.364(c)(2)(iii) for Medicaid, and through an existing cross-reference at § 457.1250(a) for separate CHIP, would require States to maintain an archive of at least the previous 5 years of EQR technical reports on their websites. Currently, almost half of States maintain an archive of at least 2 years’ worth of EQR reports. Initially, we assume 75 percent of reports completed within the previous 5 years need to be archived on State websites. We estimate it would take 5 minutes (0.0833 hr) at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to collect and post a single EQR technical report to a State website. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1250(a), we estimate a one-time burden of 62 hours [(199 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs yearly reports x 0.75 x 5 years x 0.0833 hr) at a cost of \$4,791 (62 hr × \$77.28/hr). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 21 hours and \$1,597. The

annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimates since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.167)**

Section 457.1250 Requirements for PCCMs The proposed amendments to §§ 438.310(c)(2), 438.350, and 457.1250(a) would remove PCCMs from the managed care entities subject to EQR. We estimate the burden on States of completing EQR mandatory and optional activities which include:

Mandatory EQR activities include the validation of performance measures and a compliance review. We assume States validate 3 performance measures each year and conduct a compliance review once every 3 years. We expect it would take 53 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to complete each performance measure validation and 361 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist to conduct a compliance review. For CHIP for § 457.1250(a), we estimate an annual State savings of minus 4,749 hours (17 PCCM entities x [(53 hr/validation x 3 performance measure validations) + (361 hr/3 years compliance review)]) and minus \$366,977 (- 4,749 hr x \$77.28/hr). **(Estimate 12.173)**

Optional EQR activities include: (1) validation of client level data (such as claims and encounters); (2) administration or validation of consumer or provider surveys; (3) calculation of performance measures; (4) conduct of PIPs; (5) conduct of focused studies; and (6) assist with the quality rating of MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs consistent with §§ 438.334 and 457.1240(d). Based on our review of recent EQR technical report submissions we estimate and assume that each year 10 percent of PCCM entities will be subject to each of the optional EQR-related activities. Regarding the administration or validation of consumer or provider surveys, we assume that half will administer surveys while half will validate surveys. We also estimate that a mix of professionals will work on each optional EQR-related activity: 20 percent by a general and operations manager at \$110.82/hr; 25 percent by a computer programmer at \$92.92/hr; and 55 percent by a business operations specialist at \$77.28/hr. For CHIP, we estimate annual State savings of minus 649 hours (-75 hr + -25 hr + -159 hr + -195 hr + -195 hr) and minus \$57,045.80 [(-649 hr x 0.20 x \$110.82/hr) + (-649 hr x 0.25 x \$92.92/hr) + (-649 hr x 0.55 x \$77.28/hr)]. **(Estimates 12.170 - 172)**

Per § 438.364(c)(2)(ii), each State agency will provide copies of technical reports, upon request, to interested parties such as participating health care providers, enrollees and potential enrollees of the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP, beneficiary advocacy groups, and members of the general public. This change will eliminate the burden on States to provide PCCM EQR reports. We estimate an annual State burden of 5 minutes (on average) or 0.0833 hours at \$37.96/hr for an office and administrative support worker clerk to disclose the reports (per request), and that a State will receive five requests per PCCM entity. For CHIP for § 457.1250(a), we estimate an annual State savings of minus 0.833 hours (50 minutes) (2 PCCM entities x 5 requests x 0.833 hr) and minus \$32 (-0.833 hr x \$37.96/hr). **(Estimate 12.174)**

Additionally, the burden associated with § 438.358(b)(2) also includes the time for a PCCM entity (described in § 438.310(c)(2)) to prepare the information necessary for the State to conduct the mandatory EQR-related activities. Given the estimate of 200 hr for an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP, and that there are only 2 mandatory EQR-related activities for PCCM entities

(described in § 438.310(c)(2)), we estimate it would take 100 hr to prepare the documentation for these 2 activities, half (50 hr) at \$77.28/hr by a business operations specialist and half (50 hr) at \$37.96/hr by an office administrative support worker clerk. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1250(a), we estimate an annual private sector savings of minus 200 hours (2 PCCM activities x 100 hr) and minus \$11,524 [(- 100 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (- 100 hr x \$37.96/hr)]. **(Estimates 12.201 – 202)**

Amendments to §§ 438.364(c)(7) and 457.1250(a) add a new optional EQR activity to assist in evaluations for In Lieu of Services, quality strategies and State Directed Payments that pertain to outcomes, quality, or access to health care services. Based on our review of recent EQR technical report submissions we estimate and assume that each year 10 percent of MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs will be subject to each of the optional EQR-related activities, though we note that the exact States and number vary from year to year. We also estimate that a mix of professionals will work on each optional EQR-related activity: 20 percent by a general and operations manager at \$110.82/hr; 25 percent by a computer programmer at \$109.36/hr; and 55 percent by a business operations specialist at \$77.28/hr. To assist in evaluations, we estimate an annual State burden of 80 hours per MCO, PIHP and PAHP. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1250(a), the annual State burden to assist in evaluations is 1,600 hours (20 MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs x 80 hr) at a cost of \$147,213 [(1,600 hr x 0.20 x \$110.82/hr) + (1,600 hr x 0.25 x \$109.36/hr) + (1,600 hr x 0.55 x \$77.28/hr)]. **(Estimates 12.175 – 177)**

Section 457.1260 Grievances Section 457.1260 applies subpart F of part 438 to CHIP.

Section 438.400(b), adopted in CHIP through §457.1260, updates the definition of “Action” to “Adverse benefit determination,” clarify “appeal” and “grievance,” and add the definition of “grievance system.” We estimate a one-time state burden of 5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to amend all relevant documents to the new nomenclature and definitions. In aggregate, we estimate 125 hr (5 hr x 25 states) and \$9,415 (125 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **41.7 hr** at a cost of **\$3,140**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.115 (S))**

Aligning the definition of “adverse benefit determination” to include medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, or effectiveness requires that plans provide additional hearing resources to actions previously not included. We estimate 3 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist and expect that each plan will provide 3 additional hearings per month (36 per year). In aggregate, we estimate an annual private sector burden of **6,264 hr** (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 36 hearings x 3 hr) and **\$471,804** (6,264 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.116 (PS))**

Section 438.402, adopted in CHIP through §457.1260, specifies the general requirements associated with the grievance system. More specifically, §438.402: (1) Requires MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs to have a grievance system; (2) sets out general requirements for the system; (3) establishes filing requirements; and (4) provides that grievances and appeals may be filed either

orally or in writing. The provisions apply to 58 entities. The burden for revising the contracts for these entities is included in §457.1201. **(see Estimate 12.1 (S))**

With regard to setting up a grievance system, we estimate it will take 100 hr (10 hr at \$120.90/hr for a general and operations manager (see **Estimate 12.117 (S)**), 75 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist (see **Estimate 12.118 (S)**), and 15 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer (see **Estimate 12.119 (S)**)) for each entity. We estimate that the entities will receive 400 grievances per month. We estimate it will take a business operations specialist 30 min to process and handle each grievance and adverse benefit determinations. We estimate a one-time **private sector** burden of 5,800 hr and \$477,746 [58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x ((10 x \$120.90/hr) + (75 x \$75.32/hr) + (15 x \$91.96/hr))].

Annually, we estimate **1,933.33 hr** at a cost of **\$159,249**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.

We also estimate an ongoing annual burden of **139,200 hr** [58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 400 grievances/month x 12 months x 0.5 hr/grievance] and **\$10,484,544** (139,200 hr x \$75.32/hr) for processing each grievance and adverse benefit determination. **(Estimate 12.120 (PS))**

Section 438.404(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1260, adds PAHPs as an entity that must give the enrollee timely written notice and sets forth the requirements of that notice. More specifically, the enrollee must be provided timely written notice if an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP intends to: (1) Deny, limit, reduce, or terminate a service; (2) deny payment; (3) deny the request of an enrollee in a rural area with one plan to go out of network to obtain a service; or (4) fails to furnish, arrange, provide, or pay for a service in a timely manner.

We estimate an annual private sector burden of 1 min at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to provide written notice of the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP's intended action. We estimate that 5 percent (115,000) of the approximately 2.3 million MCO, PIHP, or PAHP enrollees will receive one notice of intended action per year from their MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. In aggregate, we estimate **1,917 hr** (115,000 x 1 min) and **\$70,584** (1,917 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.121 (PS))**

In §438.416, adopted in CHIP through §457.1260, the state must require that MCOs, PIHPs and PAHPs maintain records of grievances and appeals. We estimate that approximately 23,000 enrollees (1 percent) of the approximately 2.3 million MCO and PIHP enrollees file a grievance or appeal with their MCO or PIHP. We estimate an annual private sector burden of 1 min (per request) at \$36.82/hr for an office and administrative support worker to record and track grievances. In aggregate, we estimate **383 hr** (23,000 grievances x 1 min) and **\$14,102** (383 hr x \$36.82/hr). **(Estimate 12.122 (PS))**

Section 457.1270 Sanctions Section 457.1270 applies subpart I of part 438 to CHIP.

In §438.722(a) adopted in CHIP through §457.1270, states are provided the option to give MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM enrollees written notice of the state's intent to terminate its MCO, PIHP,

PAHP, or PCCM contract. Notice may be provided after the state has notified the entity of its intention to terminate their contract.

States already have the authority to terminate MCO, PIHP, PAHP or PCCM contracts according to state law and have been providing written notice to the MCO, PIHP, PAHP or PCCM enrollees. While it is not possible to gather an exact figure, we estimate that 8 states may terminate 1 contract per year.

We estimate an annual state burden of 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to prepare the notice to enrollees. In aggregate, we estimate **8 hr** (1 hr x 8 states x 1 contract/yr.) and **\$603** (8 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.123 (S))**

To send the notice, we estimate an average enrollment of 30,000 beneficiaries and 1 min (per beneficiary) at \$32.40/hr for a mail clerk. In aggregate we estimate **500 hr** (30,000 beneficiaries x 1 min) and **\$16,200** (500 hr x \$32.40/hr). **(Estimate 12.124 (S))**

Section 438.724, adopted in CHIP through §457.1270, requires that the state give the CMS Regional Office written notice whenever it imposes or lifts a sanction. The notice must specify the affected MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM, the kind of sanction, and the reason for the state's decision to impose or lift a sanction.

We anticipate that no more than 15 states will impose or lift a sanction each year and that it will take 30 min at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to give the regional office notice. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of **7.5 hr** (15 states x 30 min) and **\$565** (7.5 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.125 (S))**

Section 457.1285 Program Integrity Safeguards Section 457.1285 applies most of subpart H of part 438 to CHIP.

Section 438.602(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, details state responsibilities for monitoring MCO, PIHP, PAHP, PCCM or PCCM's compliance with other sections of part 438, screening and enrollment of providers, reviewing ownership and control information, performing periodic audits, investigating based on whistleblower information, and imposing sanctions as appropriate. States will need to revise their policies and implement these activities, as needed.

We estimate 50 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to create and/or revise their policies for the activities set out under §438.602(a). In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 1,250 hr (25 states x 50 hr) and \$94,150 (1,250 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **416.7 hr** at a cost of **\$31,386**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.126 (S))**

Section 438.602(b), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires states to screen and enrollee MCO, PIHP, PAHP, PCCM and PCCM entity providers in accordance with 42 CFR part 455, subparts B and E. States are already required to screen and enroll providers in both FFS and

managed care in their CHIP programs through §457.990, so there is no additional burden associated with this requirement.

Section 438.602(e), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires states to conduct or contract for audits of MCO, PIHP, and PAHP encounter and financial data once every 3 years. Some states already use their EQRO to validate data. If they conduct this task at an appropriate frequency, it will incur no additional burden. We estimate 12 states already use their EQRO to validate their data, so only 21 states may need to take action to meet this requirement. The method selected by the state will determine the amount of burden incurred. We assume an equal distribution of states selecting each method, thus 7 states per method.

A state using EQRO to validate data on less than an appropriate frequency may need to amend their EQRO contract. In this case, we estimate 1 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time state burden of 7 hr (7 states x 1 hr) and \$527 (7 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **2.3 hr** at a cost of **\$173**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. (**Estimate 12.127 (S)**)

A state electing to perform validation internally must develop processes and policies to support implementation. In this case, we estimate 10 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to develop policy (see **Estimate 12.128 (S)**) and 100 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to develop, test, and automate the validation processes (see **Estimate 12.129 (S)**). In aggregate, we estimate a one-time **state burden** of 770 hr (7 states x 110 hr) and \$69,644 [7 states x ((10 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (100 hr x \$91.96/hr))].

Annually, we estimate **256.7 hr** at a cost of **\$23,214**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires.

For a state electing to procure a vendor, given the wide variance in state procurement processes, our burden is conservatively estimated at 150 hr for writing a proposal request, evaluating proposals, and implementing the selected proposal. We estimate 125 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to participate in the writing, evaluating, and implementing (see **Estimate 12.130 (S)**), and 25 hr at \$120.90/hr for a general and operations manager to participate in the writing, evaluating, and implementing (see **Estimate 12.131 (S)**). In aggregate, we estimate an annual **state burden** of **1,050 hr** [7 states x (150 hr)] and **\$87,063** [7 states x ((125 hr x \$75.32/hr) + (25 hr x \$120.90/hr))].

Section 438.602(g), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires states to post the MCO's, PIHP's, and PAHP's contracts, data from §438.604, and audits from §438.602(e) on their website. As most of these activities will only occur no more frequently than annually, we estimate an annual state burden of 1 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to post the documents. In aggregate, we estimate **25 hr** (25 states x 1 hr) and **\$2,299** (25 hr x \$91.96/hr). (**Estimate 12.132 (S)**)

Section 438.608(a), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires that MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs have administrative and management arrangements or procedures that are designed to guard against fraud and abuse. The arrangements or procedures must include a compliance program as set forth under §438.608(a)(1), provisions for reporting under §438.608(a)(2), provisions for notification under §438.608(a)(3), provisions for verification methods under §438.608(a)(4), and provisions for written policies under §438.608(a)(5).

The compliance program must include: written policies, procedures, and standards of conduct that articulate the organization's commitment to comply with all applicable federal and state standards and requirements under the contract; the designation of a Compliance Officer; the establishment of a Regulatory Compliance Committee on the Board of Directors; effective training and education for the organization's management and its employees; and provisions for internal monitoring and a prompt and effective response to noncompliance with the requirements under the contract.

We estimate that reviewing their policies and procedures to ensure that all of the above listed items are addressed. We estimate this will require 5 hr at \$75.32/hr for a business operations specialist to review and (if necessary) revise their policies and procedures. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 290 hr (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 5 hr) and \$21,843 (290 hr x \$75.32/hr).

Annually, we estimate **96.7 hr** at a cost of **\$7,281**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.133 (PS))**

Section 438.608(a)(2) and (3), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, require reporting of overpayments and enrollee fraud. As these will be done via an email from the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to the state and do not occur very often, we estimate only 2 hr per year by a business operations specialist at \$75.32/hr. We estimate an annual burden of **116 hr** (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 2 hr) and **\$8,737** (116 hr x \$75.32/hr). **(Estimate 12.134 (PS))**

Section 438.608(a)(4), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to use a sampling methodology to verify receipt of services. This typically involves mailing a letter or sending an email to the enrollee, we estimate 25 states mail to 100 enrollees each (25 x 100 = 2,500 mailings) taking 1 min at \$32.40/hr for a mail clerk. We estimate a total annual aggregate burden for **private sector** of **42 hr** (2,500 mailings x 1 min) and **\$1,361** (42 hr x \$32.40/hr). This burden will be significantly reduced as the use of email increases. **(Estimate 12.135 (PS))**

Section 438.608(c) and (d), adopted in CHIP through §457.1285, requires states to include in all MCO, PIHP, and PAHP contracts, the process for the disclosure and treatment of certain types of recoveries and reporting of such activity. The burden to amend the contracts is included in §457.1201. **(see Estimate 12.1 (S))**

We estimate the burden to comply with the reporting to include 1 hr at \$91.96/hr for a computer programmer to create the report. In aggregate, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of

58 hr (58 MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs x 1 hr) and \$5,334 (58 hr x \$91.96/hr).

Annually, we estimate **19.3 hr** at a cost of **\$1,775**. We are annualizing the one-time estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.136 (PS))**

Once developed, the report will be put on a production schedule and add no additional burden.

Section 438.608, adopted in CHIP through § 457.1285 requires States to update all MCO, PIHP, and PAHP contracts to require managed care plans to report overpayments to the State within 10 business days of identifying or recovering an overpayment. We estimate that the proposed changes to the timing of overpayment reporting (from timeframes that varied by State to 10 business days for all States) would apply to all MCO, PIHP, and PAHP contracts, including contracts for NEMT, that is, a total of 199 contracts for CHIP. We estimate it would take: 2 hours at \$77.28/hr for a business operations specialist and 1 hour at \$110.82/hr for a general and operations manager to modify State contracts with plans. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1285, we estimate a one-time State burden of 597 hours (199 contracts x 3 hr) at a cost of \$52,811 [199 contracts x ((2 hr x \$77.28/hr) + (1 hr x \$110.82/hr))]. As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 199 hours and \$17,604. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimates 12.178-12.179(S))**

We also estimate that it would take MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs 1 hour at \$109.36/hr for a computer programmer to update systems and processes already used to meet the previous requirement for "prompt" reporting. In aggregate for CHIP for § 457.1285, we estimate a one-time private sector burden of 199 hours (199 contracts x 1 hr) at a cost of \$21,763 (199 contracts x \$109.36/hr). As this would be a one-time requirement, we annualize our time and cost estimates to 199 hours and \$7,947. The annualization divides our estimates by three (3) years to reflect OMB's likely approval period. We are annualizing the one-time burden estimate since we do not anticipate any additional burden after the 3-year approval period expires. **(Estimate 12.203)**

12.3 Burden Summary

Table 2: Summary of Annual Burden Estimates: State Government (S)
Response Type: R=reporting; RK=recordkeeping; TPD=third-party disclosure

Estimate No.	CFR section	# Respondents	# Responses	Burden per response (hours)	Total Annual Hours	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized hours*	Annualized Costs (\$)
12.1	457.1201 Contracts	62	62	6	372	75.32	28,019	once	R	124	9,340
12.5	457.1203 MLR	58	58	31.8	1,844.40	91.96	169,611	annual	R	1,844.40	169,611
12.6	457.1203 MLR	58	58	15.9	922.2	75.32	69,460	annual	R	922.2	69,460
12.7	457.1203 MLR	58	58	5.3	307.4	120.90	37,165	annual	R	307.4	37,165
12.27	457.1209 Contracts	18	18	12	216	75.32	16,269	annual	R	216	16,269
12.29	457.1210(c) Enrollment	15	15	4	60	75.32	4,519	once	R	20	1,506
12.31	457.1214 Conflict	5	5	10	50	75.32	3,766	once	R	17	1,280
12.46	457.1230(b) Access Stds	58	58	1	58	75.32	4,369	annual	R	58	4,369
12.57	457.1240(b) Quality	2	2	0.33	0.67	75.32	50	annual	R	1	50
12.63	457.1240(b) Quality	3	3	6	18	75.32	1,356	annual	R	32	1,356
12.64	457.1240(b) Quality	3	3	15	45	75.32	3,389	annual	R	45	3,389
12.65	457.1240(b) Quality	25	25	0.5	12.5	75.32	942	once	R	4	314
12.66	457.1240(b) Quality	25	25	1	25	75.32	1,883	annual	R	25	1,883
12.72	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	800	6,400	75.32	482,048	once	R	2,133	160,683
12.73	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	400	3,200	91.96	294,272	once	R	1,067	98,121
12.74	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	120	960	120.90	116,064	once	R	320	38,688
12.75	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	20	160	36.82	5,891	once	R	53	1,964
12.76	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	50	400	75.32	30,128	once	R	133	10,043
12.77	457.1240(d) Quality	8	8	20	160	75.32	12,051	once	R	53	4,015
12.84	457.1240(e) Quality	13	13	1	13	36.82	479	annual	R	4	160
12.85	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	0.5	2.5	75.32	188	annual	R	1	63
12.86	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	25	125	75.32	9,415	annual	R	42	3,138
12.87	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	2	10	36.82	368	annual	R	3	123
12.88	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	5	25	75.32	1,883	Annual	R	8	628
12.89	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	1	5	36.82	184	Annual	R	2	61
12.90	457.1240(e) Quality	25	25	40	1,000	75.32	75,320	Annual	R	333	25,107
12.90b	457.1240(e) Quality	25	25	0.25	2.1	75.32	158	once	R	1	53
12.91	457.1240(e) Quality	5	5	0.5	2.5	75.32	188	once	R	1	63
12.91b	457.1240(e) Quality	25	25	0.25	452.1	75.32	158	once	R	1	53
12.102	457.1250(a) EQR	4	4	173.3	693.2	75.32	52,212	Annual	R	693	52,212
12.105	457.1250(a)	4	4	50	200	75.32	15,064	Annual	R	50	15,064

**Table 3: Summary of Annual Burden Estimates for CMS-2439-P:
State Government (S)**

Response Type: R=reporting; RK=recordkeeping; TPD=third-party disclosure

Estimate Number	Regulatory Section in Title 42 of the CFR	# of Respondents	Total # of Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Total Time (hours)	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized Time (hours)	Annualized Cost (\$)
12.133	457.12 01(e)	16	100	1	100	77.28	7,728	annual	R	100	7,728
12.134	457.12 01(e)	5	5	2	10	77.28	773	annual	R	10	773
12.135	457.12 01(e)	5	5	25	125	77.28	9,660	annual	R	125	9,660
12.136	457.12 01(e)	16	16	2	32	109.36	3,500	once	R	11	1167
12.137	457.12 01(e)	16	16	2	32	77.28	2,473	once	R	11	824
12.138	457.12 01(e)	16	16	1	16	77.28	1,236	annual	R	16	1,236
12.139	457.12 03(f)	32	100	2	100	77.28	15,456	once	R	33	5,125
12.140	457.12 03(f)	32	100	1	100	110.82	11,082	once	R	33	3,694
12.141	457.12 03(e)	32	5	5	25	77.28	1,932	once	R	8	644
12.142	457.12 07	32	32	20	640	109.36	69,990	once	R	213	23,294
12.143	457.12 07	32	32	41	1,312	109.36	143,480	annual	R	1,312	143,480
12.150	457.12 30(b)	32	32	44	1,408	77.28	108,810	annual	R	1,408	108,810
12.151	457.12 40(d)	32	199	1	199	77.28	15,379	once	R	66	5,126
12.152	457.12 40(d)	32	199	.5	100	110.82	11,082	once	R	33	3,694
12.153	457.12 40(d)	32	32	600	19,200	109.36	2,099,712	once	R	6,400	699,904
12.154	457.12 40(d)	32	32	600	19,200	78.18	1,501,056	once	R	6,400	500,352
12.155	457.12 40(d)	32	32	80	2,560	77.28	197,837	once	R	853	65,946
12.156	457.12 40(d)	32	32	450	14,400	98.50	141,192,000	once	R	4,800	47,064,000
12.157	457.12 40(d)	32	32	384	12,288	109.36	1,343,816	once	R	4,096	447,939
12.158	457.12 40(d)	32	32	256	8,192	78.18	640,451	once	R	2,731	213,484
12.159	457.12 40(d)	32	32	120	3,840	78.28	300,595	annual	R	3,840	300,595
12.160	457.12 40(d)	32	32	384	12,288	98.50	1,210,368	annual	R	12,288	1,210,368
12.161	457.12 40(d)	32	32	24	768	77.28	59,351	annual	R	768	59,351
12.162	457.12 40(d)	(10)	(10)	(5)	(50)	(37.96)	(1,898)	annual	R	(50)	(1,898)
12.163	457.12 40(d)	(10)	(10)	(30)	(300)	(77.28)	(23,184)	annual	R	(300)	(23,184)
12.166	457.12 50(a)	32	32	.5	16	77.28	1,236	annual	R	16	1,236
12.178	457.12 85	32	199	2	398	77.28	30,757	once	R	133	10,252
12.179	457.12 85	32	199	1	199	110.82	22,053	once	R	66	7,351
<i>Subtotal: R</i>		32	1,555	<i>Varies</i>	97,198	<i>Varies</i>	148,976,731	<i>Varies</i>	R	45,378	50,870,307

Estimate Number	Regulatory Section in Title 42 of the CFR	# of Respondents	Total # of Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Total Time (hours)	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized Time (hours)	Annualized Cost (\$)
12.144	457.12 18	32	32	20	640	77.28	49,459	once	RK	213	16,486
12.145	457.12 18	32	32	10	320	77.28	24,730	once	RK	107	8,243
12.146	457.12 18	32	32	85	2,720	77.28	210,202	once	RK	1174	99,676
12.147	457.12 18	32	32	25	800	110.82	88,656	once	RK	267	29,552
12.148	457.12 18	32	32	50	1,600	77.28	123,648	annual	RK	1,600	123,648
12.149	457.12 18	32	32	15	480	110.82	53,194	annual	RK	480	53,194
12.167	457.12 50(a)	32	149	.0833	62	77.28	4,791	once	RK	21	1597
12.174	457.12 50(a)	(2)	(10)	(.0833)	(0.833)	(37.96)	(32)	annual	RK	(1)	(32)
<i>Subtotal: RK</i>		32	331	<i>Varies</i>	6,621	<i>Varies</i>	554,648	<i>Varies</i>	<i>RK</i>	3,861	332,364
12.164	457.12 50(a)	32	199	1	199	77.28	15,379	annual	TPD	199	15,379
12.165	457.12 50(a)	32	199	.5	100	37.96	3,777	annual	TPD	100	3,777
12.168	457.12 50(a)	32	199	1	199	77.28	15,379	annual	TPD	199	15,379
12.169	457.12 50(a)	32	199	.5	100	110.82	11,027	annual	TPD	100	11,027
12.170	457.12 50(a)	(17)	(17)	(130)	(2,207)	(110.82)	(244,535)	annual	TPD	(2,207)	(244,535)
12.171	457.12 50(a)	(17)	(17)	(162)	(2,758)	(92.92)	(256,297)	annual	TPD	(2,758)	(256,297)
12.172	457.12 50(a)	(17)	(17)	(357)	(6,068)	(77.28)	(468,947)	annual	TPD	(6,068)	(468,947)
12.173	457.12 50(a)	(3)	(17)	(279)	(4,749)	(77.28)	(366,977)	annual	TPD	(4,749)	(366,977)
12.175	457.12 50(a)	20	20	16	320	110.82	35,462	annual	TPD	320	35,462
12.176	457.12 50(a)	20	20	20	400	109.36	43,744	annual	TPD	400	43,744
12.177	457.12 50(a)	20	20	44	880	77.28	68,006	annual	TPD	880	68,006
<i>Subtotal: TPD</i>		32	788	<i>Varies</i>	(13,584)	<i>Varies</i>	(1,143,982)	<i>Varies</i>	<i>TPD</i>	(13,584)	(1,143,982)
Total		32	2,674	<i>Varies</i>	90,235	<i>Varies</i>	148,387,397	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>	35,664	50,058,689

Table 4: Summary of Annual Burden Estimates: Private Sector (PS)
Response Type: R=reporting; RK=recordkeeping; TPD=third-party disclosure

Estimate No.	CFR section	# Respondents	# Responses	Burden per response	Total Annual Hours	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized hours*	Annualized Costs (\$)
12.2	457.1203 MLR	58	58	101	5,858	91.96	538,702	once	R	1,953	179,598
12.3	457.1203 MLR	58	58	50	2,900	75.32	218,428	once	R	967	72,809
12.4	457.1203 MLR	58	58	17	986	120.90	119,207	once	R	329	39,736
12.26	457.1209 Contracts	40	40	1	40	91.96	3,678	once	R	13	1,223
12.47	457.1230(c) Access Stds	62	64,000	0.16667	10,666	58.14	620,121	annual	R	10,666	620,121

12.50	457.1230(c) Access Stds	58	58	4	232	91.96	21,335	once	R	77.3	7,109
12.55	457.1233(d) Structure and Operations	55	55	20	1,100	91.96	101,156	once	R	366.7	33,722
12.60	457.1240(b) Quality	7	21	4	84	75.32	6,327	annual	R	84	6,327
12.61	457.1240(b) Quality	3	3	2	6	75.32	452	once	R	3	151
12.62	457.1240(b) Quality	55	168	6	1,344	75.32	101,230	annual	R	1,344	101,230
12.103	457.1250(a) EQR	58	58	100	5,800	75.32	436,856	annual	R	5,800	436,856
12.104	457.1250(a) EQR	58	58	100	5,800	36.82	213,556	Annual	R	5,800	213,556
12.136	457.1285 Program Integrity	58	58	1	58	91.96	5,334	once	R	19	1,775
<i>Subtotal: R</i>		62	64,693	Varie s	34,874	Varies	2,386,382	Varies	R	27,422	1,714,213
12.20	457.1207 Information Requirements	5	5	10	50	75.32	3,766	once	RK	17	1,255
12.21	457.1207 Information Requirements	20	20	4	80	75.32	6,026	once	RK	27	2,009
12.24	457.1207 Information Requirements	62	62	1	62	75.32	4,670	once	RK	21	1,557
12.35	457.1216 Continued Services	62	30,000	0.166 67	5,000	76.94	384,700	annual	RK	5,000	384,700
12.39	457.1222 Communication	3	3	1	3	75.32	226	annual	RK	3	226
12.43	457.1224 Marketing	5	5	2	10	75.32	753	once	RK	3	251
12.44	457.1230(a) Access Stds	58	58	3	174	75.32	13,106	once	RK	58	4,369
12.45	457.1230(b) Access Stds	58	58	20	1,160	75.32	87,371	annual	RK	1,160	87,371
12.48	457.1230(c) Access Stds	17	17	3	51	75.32	3,841	once	RK	17	1,280
12.49	457.1230(c) Access Stds	62	230,000	0.166 67	38,333	36.82	1,411,421	annual	RK	38,333	1,411,421
12.51	457.1230(c) Access Stds	62	23,000	1	23,000	76.94	1,769,620	annual	RK	23,000	1,769,620
12.58	457.1240(b) Quality	3	3	10	30	75.32	2,260	once	RK	10	753

12.59	457.1240(b) Quality	3	3	10	30	75.32	2,260	annual	RK	30	2,260
12.116	457.1260 Grievances	58	2088	3	6,264	75.32	471,804	annual	RK	6,264	471,804
12.120	457.1260 Grievances	58	278,400	0.5	139,200	75.32	10,484,544	annual	RK	139,200	10,484,544
12.133	457.1285 Program Integrity	58	58	5	290	75.32	21,843	once	RK	96.7	7,281
12.134	457.1285 Program Integrity	58	58	2	116	75.32	8,737	annual	RK	116	8,737
<i>Subtotal: RK</i>		62	563,838	Varie s	213,853	Varies	14,676,948	Varies	RK	213,356	14,639,438
12.22	457.1207 Information Requirements	62	1,150,000	0.016 67	19,167	36.82	705,729	once	TPD	6,389	235,243
12.23	457.1207 Information Requirements	62	115,000	0.016 67	1,917	36.82	70,584	Annual	TPD	1,917	70,584
12.25	457.1207 Information Requirements	62	62	1	62	91.96	5,702	once	TPD	21	1,931
12.34	457.1216 Continued Services	62	62	4	248	91.96	22,806	once	TPD	82.67	7,602
12.40	457.1222 Communication	3	3	4	12	75.32	904	Annual	TPD	12	904
12.41	457.1222 Communication	3	234,000	0.016 67	3,900	36.82	143,598	Annual	TPD	3,900	143,598
12.52	457.1230(d) Access Stds	58	90,480	0.5	45,240	76.94	3,480,766	Annual	TPD	45,240	3,480,766
12.54	457.1233(c) Structure and Operations	58	58	2	116	75.32	8,737	Annual	TPD	116	8,737
12.99	457.1250(a) EQR	5	5	80	400	75.32	30,128	Annual	TPD	400	30,128
12.107	457.1250(a) EQR	48	48	350	16,800	75.32	1,265,376	Annual	TPD	16,800	1,265,376
12.121	457.1260 Grievances	62	115,000	0.016 67	1,917	36.82	70,584	Annual	TPD	1,917	70,584
12.122	457.1260 Grievances	62	23,000	0.016 67	383	36.82	14,102	Annual	TPD	383	14,102
12.135	457.1285 Program Integrity	25	2,500	0.016 67	42	32.40	1,361	Annual	TPD	42	1,361
<i>Subtotal: TPD</i>		62	1,730,218	Varie s	90,204	Varies	5,820,377	Varies	TPD	77,220	5,330,916

TOTAL	62	2,358,749	Varies	338,931	Varies	22,883,707	Varies	Varies	317,998	21,684,567
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Table 5: Summary of Annual Burden Estimates for CMS-2439-P: Private Sector (PS)
Response Type: R=reporting

Estimate Number	Regulatory Section in Title 42 of the CFR	# of Respondents	Total # of Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Total Time (hours)	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized Time (hours)	Annualized Cost (\$)
12.180	457.1201 (e)	199	40	2	80	77.28	6,182	annual	R	80	6,182
12.181	457.1203 (f)	199	199	1	199	80.74	16,067	annual	R	199	16,067
12.182	457.1203 (f)	199	199	1	199	77.28	15,379	annual	R	199	15,379
12.183	457.1203 (f)	199	199	1	199	110.82	22,053	annual	R	199	22,053
12.184	457.1203 (f)	199	100	80	8,000	77.28	618,240	once	R	2,667	206,080
12.185	457.1203 (f)	199	100	40	4,000	110.82	443,280	once	R	1,333	147,760
12.186	457.1203 (f)	199	100	1	100	77.28	7,725	annual	R	100	7,725
12.187	457.1230 (b)	199	199	50	9,950	77.28	768,936	once	R	3,317	256,312
12.188	457.1230 (b)	199	199	20	3,980	110.82	441,064	once	R	1,327	147,021
12.189	457.1230 (b)	199	199	80	15,920	109.36	1,741,011	once	R	5,306	580,337
12.190	457.1230 (b)	199	199	20	3,980	77.28	307,574	once	R	1,327	102,525
12.191	457.1230 (b)	199	199	5	995	110.82	110,266	once	R	332	36,755
12.192	457.1230 (b)	199	199	20	3,980	109.36	435,014	once	R	1,327	145,005
12.193	457.1240 (d)	199	199	400	79,600	109.36	8,705,056	annual	R	79,600	8,705,056
12.194	457.1240 (d)	199	199	148	29,452	77.28	2,276,051	annual	R	29,452	2,276,051
12.195	457.1240 (d)	199	199	152	30,248	37.96	1,148,214	annual	R	30,248	1,148,214
12.196	457.1240 (d)	199	199	60	11,940	79.56	949,946	annual	R	11,940	949,946
12.197	457.1240 (d)	199	199	60	11,940	46.46	554,732	annual	R	11,940	554,732
12.198	457.1240 (d)	199	199	20	3,980	77.28	307,574	annual	R	3,980	307,574
12.199	457.1240 (d)	199	199	56	11,144	37.96	423,026	annual	R	11,144	423,026
12.200	457.1240 (d)	199	199	32	6,368	95.62	608,908	annual	R	6,368	608,908
12.201	457.1250 (a)	(17)	(17)	(50)	(850)	(77.28)	(65,688)	annual	R	(850)	(65,688)
12.202	457.1250 (a)	(17)	(17)	(50)	(850)	(37.96)	(32,266)	annual	R	(850)	(32,266)
12.203	457.1285	199	199	1	199	109.36	21,763	Once	R	218	7,947
Total		199	3,956	Varies	234,753	Varies	19,830,107	Varies	R	200,903	16,572,701

Table 6: Summary of Annual State Burden Estimates
Response Type: R=reporting; RK=recordkeeping; TPD=third-party disclosure

	# Respondents	# Responses	Burden per response (hours)	Total Annual Hours	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized hours*	Annualized Costs (\$)
State: R	62	2,168	Varies	114,712	Varies	150,416,768	Varies	R	53,966	51,605,597
State: RK	58	1,019	Varies	17,014	Varies	1,394,697	Varies	RK	7,543	636,678
State: TPD	58	376,644	Varies	30,166	Varies	1,959,878	Varies	TDP	21,459	1,363,663
TOTAL	62	379,831	Varies	161,892	Varies	153,771,343	Varies	Varies	82,968	53,605,938

Table 7: Summary of Annual Private Sector Burden Estimates
Response Type: R=reporting; RK=recordkeeping; TPD=third-party disclosure

	# Respondents	# Responses	Burden per response (hours)	Total Annual Hours	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized hours*	Annualized Costs (\$)
Private Sector: R	261	68,649	Varies	269,627	Varies	22,216,489	Varies	R	228,325	18,286,914
Private Sector: RK	261	563,838	Varies	213,853	Varies	14,676,948	Varies	RK	213,356	14,639,438
Private Sector: TPD	261	1,730,218	Varies	90,204	Varies	5,820,377	Varies	TPD	77,220	5,330,916
TOTAL	261	2,362,705	Varies	573,684	Varies	42,713,814	Varies	Varies	518,901	38,257,268

Table 8: Total State and Private Sector Burden Estimates

	# Respondents	# Responses	Burden per response (hours)	Total Annual Hours	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Frequency	Respondent Type	Annualized hours*	Annualized Costs (\$)
State	62	379,831	Varies	161,892	Varies	153,771,343	Varies	Varies	82,968	53,605,938
Private Sector	261	2,362,705	Varies	573,684	Varies	42,713,814	Varies	Varies	518,901	38,257,268
TOTAL	323	2,742,536	Varies	735,576	Varies	196,485,157	Varies	Varies	601,869	91,863,206

12.3 Information Collection Instruments and Associated Instructions

There are no collection instruments. All of the requirements and instructions are provided in the CFR.

13. Capital Costs

There are no capital costs.

14. Cost to Federal Government

Federal costs were derived by applying the appropriate federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). For the

revisions in part 457, we applied an FMAP of 93.9 percent, which is the average CHIP FMAP for federal fiscal years 2016-2019, to estimate the federal share of costs. For the provisions contained in this supporting statement, the annualized cost to the federal government is \$20.8 million (\$16.6 million in fixed costs + \$4.2 million variable costs).

For the proposed provisions in CMS-2439-P, we estimate the annualized cost to the federal government is \$185.5 million (\$139.3 million in fixed costs + \$46.2 million variable costs).

15. Changes to Burden

This iteration is associated with the changes proposed in our May 3, 2023 (88 FR 28092) NPRM (CMS-2439-P; RIN 0938-AU99). The changes are discussed in detail in section 12 of this Supporting Statement. The following table summarizes the proposed changes.

Table 9: Summary of Proposed (CMS-2439-P) Changes

Estimate Number	# of Respondents	Total # of Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Total Time (hours)	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Annualized Time (hours)	Annualized Cost (\$)
States (see Table 3)	32	2,674	Varies	90,235	Varies	148,387,397	35,664	50,058,689
Private Sector (see Table 5)	199	3,956	Varies	234,753	Varies	19,830,107	200,903	16,572,701
TOTAL	231	6,630	Varies	324,988	Varies	168,217,504	236,567	66,631,390

We are also correcting our active collection of information request’s time estimates which had inadvertently set out our total time when it should have set out our annualized time estimates.

In this regard we are correcting our active State estimates by minus 24,344 hr (from 71,657 hr to 47,313 hr) and our active private sector estimates by minus 20,933 (from 338,931 hr to 317,998 hr).

Table 10: Correction

Estimate Number	# of Respondents	Total # of Responses	Time per Response (hours)	Total Time (hours)	Labor Rate (\$/hr)	Total cost (\$)	Annualized Time (hours)	Annualized Cost (\$)
Active Burden: Correction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(45,277)	n/a
Proposed Change (CMS-2439-P)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	236,567	n/a
TOTAL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	191,290	n/a

16. Publication/Tabulation Dates

Most of the information submitted to CMS (with the exception of the information described in §§457.1240 and 457.1250) will not be published. Rather, that information is reviewed as part of the agency’s normal oversight activity of state CHIP managed care programs. The majority of the information collection is undertaken by States. Accordingly, States are responsible for ensuring that information collected is not manipulated and erroneously published.

The EQR must, at a minimum, result in a detailed technical report that summarizes the findings on access and quality of care. This must include:

- 1) A description of the manner in which the data from the EQR-related activities were aggregated and analyzed, and the conclusions drawn by the EQRO regarding the quality, timeliness, and access to care provided by the MCO, PIHP, PAHP or PCCM entity;
- 2) Details for each EQR-related activity, including the objectives, technical methods of data collection and analysis, description of the data obtained (including validated performance measurement data for each activity conducted), and conclusions drawn from the data;
- 3) An assessment of the strength and weaknesses of each MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM entity with respect to timeliness, access, and quality of the health care services furnished to Medicaid beneficiaries;
- 4) Recommendations for improving the quality of the services furnished by each MCO, PIHP, PAHP, and PCCM entity, including how the state can target goals and objectives in its quality strategy (required under §438.340) to support improvement in the quality, timeliness, and access to services;
- 5) Methodologically appropriate, comparative information about all MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCM entities consistent with guidance included in the EQR protocols issued in accordance with §438.352; and
- 6) An assessment of the degree to which each MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM entity has addressed effectively the recommendations for quality improvement made by the EQRO during the previous year's EQR.

The annual EQR technical report will be submitted by the contracting EQRO to the state, which will then submit it to CMS, post it on the state's website, and provide this information upon request.

CMS will use the state-provided EQR technical reports in the development of the Annual Secretary's Report on Quality of Care for Children and the Annual Secretary's Report on Quality of Care for Adults.

CMS intends to maintain a list of hyperlinks on Medicaid.gov to states' websites where EQR technical reports are posted in order to improve public transparency.

Pursuant to §457.1240, States will post current managed care quality strategies (QS) on their websites. CMS will maintain a list of hyperlinks to current state QS on Medicaid.gov. States will be required to review and revise their QS at least once every three years; this process will include an effectiveness evaluation of the QS, the results of which must be published on the state's website. CMS will review QS submitted to the agency by states as a part of its normal oversight activities for the CHIP program.

17. Expiration Date

The expiration date will be displayed.

18. Certification Statement

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

There are no statistical methods.