

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Data System for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, OMB No. 0915–0157—Revision**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA's ICR only after the 30-day comment period for this notice has closed.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than February 9, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email Samantha Miller, the acting HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call (301) 443–9094.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Information Collection Request Title:* Data System for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, OMB No. 0915–0157—Revision.

*Abstract:* Section 372 of the Public Health Service Act requires that the Secretary, by contract, provide for the establishment and operation of a private, non-profit entity: The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN). The data collected pursuant to the OPTN's regulatory authority in 42 CFR 121.11 of the OPTN Final Rule will be collected through OMB-approved data collection forms.

Therefore, data approved for collection by the OPTN Board of Directors are submitted by HRSA for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

A 60-day notice was published in the *Federal Register*, 86 FR 48743 (Aug. 31, 2021). One comment was received. The commenter supported the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection and the use of automated collection techniques. The commenter recommended that HRSA account for anticipated increased staff hours and recommended emphasizing collecting data pertaining to race, ethnicity, social determinants of health, and any other characteristics that will help achieve equity in organ donation and transplantation. HRSA appreciates all feedback, and we will continue to review and evaluate all data collection efforts going forward in consultation with the OPTN.

The 60-day notice proposed data collection changes to existing data collection forms related to Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) transplantation, to implement policies approved by the OPTN Board of Directors. The OPTN expects to make additional changes to these VCA data collection forms in the near future so implementation of data collection changes has been postponed. These data collection changes are not included in this 30-day notice and will be included for review in a future submission.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Data are used to develop transplant, donation, and allocation policies, to determine whether institutional members are complying with policy, to determine member-specific performance, to ensure patient safety, and to fulfill the requirements of the OPTN Final Rule. The practical utility of the data collection is further enhanced by requirements that the OPTN data must be made available, consistent with applicable laws, for use by OPTN members, the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, the Department of Health and Human Services, and members of the public for evaluation, research, patient information, and other important purposes.

This is a request to revise the current OPTN data collection associated with an individual's clinical characteristics at the time of registration, transplant, and follow-up after the transplant to include data collection forms in the OPTN Organ Labeling, Packaging, and Tracking System, the OPTN Kidney Paired Donation Pilot Program (KPDPP), and the OPTN Patient Safety Reporting Portal (PSRP). This revision also

includes OPTN Board of Directors-approved changes to the existing OMB data collection forms. These specific data elements of the OPTN data system are collected from transplant hospitals, organ procurement organizations, and histocompatibility laboratories. The information is used to (1) facilitate organ placement and match donor organs with recipients; (2) monitor compliance of member organizations with Federal laws and regulations and with OPTN requirements; (3) review and report periodically to the public on the status of organ donation and transplantation in the United States; (4) provide data to researchers and government agencies to study the scientific and clinical status of organ transplantation; (5) perform transplantation-related public health surveillance including the possible transmission of donor disease.

HRSA is submitting the following changes to improve the OPTN organ matching and allocation process and improve OPTN member compliance with OPTN requirements. All of these proposed changes have been approved by the OPTN Board of Directors.

(1) Adding data collection forms for the OPTN Organ Labeling, Packaging, and Tracking System to the existing OMB-approved Data System for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. The system has two forms that are used through mobile and web-based applications to ensure the correct organ is transplanted into the correct patient, minimize labeling and transport errors, accelerate organ information transfer, and capture data regarding organ procurement. OPTN Organ Labeling, Packaging and Tracking System is comprised of two data collection forms: Organ labeling and packaging, and organ tracking and validating.

(2) Adding data collection forms for the OPTN KPDPP to the existing OMB-approved Data System for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Kidney paired donation is a transplant option for those patients waiting for a kidney transplant who have a willing living donor who is medically able but cannot donate a kidney to their intended candidate because they are incompatible. OPTN KPDPP matches living donors, and their intended candidates with other living donors or intended candidate pairs when the living donors cannot donate to the person(s) they initially hoped would receive their kidney. OPTN KPDPP is comprised of three data collection forms: Candidate registration, donor registration, and match offer management.

(3) Adding data collection forms in the OPTN PSRP to the existing OMB-approved Data System for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. OPTN PSRP allows the OPTN to collect reports on any event or process variance that could cause concerns from transplantation, donation, safety, or quality perspective. OPTN PSRP is comprised of four data collection forms: Disease transmission event, living donor event, safety situation, and potential disease transmission.

(4) Adding a request to unlock form

(5) Additional revisions to existing data collection forms were made based on the OPTN Board of Directors-approved changes to improve organ matching, allocation, and OPTN policy compliance.

*Likely Respondents:* Transplant programs, Organ Procurement Organizations, and Histocompatibility Laboratories.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to

transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

The total burden hours in the OMB inventory increased by 4,337 hours from the previously OMB-approved data collection package from August 25, 2020. This increase is due to including new data collection forms and additional data to existing data collection forms. However, the total burden hours of this request is less than the total burden hours presented in the 60-day notice, because of the removal of the proposed data collection changes associated with implementing the “Modify Data Collection on VCA Living Donors” and “Programming VCA Allocation in UNet” policies.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent*	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Deceased Donor Registration .....	57	188.26	10,731	1.10	11,804
Living Donor Registration .....	300	22.85	6,855	1.80	<sup>a</sup> 12,339
Living Donor Follow-up .....	300	62.23	18,669	1.30	<sup>b</sup> 24,270
Donor Histocompatibility .....	147	123.99	18,226	0.20	3,645
Recipient Histocompatibility .....	147	225.10	33,090	0.40	13,236
Heart Candidate Registration .....	140	33.69	4,717	0.90	4,245
Heart Recipient Registration .....	140	24.33	3,406	1.20	4,087
Heart Follow Up (6 Month) .....	140	22.01	3,081	0.40	1,232
Heart Follow Up (1–5 Year) .....	140	90.61	12,685	0.90	11,417
Heart Follow Up (Post 5 Year) .....	140	153.97	21,556	0.50	10,778
Heart Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	140	12.77	1,788	0.90	1,609
Lung Candidate Registration .....	71	45.21	3,210	0.90	2,889
Lung Recipient Registration .....	71	35.66	2,532	1.20	3,038
Lung Follow Up (6 Month) .....	71	32.35	2,297	0.50	1,148
Lung Follow Up (1–5 Year) .....	71	118.85	8,438	1.10	9,282
Lung Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	71	19.72	1,400	0.40	560
Heart/Lung Candidate Registration .....	69	0.97	67	1.10	74
Heart/Lung Recipient Registration .....	69	0.46	32	1.30	42
Heart/Lung Follow Up (6 Month) .....	69	0.45	31	0.80	25
Heart/Lung Follow Up (1–5 Year) .....	69	1.14	79	1.10	87
Heart/Lung Follow Up (Post 5 Year) .....	69	3.30	228	0.60	137
Heart/Lung Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	69	0.30	21	0.40	8
Liver Candidate Registration .....	146	90.29	13,182	0.80	10,546
Liver Recipient Registration .....	146	56.55	8,256	1.20	9,907
Liver Follow-up (6 Month–5 Year) .....	146	266.57	38,919	1.00	38,919
Liver Follow-up (Post 5 Year) .....	146	316.61	46,225	0.50	23,113
Liver Recipient Explant Pathology Form .....	146	10.58	1,545	0.60	927
Liver Post-Transplant Malignancy .....	146	16.35	2,387	0.80	1,910
Intestine Candidate Registration .....	20	6.95	139	1.30	181
Intestine Recipient Registration .....	20	5.20	104	1.80	187
Intestine Follow Up (6 Month–5 Year) .....	20	26.20	524	1.50	786
Intestine Follow Up (Post 5 Year) .....	20	37.20	744	0.40	298
Intestine Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	20	2.10	42	1.00	42
Kidney Candidate Registration .....	237	168.77	39,998	0.80	31,998
Kidney Recipient Registration .....	237	89.43	21,195	1.20	25,434
Kidney Follow-up (Post 5 Year) .....	237	449.40	106,508	0.50	53,254
Kidney Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	237	22.64	5,366	0.80	4,292
Pancreas Candidate Registration .....	133	2.77	368	0.60	221
Pancreas Recipient Registration .....	133	1.46	194	1.20	233
Pancreas Follow-up (6 Month–5 Year) .....	133	7.87	1,047	0.50	524
Pancreas Follow-up (Post 5 Year) .....	133	15.93	2,119	0.50	1,060
Pancreas Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	133	0.73	97	0.60	58
Kidney/Pancreas Candidate Registration .....	133	9.75	1,297	0.60	778
Kidney/Pancreas Recipient Registration .....	133	7.73	1,028	1.20	1,234
Kidney/Pancreas Follow-up (6 Month–5 Year) .....	133	32.80	4,362	0.50	2,181
Kidney/Pancreas Follow-up (Post 5 Year) .....	133	57.80	7,687	0.60	4,612

## TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS—Continued

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent *	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Kidney/Pancreas Post-Transplant Malignancy Form .....	133	2.20	293	0.40	117
VCA Candidate Registration .....	27	0.89	24	0.40	10
VCA Recipient Registration .....	27	1.59	43	1.30	<sup>c</sup> 56
VCA Recipient Follow Up .....	27	0.67	18	1.00	<sup>d</sup> 18
Organ Labeling and Packaging System .....	57	208.25	11,870	0.18	2,137
Organ Tracking and Validating System .....	34	169.06	5,748	0.08	460
Kidney Paired Donation Candidate Registration .....	160	1.38	221	0.29	64
Kidney Paired Donation Donor Registration .....	160	1.46	234	1.07	250
Kidney Paired Donation Match Offer Management .....	160	1.51	242	0.67	162
Living Donor Event .....	251	0.12	30	0.56	17
Safety Situation .....	450	0.48	216	0.56	121
Potential Disease Transmission Report .....	57	6.88	392	1.27	498
Request to Unlock Form .....	450	39.22	17,649	0.02	353
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>8,290</b>	.....	<b>604,519</b>	.....	<b>430,267</b>

\* The Number of Responses per Respondent was calculated by dividing the Total Responses by the Number of Respondents and rounding to the nearest tenth.

<sup>a b c d</sup> Total burden hours in these forms decreased from estimates provided in the 60-day Notice due to the removal of the proposed data collection changes associated with implementing the "Modify Data Collection on VCA Living Donors" and "Programming VCA Allocation in UNet" policies.

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Extension of the Deadline for Nomination of Delegates; Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee; Solicitation of Nominations for Delegates

**AGENCY:** Office of Minority Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Deadline extension for notice of solicitation of nominations for delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** On October 1, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) published a notice in the **Federal Register** inviting nominations

of qualified candidates to serve as delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee (Center TAC, previously referred to as CIIHE TAC), including a submission deadline of October 29, 2021. An extension for the submission deadline of nominations to January 7, 2022, was published on November 19, 2021. This notice extends the deadline date for submission of nominations to March 11, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

**DATES:** Nomination letters for the Center TAC must be sent to the address noted below no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on March 11, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be emailed to: Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer for the Center TAC, at [Violet.Woo@hhs.gov](mailto:Violet.Woo@hhs.gov). Please use the subject line "OMH Center Tribal Advisory Committee."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information and guidance about the nomination process for Center TAC delegates, please contact Violet Woo, Designated Federal Officer at [Violet.Woo@hhs.gov](mailto:Violet.Woo@hhs.gov). Center TAC nomination guidance and sample nomination letters also are available on the OMH website's Tribal Leader Letters section: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=62#tribal-leader-letters>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 1, 2021, the notice of solicitation of nominations for delegates for the Center TAC was published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 54462; available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>

[documents/2021/10/01/2021-21253/center-for-indigenous-innovation-and-health-equity-tribal-advisory-committee-solicitation-of](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/01/2021-21253/center-for-indigenous-innovation-and-health-equity-tribal-advisory-committee-solicitation-of)). The deadline for submission of nomination letters is being extended to March 11, 2022.

**Note:** All information in the notice of solicitation of nominations for delegates for the Center for Indigenous Innovation and Health Equity Tribal Advisory Committee remains the same, except for the deadline for the submission of nominations and the date the nominees will be notified of the status of delegate selection.

Authorized under Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300u-6, as amended, the mission of OMH is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that help eliminate health disparities. OMH awards and other activities are intended to support the identification of effective policies, programs, and practices for improving health outcomes and to promote the sustainability and dissemination of these approaches.

Under the authority of Public Law 116-260 (2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act), Congress directed OMH to create a Center to support research, education, service, and policy development advancing Indigenous solutions that ultimately address health disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations. OMH is establishing the Center TAC to ensure that Tribal Leaders have meaningful and timely input in the