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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.

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
Application and Annual Report without 5-Year Needs Assessment Summary .....	59	1	59	115	6,785
Application and Annual Report with 5-Year Needs Assessment Summary .....	59	1	59	181	10,679
Total .....	59	.....	59	.....	17,464

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Maternal Health Portfolio Evaluation Design, OMB No. 0906-0059, Revision**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than November 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N136B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft

instruments, email [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Joella Roland, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443-3983.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Maternal Health Portfolio Evaluation Design OMB No. 0906-0059—Revision.

*Abstract:* HRSA programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically, or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high quality primary health care, such as pregnant women and mothers. Improving maternal health outcomes and access to quality maternity care services is a key component of the HRSA mission. HRSA’s Maternal and Child Health Bureau provides funding to address some of the most urgent issues influencing the high rates of maternal mortality. With this emphasis on improving maternal health across the life course and promoting optimal health for all mothers, HRSA is employing a multipronged strategy to address maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity through the following programs:

1. The State Maternal Health Innovation Program,
2. The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Program,
3. The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health—Community Care Initiative,
4. The Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program, and
5. The Supporting Maternal Health Innovation Program.

HRSA is conducting a portfolio-wide evaluation of HRSA-supported Maternal Health Programs with a primary focus

on reducing maternal mortality. Through this evaluation, HRSA seeks to identify individual and/or collective strategies, interrelated activities, and common themes within and across the Maternal Health Programs that may be contributing to or driving improvements in key maternal health outcomes. HRSA seeks to ascertain which components should be elevated and replicated to the national level, as well as inform future investments to reduce rates of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* HRSA seeks to understand the impact of HRSA’s investments into maternal health programs. These five HRSA maternal health programs represent a total of 12 state-based grantees and three grantees with the potential for national reach. In understanding the strategies that are most effective in reducing maternal morbidity and mortality, HRSA will be able to determine which program elements could be replicated and/or scaled up nationally.

*Likely Respondents:* Likely respondents are recipients of the cooperative agreements mentioned above (State Maternal Health Innovation Program, Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health Program, Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health—Community Care Initiative, and Supporting Maternal Health Innovation Program) which include state health agencies, national organizations, and academic organizations.

*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.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Instrument 1: Interview guide for grantee staff .....	60	1.0	60	1.125	67.50
Instrument 2: Interview guide for HRSA Project Officers ....	7	1.0	7	1.500	10.50
Instrument 3: Partnership Survey .....	290	.5	145	0.250	36.25
Instrument 4: Web-based data collection tool .....	12	1.0	12	0.500	6.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>369</b>	.....	<b>224</b>	.....	<b>120.25</b>

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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Agency Father Generic Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before November 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov* or by calling (202) 264-0041 and *PRA@HHS.GOV*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990-0421-60D

and project title for reference, to Sherrette A. Funn, email: *Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov*, *PRA@HHS.GOV* or call (202) 264-0041 the Reports Clearance Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (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.

*Title of the Collection:* ASPE Father Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Research and Assessment.

*Type of Collection:* Father Generic Clearance Request.

*OMB No.* 0990-0421.

*Abstract:* The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is requesting a renewal with changes for their father generic clearance for purposes of conducting qualitative research. ASPE conducts qualitative research to gain a better understanding of emerging health policy issues, develop future intramural and extramural research projects, and to ensure HHS leadership, agencies and have relevant data for evidence-based program and policy decision-making. ASPE is requesting approval for at least four types of qualitative research: (a) interviews, (b) focus groups, (c) questionnaires, and (d) other qualitative methods.

ASPE advises the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on policy development in health, disability, human services, data, and science, and provides advice and analysis on economic policy. ASPE leads special initiatives, coordinates the Department's evaluation, research, and demonstration activities, and manages cross-Department planning activities such as strategic planning, legislative planning, and review of regulations. Integral to this role, ASPE will use this mechanism to conduct qualitative research, evaluation, or assessment, conduct analyses, and understand needs, barriers, or facilitators for HHS-related programs and services.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* ASPE is requesting comment on the burden for qualitative research aimed at understanding emerging health and human services policy issues. The goal of developing these activities is to identify emerging issues and research gaps to ensure the successful implementation of HHS programs. The participants may include health and human services experts; national, state, and local health or human services representatives; public health, human services, or healthcare providers; representatives of other health or human services organizations, and people with lived experience. The increase in burden from 2,000 respondents in 2020 to 5,000 respondents in 2023 reflects an estimated increase in the number of research projects and information collections expected to be conducted prior to the expiration of the current generic package.