

The Accreditation Commission for Health Care's (ACHC's) current term of approval for their ESRD facility accreditation program expires April 11, 2023.

II. Approval of Deeming Organizations

Section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 require that our findings concerning review and approval of a national AO's requirements consider, among other factors, the applying AO's requirements for accreditation; survey procedures; resources for conducting required surveys; capacity to furnish information for use in enforcement activities; monitoring procedures for provider entities found not in compliance with the conditions or requirements; and ability to provide CMS with the necessary data for validation.

Section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act further requires that we publish, within 60 days of receipt of an organization's complete application, a notice identifying the national accrediting body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing at least a 30-day public comment period. We have 210 days from the receipt of a complete application to publish notice of approval or denial of the application.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the ACHC's request for continued approval of its ESRD facility accreditation program. This notice also solicits public comment on whether the ACHC requirements meet or exceed the Medicare conditions for coverage (CfCs) for ESRD facilities.

III. Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request

The ACHC submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for continued approval of its ESRD facility accreditation program. This application was determined to be complete on August 26, 2022. Under section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 (Application and re-application procedures for national accrediting organizations), our review and evaluation of the ACHC will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- The equivalency of the ACHC's standards for ESRD facilities as compared with Medicare's ESRD facility CfCs.

- The ACHC's survey process to determine the following:

- ++ The composition of the survey team, surveyor qualifications, and the ability of the organization to provide continuing surveyor training.

- ++ The comparability of the ACHC's processes to those of state agencies, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.

- ++ The ACHC's processes and procedures for monitoring an ESRD facility found out of compliance with the ACHC program requirements. These monitoring procedures are used only when the ACHC identifies noncompliance. If noncompliance is identified through validation reviews or complaint surveys, the SA monitors corrections as specified at § 488.9.

- ++ The ACHC's capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility's plan of correction in a timely manner.

- ++ The ACHC's capacity to provide CMS with electronic data and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization's survey process.

- ++ The adequacy of the ACHC's staff and other resources, and its financial viability.

- ++ The ACHC's capacity to adequately fund required surveys.

- ++ The ACHC's policies with respect to whether surveys are announced or unannounced, to assure that surveys are unannounced.

- ++ The ACHC's policies and procedures to avoid conflicts of interest, including the appearance of conflicts of interest, involving individuals who conduct surveys or participate in accreditation decisions.

- ++ The ACHC's agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require (including corrective action plans).

IV. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*).

V. Response to Public Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will

respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Lynette Wilson, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 28, 2022.

Lynette Wilson,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10816]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On August 23, 2022, CMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** that sought comment on a collection of information concerning CMS-10816 (OMB control number 0938-New) entitled "Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D Enrollment Form Interviews." The website address for obtaining copies of the collection of information is correct; however, the instructions for accessing the website address were incomplete and incorrect. This document corrects the errors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham, III, (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the August 23, 2022, issue of the **Federal Register** (87 FR 51675), we published a Paperwork Reduction Act notice requesting a 60-day public comment period for the information collection request identified under CMS-10816, OMB control number 0938-New, and titled "Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D Enrollment Form Interviews."

II. Explanation of Error

In the August 23, 2022 notice, the website address for obtaining copies of the collection is correctly listed on page 51676, in the first column column, in

the fourth paragraph beginning on line 2. However, the instructions for accessing the website address were incomplete and incorrect on page 51676 in the first column, beginning in the third paragraph, first line with “To obtain” and ending in the fourth paragraph, second line, third word “at.” This notice corrects the aforementioned incomplete and incorrect instructions.

III. Correction of Error

In the **Federal Register** of August 23, 2022, in FR Doc. 2022–18092 on page 51676, in the first column, in the third paragraph, lines 1–5 through the fourth paragraph line 1 and line 2 through the third word “at” is corrected to “To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.”

Dated: September 29, 2022.

Lynette Wilson,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10816]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for a 60-day notice request for proposed information collection request associated with the notice [Document Identifier: CMS–10816] entitled “Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D Enrollment Form Interviews” that was published in the August 23, 2022 **Federal Register**. The comment period for the information collection request, which would have ended on October 24, 2022, is extended to November 8, 2022.

DATES: The comment period for the information collection request published in the August 23, 2022

Federal Register (87 FR 51675) is extended to November 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number _____, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the FR Doc. 2022–18092 of August 23, 2022 (87 FR 51675), we published a Paperwork Reduction Act notice requesting a 60-day public comment period for the document entitled “Medicare Part C and Medicare Part D Enrollment Form Interviews.” There were technical delays with making the information collection request publicly available; therefore, in this notice we are extending the comment period from the date originally listed in the August 23, 2022, notice.

Dated: September 29, 2022.

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC) for Continued Approval of its End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Facility Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our decision to approve the National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC) for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

DATES: This notice is applicable January 4, 2023 through January 4, 2029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caecilia Blondiaux, (410) 786–2190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services from a hospital, provided certain requirements are met. Section 1881(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act) establishes statutory authority for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) to set criteria for facilities seeking designation as a dialysis facility (also known as an “end-stage renal disease (ESRD) facility”). Regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 494 specify the minimum conditions for coverage that an ESRD facility must meet to participate in the Medicare program.

Generally, to enter into an agreement, an ESRD facility must first be certified by a state survey agency (SA) as complying with the conditions or requirements set forth in part 494 of our regulations. Thereafter, the ESRD facility is subject to regular surveys by a SA to determine whether it continues to meet these requirements.

Section 1865(a)(1) of the Act provides that, if a provider entity demonstrates through accreditation by a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved national accrediting