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This iteration proposes to revise our active collection of
information request.

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contents of this Supporting Statement and the associated attachments
have been reviewed to ensure that they are consistent with the Trump
administration’s policies, goals, and objectives.

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Background</h1>
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Section 1331 of the Affordable
Care Act (ACA) gives States the option of creating a Basic Health
Program (BHP), a health benefits coverage program for low-income
residents who would otherwise be eligible to purchase coverage
through the Exchange. The BHP gives States the ability to provide
more affordable coverage for these low-income residents and improve
continuity of care for people whose income fluctuates above and below
Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) levels.
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Through a BHP, States can
provide coverage to individuals who are citizens or lawfully present
non-citizens, who do not qualify for Medicaid, CHIP, or other minimum
essential coverage and have income between 133 percent and 200
percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL). People who are lawfully
present non-citizens with incomes below 133 percent of FPL but who
are unable to qualify for Medicaid due to non-citizen status, are
also eligible to enroll. Currently, four States have received
approval from CMS to operate a BHP.

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This 2026 information
collection request relates to updates to BHP previously finalized in
CMS-1784-F, CMS-2421-F, CMS-9895-F, and CMS-2421-F2. In CMS-9883-F,
we amend 42 CFR 600.5 to add a new definition of “eligible
noncitizen,” cross-referencing 45 CFR 155.20. This also relates to
sections 71301 and 71302 of Public Law 119-21 which CMS refers to as
the “Working Families Tax Cut” (WFTC) legislation which remove
State eligibility for BHP funding attributable to certain

non-citizens while maintaining BHP program eligibility for the same non-citizens.

We are revising all of the active (currently approved) collection of information instruments: BHP Blueprint, BHP Annual Report, State Report for Health Insurance Exchange Premiums, Enrollment Data Guide and Actual Enrollment Data Sample Spreadsheet. The changes are discussed in section 15 of this Supporting Statement.
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	<h1 class="heading-1ss-western">Justification</h1>

	<h2 class="heading2-western">Need and Legal Basis
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The legal authority for this collection is section 1331 of the ACA, which provides States the option to establish a BHP. All information collected by CMS is required to ensure compliance with Federal regulations and/or to calculate quarterly Federal payments to the States that operate a BHP.

Specifically, Federal regulations at 42 CFR 600.115 and 600.120 require a State to submit a BHP Blueprint to CMS for certification prior to the State implementing a BHP. Without the submission and certification of a BHP Blueprint, a State cannot legally operate a BHP. In addition, 42 CFR 600.125 requires the submission of a revised Blueprint to reflect: (1) changes in Federal laws, regulations, policy interpretations or court decisions that affect provisions in the certified Blueprint; (2) significant changes that alter core program operations or the BHP benefit package; or (3) changes to enrollment, disenrollment, and verification policies described in the certified Blueprint. Additionally, 42 CFR 600.170 requires a State to submit a BHP annual report, and 42 CFR 600.200 requires HHS to complete an annual compliance review of States' BHPs. This review may be based on the States' annual reports.

In accordance with section 1331 of the ACA, BHP is Federally funded by determining the amount of payments that the Federal government would have made through premium tax credits (PTCs) and cost-sharing reductions (CSRs) for people enrolled in BHP had they instead been enrolled in an Exchange. In order to calculate these amounts for each State, CMS needs the reference premiums for the second lowest cost silver plans (SLCSPs) in each geographic area in a State, as SLCSPs are a basic unit in the calculation of PTCs and CSRs under the Exchanges. Relatedly, the reference premiums for these SLCSPs are critical components in the BHP payment methodology in order to estimate what PTCs and CSRs would have been paid. Similarly, CMS also needs to collect reference premiums for the lowest cost bronze plans to appropriately account for CSR calculations for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Reference premiums are foundational inputs into the BHP payment methodology. In addition to the reference premiums, CMS also needs quarterly estimated and actual enrollment data from all States that operate a BHP. The enrollment data are used to calculate the States' quarterly Federal BHP payments.

42 CFR 600.140 requires a State electing to suspend or terminate its BHP to submit a notice and transition plan to the Secretary. Without this notice and transition plan, a State would be out of compliance with Federal regulations.

Sections 71301 and 71302 of the WFTC legislation remove State eligibility for BHP funding attributable to certain non-citizens while maintaining BHP program eligibility for the same non-citizens. Therefore, CMS needs to collect data regarding the eligibility to be included in the funding calculation for all BHP enrollees to ensure accurate calculation of Federal BHP payments to States.
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	<h2 class="heading2-western">Information Users</h2>

CMS will use the information collected in the Blueprint, Blueprint revisions, and annual report to monitor compliance with Federal regulations. CMS will use the estimated enrollment data, actual enrollment data, and reference premium data as inputs to calculate quarterly Federal payments to the States.

In addition, information collected in the Blueprint and Blueprint revisions by CMS will be used by advocacy groups, beneficiaries, applicants, other governmental agencies, research organizations, and health care consultants. CMS will post the States' most recent Blueprints on Medicaid.gov. States may also make their Blueprints publicly available. States will use the information collected to assess performance and monitor program enrollment.

CMS may publicly report high-level enrollment data but will not make the States' enrollment data submissions publicly available, as they contain confidential information. At this time, CMS does not intend to post BHP annual reports on Medicaid.gov but may do so in the future.
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	<h2 class="heading2-western">Use of Information Technology</h2>

This information collection is relatively small and CMS expects to collect it in a standardized format. CMS expects to collect this information as follows:

BHP Blueprint and revised Blueprints: States will submit this information in electronic format via email from the States to their BHP Project Officer.

BHP annual report: States will submit this information in electronic format via email from the States to their BHP Project Officer.

Estimated enrollment data: States will submit this information in electronic format via email to the CMS Office of the Actuary. Note that no personally identifiable information is transmitted in the estimated enrollment data file.

Actual enrollment data: States will submit actual enrollment data to the CMS Office of the Actuary via a secure electronic file transfer.

Reference premium data: States will submit reference premium data via email from the States to the CMS Office of the Actuary.

Termination or Suspension of a BHP: States will submit required notification of their intent to terminate or suspend their BHP in electronic format via email to their BHP Project Officer.

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There is no duplication of this information.
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<h2 class="heading2-western">Small Businesses</h2>

This collection of information does not impact small businesses or other small entities.
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<h2 class="heading2-western">Less Frequent Collection</h2>

The initial Blueprint must be certified by CMS prior to the State operating a BHP. Blueprint revisions may be submitted by States to CMS on an as needed basis. Disclosure of the information requested of States within the Blueprint ensures compliance with Federal regulations and serves the interests of BHP enrollees. There is no method to reduce the frequency that does not result in non-compliance with Federal regulations.

Under Federal regulations, the

BHP annual report must be submitted by States to CMS within 60 days of the end of each operational year. The BHP annual report is reviewed by CMS to ensure States' compliance with their Blueprint and with Federal regulations. There is no method to reduce the frequency that does not result in non-compliance with Federal regulations.

Estimated and actual enrollment data must be submitted by States to CMS on a quarterly basis. The consequences to the Federal government or the State if the information is not collected or is collected less frequently will be an inability to properly transfer Federal payments to the States. There is no method to reduce the frequency that does not result in non-compliance with Federal regulations.

For collection of the reference premiums, section 1331(d)(3)(a)(i) of the ACA requires an annual determination of the amount that the Secretary would have paid equal to 95 percent of the PTCs and CSRs for BHP enrollees had they been enrolled in the Exchanges. The premiums for qualified health plans offered under the Exchanges are expected to change annually. Therefore, to accurately calculate the BHP payment amounts for a given year the reference premiums associated with the second lowest cost silver plans and the lowest cost bronze plans must be collected each year from the State. That is to say, the BHP payment rates and actual payment amounts would be inaccurate if these data were not collected on annual basis.

Under Federal regulations in 42 CFR 600.140, a State electing to terminate or suspend its BHP must submit a notice and transition plan to the Secretary. There is no method to reduce the frequency that does not result in non-compliance with Federal regulations.
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There are no special circumstances requiring this information collection to do any of the following:

	
	Have respondents conduct this collection more often than quarterly;
	
	
	Have respondents submit more than the original electronic copy 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;
	
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        of study;</font></p></li>
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Consistent with Federal government and CMS policies, CMS will protect the privacy of requested information. The collection of BHP Blueprints and Blueprint Revisions, estimated enrollment data, the annual report, and reference premium data does not include confidential information. The collection of actual enrollment data does include confidential information. The data is transferred to CMS from the State via a secure electronic file transfer protocol. The data is maintained securely, is password protected, and access is limited to only select CMS employees and contractors.

In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), BHP is addressed in the system of records entitled, “Health Insurance Exchanges (HIX) Program” (No. 09-70-0560). See the October 23, 2013 (78 FR 63211) SORN for details.
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To derive average costs, we used data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) May 2025 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for our salary estimates (<u>www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm</u>). In this regard, the following table presents BLS’ mean hourly wage, our estimated cost of fringe benefits and other indirect costs, and our adjusted hourly wage.

National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates

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<h3 class="heading3-western">Collection of Information Requirements (ICRs) and Associated Burden Estimates</h3>

<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding the BHP Blueprint and Revisions to a Certified Blueprint</h4>

<h5 class="heading5-western">Initial Blueprint</h5>
Section 600.110 requires the submission of a BHP Blueprint to the Secretary for certification of the State’s program. CMS has prepared a Blueprint template, which is available upon request. Section 600.115 specifies that the Blueprint must be signed by the State's governor or signed by an official delegated by the governor. The Blueprint must identify the agency and officials, by position or title, who are responsible for program administration, operations, and financial oversight. The Blueprint would also be required to identify the required characteristics for all BHP Trust Fund trustees. No revision with this iteration.

In § 600.305, the Blueprint would be required to be consistent with the standards used to determine BHP eligibility. The State may not impose conditions of eligibility other than those identified in this section. No revision with this iteration.

In §§ 600.320 and 600.345, the Blueprint would be required to ensure that the State's enrollment, disenrollment, and verification policies are consistent with these sections. It must also include a plan to ensure coordination with and eliminate gaps in coverage for individuals transitioning between other insurance affordability programs.

We finalized requirements at § 600.320(c)(1)-(3) that a State operating a BHP must establish a uniform method of determining the effective date of eligibility for enrollment in a standard health plan which: (1) follows the Exchange effective date standards at 45 CFR 155.420(b)(1); (2) follows the Medicaid effective date standards at 42 CFR 435.915 exclusive of § 435.915(a); or (3) follows an effective date of eligibility of the first day of the month following the month in which BHP eligibility is determined. We also added § 600.320(c)(4) which allows for a State to establish its own effective date of eligibility for enrollment policy subject to HHS approval. We note that only § 600.320(c)(3) and (4) are new requirements, and the options under § 600.320(c)(1) and (2) currently exist.

We estimate that the policies under § 600.320(c)(3) and (4) will have no impact on State burden. We note that any cost will be incurred 100 percent by the State, as Federal BHP funds cannot be used for program administration.
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In § 600.405, the Blueprint would be required to ensure that standard health plan coverage include (at a minimum) EHBs including any changes resulting from periodic reviews. While States have the option to allow benefits in addition to the EHBs, standard health plan coverage must be in compliance with 45 CFR 156.280 regarding abortion services. No revision with this iteration.

In § 600.410, States would be required to assure that they comply with competitive contracting provisions in § 600.410(b), (c), and (d). This includes but is not limited to a description of the process it will use to enter into contracts for standard health plans as well as a proposed timeline for implementing a competitive contracting process. The State must also provide assurance that the process includes specific negotiation criteria and include other considerations as described in § 600.410(e). No revisions with this iteration.

In § 600.415, States would be required to enter into a contract (with an offeror) for the administration and provision of standard health plans. A standard set of contract requirements would be included in the Blueprint. No revisions with this iteration.

In § 600.420, the Blueprint would be required to include a description of how the State will ensure (to the greatest extent possible) enrollee choice of standard health plans. States may also enter into a joint procurement with other States. States electing this option must address the Blueprint provisions in § 600.420(b)(2). No revisions with this iteration.

In § 600.425, the Blueprint would be required to demonstrate how the State will ensure coordination with other insurance affordability programs. No revisions with this iteration.

In § 600.505, the Blueprint would be required to describe: the amount of the premium imposed on enrollees; the group or groups that are subject to the applicable premium; the collection method and procedure for the payment of an enrollee's premium; the disenrollment procedures and consequences of nonpayment of premiums. The Blueprint must also ensure that the total premium liability for an enrollee does not exceed the monthly premium that the enrollee would have paid had he/she enrolled in the second lowest cost silver plan offered through an Exchange. No revisions with this iteration.

With regard to cost sharing imposed on enrollees, § 600.510 would require that the Blueprint identifies the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the cost sharing, and an assurance that the State has established a system to monitor and track the cost-sharing standards specified in § 600.520. No revisions with this iteration.

In § 600.525(a), the Blueprint would be required to assure that the State is in compliance with the disenrollment procedures described in 45 CFR 155.430. No revisions with this iteration.

We finalized the requirement in § 600.525(b)(2), if a State has elected to implement a continuous enrollment policy, the State must comply with the reenrollment standards at § 457.570(c). This removed the State’s option to impose a lock-out period after an enrollee has been disenrolled from the program due to nonpayment of premiums. We estimate that under § 600.525(b)(2), in the one BHP State that imposes a lock-out period, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 2 hours at $89.26/hr and a General and Operations Manager 1 hour at $129.74/hr to revise their BHP Blueprint to remove the premium lock-out period. We estimate an aggregate one-time burden of 3 hours (1 State × 3 hr) at a cost of $308 [1 State x ((2 hr × $89.26/hr) + (1 hr × $129.74/hr))]. We note that any cost will be incurred 100 percent by the State, as Federal BHP funds cannot be used for program administration. This one-time burden estimate is included below with the Blueprint Revision and will not impact the burden estimate associated with the initial Blueprint.

In § 600.710, the Blueprint would be required to ensure that the State's fiscal policies and accountability standards are consistent with this section. In this regard, the Blueprint must ensure that the BHP administering agency will maintain an accounting system and support fiscal records to assure that the trust funds are maintained and expended in accordance with Federal requirements. The Blueprint would also be required to assure that the administering agency will obtain an annual certification from the State's BHP trustees, or chief financial officer (or designee), certifying the State's trust fund financial statements for the fiscal year, that the trust funds are not being used as the non-Federal share to meet matching or expenditure requirements of any Federally-funded program, and that the trust fund is used in accordance with Federal requirements. No revisions with this iteration.

The Blueprint would include an assurance that the administering agency will conduct an audit of trust fund expenditures, publish annual reports on the use of funds and audit findings (if applicable), establish and maintain trust fund restitution procedures, and retain records. The Blueprint must also be accompanied by a funding plan that describes the enrollment and cost projections for the first 12 months of operation and funding sources beyond the trust fund (if any). The plan must demonstrate that Federal funds will only be used to reduce premiums and cost-sharing or to provide additional benefits.

Finally, the Blueprint would

be required to describe how the State will ensure program integrity, including how the State will address potential issues of fraud, waste, and abuse and ensure consumer protections.

At this time, four States have completed this initial Blueprint. We estimate that, on average, it will take a State 80 hours at $89.26/hr for a Business Operations Specialist and 20 hours at $129.74/hr for a General Manager to complete and submit the State's Blueprint, for a total burden of 100 hours at a cost of $9,736 [(80 hr x $89.26hr) + (20 hr x $129.74/hr)]. In this 2026 iteration we are only updating our wage and cost estimates to reflect BLS' 2025 wage data. We are not setting out burden for the four States that have completed the initial Blueprint.
<h5 class="heading5-western">Blueprint Revisions</h5>
Section 600.125(a) requires that Blueprint revisions must be submitted to reflect: (1) changes in Federal laws, regulations, policy interpretations or court decisions that affect provisions in the certified Blueprint; (2) significant changes that alter core program operations or the BHP benefit package; or (3) changes to enrollment, disenrollment, and verification policies described in the certified Blueprint. In § 600.125(b) a State may submit revisions to its certified Blueprint at any time within the same quarter of the proposed effective date of revised Blueprint. Additionally, at § 600.125(c) HHS must review the revised Blueprint within 90 calendar days or provide the State written notice of disapproval or additional information it needs to make a final determination.

Section 600.115 requires the State to seek public comment on any significant revisions prior to the submission of those revisions to the Secretary for certification. The process of seeking public comment must include Federally recognized tribes. Revised Blueprints are submitted to CMS via email.

We estimate that, on average, a State operating a BHP will submit one revised Blueprint in response to § 600.125(a) annually. Because four States are currently certified to operate a BHP, we are providing the burden estimate for four States.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a State a total of 44 hours at $89.26/hr for a Business Operations Specialist and 6 hours at $129.74/hr for a General Manager to complete and submit the State's revised Blueprint, for a total burden of 4 respondents, 200 hours at a cost of $18,824 [4 States x ((44 hr x $89.26/hr) + (6 hr x $129.74/hr))]. In this 2026 iteration we are updating the number of States as well as our wage and cost estimates based on BLS' 2025 wage data.

As previously described above,

we estimate an aggregate one-time burden of 3 hours (1 State × 3 hr) at a cost of $308.26 [1 State x ((2 hr × $89.26/hr) + (1 hr × $129.74/hr))] for the removal of the premium lock-out.

We estimate the total cost of the Blueprint Revision is $19,132.

We note that this cost will be incurred 100 percent by the State, as Federal BHP funds cannot be used for program administration.
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<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding the BHP Annual Report (42 CFR 600.170)</h4>

Section 600.170 requires a State to submit an annual report within 60 days after the end of each operational year. The annual report must include any evidence of fraud, waste, or abuse on the part of participating providers, plans, or the State BHP agency known to the State. The annual report must also include a detailed, data-driven review of compliance with eligibility verification requirements, requirements to collect quality and performance measures from all participating standard health plans focusing on quality of care and improved health outcomes, and any other requirements specified by the Secretary at least 120 days prior to the due date of the annual report. CMS will prepare the annual report template and email it to States operating a BHP a minimum of 120 days prior to the due date of the annual report. The annual report is submitted via email to CMS. In this 2026 iteration, we made minor updates to the annual report to clarify instructions and delete outdated information. We did not change the burden estimates per State but did update the estimates to reflect that four States will be submitting a BHP annual report.

Because four States are currently certified to operate a BHP, we are providing the burden estimate for four States. We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 40 hours at $89.26/hr and 4 hours at $129.74/hr for a General Manager to complete and submit the State’s annual report, for a total annual burden of 176 hours (44 hr x 4 States) at a cost of $16,357 [4 States x ((40 hr x $89.26/hr) + (4 hr x $129.74/hr))]. In this 2026 iteration we are updating the number of States as well as our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data.
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<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding the Submission of Estimated and Actual Quarterly Enrollment Data</h4>

A State that is approved to implement a BHP must provide CMS an estimate of the number of BHP enrollees it projects will enroll in the upcoming BHP program quarter, by applicable rate cell, prior to the first quarter and each

subsequent quarter of program operations until after actual enrollment data is available. Enrollment data must be submitted by age range (if applicable), geographic area, coverage status, household size, income range, and eligibility for funding.

We estimated that the additional effort required to provide eligibility for funding data per the WFTC legislation to accurately calculate Federal payments to States operating a BHP will increase State burden. We estimate that, on average, it will take a State 2.5 additional hours at $89.26/hr for a Business Operations Specialist and .5 hours at $129.74/hr for a General Manager to meet the new quarterly estimated enrollment data requirements. In aggregate, we estimate an increased burden of 48 hours (4 States x 3 hr/response x 4 responses/yr) at a cost of $4,608 [4 States x 4 responses/yr ((2.5 hr x $89.26/hr) + (.5 hr x $129.74/hr))].

As a result of the increased burden described above, we estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 12.5 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 2.5 hours at $129.74/hr to compile and submit the quarterly estimated enrollment data to CMS. For 2026, we estimate that four States will operate a BHP and will submit the required estimated enrollment data to CMS. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 240 hours (4 States x 15 hr/response x 4 responses/yr) at a cost of $ $23,042 [4 States x 4 responses/yr ((12.5 hr x $89.26/hr) + (2.5 hr x $129.74/hr))].

Following each BHP program quarter, a State operating a BHP must submit actual enrollment data to CMS. Actual enrollment data must be based on individuals enrolled for the quarter who the State found eligible and whose eligibility was verified using eligibility and verification requirements as agreed to by the State in its applicable BHP Blueprint for the quarter that enrollment data is submitted. Actual enrollment data must include a personal identifier, date of birth, county of residence, Indian status, family size, household income, number of persons in the household enrolled in BHP, family identifier, months of coverage, plan information, eligibility for funding, and any other data required by CMS to properly calculate the payment.

We estimated that the additional effort required to provide eligibility for funding data per the WFTC legislation to accurately calculate Federal payments to States operating a BHP will increase State burden. We estimate that, on average, it will take a State 25 additional hours at $89.26/hr for a Business Operations Specialist and 2.5 hours at $129.74/hr to meet the new quarterly actual enrollment data requirements. In aggregate, we estimate an increased burden of 440 hours (4 States x 27.5 hr/response x 4 responses/yr) at a cost of $40,894 [4 States x 4 responses/yr ((25 hr x $89.26/hr) + (2.5 hr x $129.74/hr))].

As a result of the increased

burden described above, we estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 125 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 12.5 hours at $129.74/hr to compile and submit the quarterly actual enrollment data to CMS. For 2026, we estimate that four States will operate a BHP and will submit the required actual enrollment data to CMS. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 2,200 hours (4 States x 137.5 hr/response x 4 responses/yr) at a cost of $204,468 [4 States x 4 responses/yr ((125 hr x $89.26/hr) + (12.5 hr x $129.74/hr)).

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	<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding Submission of Qualified Health Plan Data</h4>

States operating a State-based Exchange (SBE) in the individual market must provide certain data, including premiums for second lowest cost silver plans, by geographic area, for CMS to calculate the Federal BHP payment rates in those States. States operating BHPs interested in obtaining the applicable program year Federal BHP payment rates for its State must submit the data to CMS by October 15th
of the preceding year.

We estimate that it will take a Business Operations Specialist 20 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 2 hours at $129.74/hr to compile and submit the required data to CMS. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 88 hours (4 States x 22 hr/response) at a cost of $8,179 [4 States x ((20 hr x $89.26/hr) + (2 hr x $129.74/hr))]. In this 2026 iteration, as the updates to the document solely clarify existing practice, we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data.
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	<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding the Operation of a BHP</h4>

The ongoing burden associated with the requirements under § 600.145 is the time and effort it would take each participating State to perform the recordkeeping and reporting portions of the core operating functions of a BHP including eligibility determinations and appeals as well as enrollment and disenrollment, health plan contracting, oversight and financial integrity, consumer assistance, and if necessary, program termination or suspension.

<h5 class="heading5-western">Eligibility and Enrollment</h5>
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The State’s BHP functions as part of a coordinated eligibility and enrollment structure over all insurance affordability programs. Section 600.145(a) requires a State to implement its BHP in accordance with: (1) the approved and full certified State BHP Blueprint; or (2) the approved suspension

application (see ICR #7 below). Section 600.145(f)(1) requires the State operating a BHP to perform eligibility determinations as specified in § 600.320. The BHP needs to maintain and transfer eligibility with equal accuracy and efficiency as the Exchange, as well as maintain enrollment data and report to HHS. As such, we are estimating equal burden to the Exchange for this function. Section 600.145(f)(2) requires the State operating a BHP to perform eligibility and health services appeals as specified in § 600.335. Section 600.330(f) requires BHP eligibility notices to be written in plain language and be provided in a manner which ensures individuals with disabilities are provided with effective communication and takes steps to provide meaningful access to eligible individuals with limited English proficiency. No revisions with this iteration.

Four States are currently certified to operate a BHP; therefore, we are providing the burden estimate for four States for eligibility and enrollment reporting requirements.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 24 hours at $89.26/hr to submit monthly enrollment data and reconcile data monthly. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 1,152 hours [4 States x (24 hr/response x 12 responses/yr)] at a cost of $102,828 [4 States x 12 responses/yr (24 hr x $89.26/hr)].

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 52 hours at $89.26/hr to ensure the collection of the enrollment data. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 208 hours (4 States x 52 hr/response) at a cost of $18,566 [4 States x (52 hr x $89.26/hr)).

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 16 hours at $89.26/hr to customize notices to applicants and eligible individuals regarding eligibility status and processes for the BHP. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 64 hours (4 States x 16 hr/response) at a cost of $5,713 [4 States x (16 hr x $89.26/hr).

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 4 hours at $89.26/hr to meet the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for health services appeals. In aggregate, we estimate annual burden of 16 hours (4 States x 4 hr/response) at a cost of $1,428 [4 States x (4 hr x $89.26/hr).

In this 2026 iteration we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data. We note that this cost will be incurred 100 percent by the State, as Federal BHP funds cannot be

used for program administration.

We estimate that it will take a Business Operations Specialist 360 hours ((24 x 12) + 52 + 16 + 4) at $89.26/hr to meet these reporting requirements for eligibility and enrollment functions as outlined in the paragraphs above. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 1,440 hours (4 States x 360 hr/response) at a cost of $128,534 [4 States x (360 hr x $89.26/hr)].

<h5 class="heading5-western">Standard Health Plan Contracting</h5>
Part 600, subpart E, describes reporting requirements associated with the core function of standard health plan contracting and operations. The State operating a BHP must contract with standard health plan offerors and require participating standard health plans to provide transparency in covered benefits, cost-sharing and participating providers by reporting and making public such information annually.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 130 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 14 hours at $129.74/hr to complete the contracting requirements. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 576 hours (4 States x 144 hr/response) at a cost of $53,681 [4 States x ((130 hr x $89.26/hr) + (14 hr x $129.74))]. In this 2026 iteration we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data.
<h5 class="heading5-western">Annual Reporting
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Oversight and financial integrity are core functions of the BHP that include annual reporting requirements to HHS on the operation of the trust fund, providing annual data necessary to acquire and reconcile Federal funding and complete financial sections of the annual report in § 600.170.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Financial Specialist 20 hours at $97.22/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to complete these annual reporting requirements. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 96 hours (4 States x 24 hr/response) at a cost of $9,853 [4 States x (20 hr x $97.22/hr) + (4 hr x $129.74)]. In this 2026 iteration we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data.
<h5 class="heading5-western">Enrollment Assistance and Information</h5>

Finally, BHPs are required in § 600.150 to ensure that there is enrollment assistance and information readily available to understand the program and any choices a consumer would have. Additionally, the State must publish enrollment choices, covered services and any options and limitations

in a manner that meets accessibility and readability standards. We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 48 hours at $89.26/hr to meet the enrollment assistance requirements. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 192 hours (4 States x 48 hr/response) at a cost of $17,138 [4 States x (48 hr x $89.26/hr)]. In this 2026 iteration we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS' 2025 wage data.

The total burden estimate for program operation is 2,304 hours at a cost of $209,206.
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<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding the Termination of a BHP (42 CFR 600.140)</h4>

Section 600.140 requires a State electing to terminate its BHP to submit a notice and transition plan to the Secretary. A State must submit written notice to all participating standard health plans and to all enrollees regarding their plans to terminate. Finally, the State is required to perform eligibility account transfers on behalf of enrollees. Due to the requirement that a State use the single eligibility service for all insurance affordability programs, we do not believe this requirement to necessitate much effort.

CMS is unaware of any States planning to terminate their BHP. It is unlikely that all four States would elect to terminate their BHP in the same year. As a result, we will provide the burden estimate for one State to terminate the BHP. We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 20 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to submit a notice and transition plan to the Secretary. We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 32 hours at $89.26/hr to prepare and submit notification to all participating standard health plans and enrollees. We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 8 hours at $89.26/hr to perform eligibility account transfers on behalf of enrollees.

The total burden estimate for BHP termination is 64 hours (1 State x 64 hr/response) at a cost of $5,875 [1 State x ((60 hr x $89.26/hr) + (4 hr x $129.74/hr))]. In this 2026 iteration we are only updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS' 2025 wage data.
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<h4 class="heading4-western">ICRs Regarding Suspension of a BHP</h4>

Section 600.140(b)(1) requires a State electing to suspend its BHP or requests a suspension extension, to submit a suspension application or suspension extension

application to the Secretary. Section 600.140(b)(3) requires a State to submit written notices to all BHP enrollees and participating standard health plan offers at least 90 days prior to the effective date of the suspension. Section 600.140(b)(4) requires the State to submit to HHS within 12 months of the suspension effective date the data required by § 600.610 needed to complete the financial reconciliation process with HHS. Section 600.140(b)(5) requires the State to submit the annual report required by § 600.170(a)(2). Section 600.140(b)(6) requires the State to annually remit to HHS any interest that has accrued on the balance of the BHP trust fund during the suspension period. Section 600.140(b)(7) requires the State to submit a transition plan to HHS that describes how the State will reinstate its BHP or terminate the program.

We are unaware of any States currently planning to suspend their BHPs. It is unlikely that all four States would elect to suspend their BHP in the same year. As a result, we will provide the burden estimate for one State to suspend the BHP.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 30 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to submit a suspension application to the Secretary.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 30 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to submit a suspension extension application to the Secretary.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 32 hours at $89.26/hr to prepare and submit notification to all participating standard health plans and enrollees.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 25 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to compile and submit data required for each quarterly financial reconciliation.

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 20 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 4 hours at $129.74/hr to submit a transition plan to reinstate its BHP or terminate the program.

In aggregate, we estimate a

one-time burden for BHP suspension of 240 hours [1 State x (34 hr + 34 hr + 32 hr + (29 hr x 4 responses/yr) + 24 hr)] at a cost of $22,556 [1 State x ((212 hr x $89.26/hr) + (28 hr x $129.74/hr))].

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Financial Specialist 8 hours at $97.22/hr to remit annually the interest accrued on the balance of the BHP trust fund while in suspension. In aggregate, we estimate an annual burden of 8 hours (1 State x 8 hr/response) at a cost of $778 [1 State x (8 hr x $97.22/hr)].

We estimate that, on average, it will take a Business Operations Specialist 10 hours at $89.26/hr and a General Manager 2 hours at $129.74/hr to complete and submit the State’s annual report while the BHP is suspended, for a total annual burden of 12 hours at a cost of $1,152 [1 State x ((10 hr x $89.26/hr) + (2 hr x $129.74/hr))].

The total burden estimate for BHP suspension is 260 hours [1 State x (240 hr + 8 hr + 12 hr)] at a cost of $24,486 [1 State x ((222 hr x $89.26) + (30 hr x $129.74/hr) +(8 hr x $97.22)). In this 2026 iteration we are updating the number of States and our wage and cost estimates based on BLS’ 2025 wage data. We also revised the number of hours to complete and submit the State’s annual report. We note that these costs will be incurred 100 percent by the State, as Federal BHP funds cannot be used for program administration.
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on the information collected and to review the information collected.
To calculate the annualized cost, a GS level was identified
commensurate with the level of GS that normally handles these
activities.  The hourly wage associated with each GS level was
selected from the Office of Personal Management’s Federal
Employment Hourly Rate Table, General Schedule, for the locality pay
area of Washington-Baltimore-Arlington, for 2026.  Each hourly wage
was adjusted to provide a 35 percent overhead rate.  As presented in
the following table the total annualized cost to the Federal
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received approval from CMS to operate a BHP to four (DC, MN, NY, and
OR). We outline changes that relate to the enactment of section 71301
and 71302 of the WFTC legislation, including those implemented by
updates to 42 CFR 600.5. </font><font size="3" style="font-size: 12pt">Additiona
lly,
this includes a one-time burden for one State to submit a Blueprint
revision to reflect the removal of the premium lock out policy
pursuant to the revised regulations at 42 CFR 600.525(b)(2). </font><font size="
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revision of prior State burden estimates related to the State’s
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this iteration reduces the number of respondents to one State for BHP
termination (ICR #6) and BHP suspension (ICR #7). </font>
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The information gathered from
the BHP Blueprints and revised Blueprints will be posted on
Medicaid.gov. CMS intends to post each State’s most recent revised
Blueprint on Medicaid.gov, for transparency. At this time, CMS does
not intend to publish the BHP annual reports, estimated or actual
enrollment data, and reference premium data. CMS may choose to
publish information regarding suspension or termination of a State’s
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There are no exceptions to the
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