

application materials to illustrate the process applicants use to apply for exemptions from the shared responsibility payment. This information collection requests seeks approval for the requirements associated with the collection of information associated with these four appendices. No comments were received in response to the 60-day comment period. *Form Number*: CMS–10466 (OMB control number 0938–1190); *Frequency*: Annually; *Affected Public*: Individuals and Households—State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents*: 849; *Total Annual Responses*: 849; *Total Annual Hours*: 1,962. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact John Kenna at 301–492–4452.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY**: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES**: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by March 21, 2024.

**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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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 Parham at (410) 786–4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Administrative Simplification HIPAA Compliance Review; *Use*: Section 1173 of the Social Security Act (the Act), 42 U.S.C. 1320d–2, and section 264 of HIPAA require the Secretary to adopt a number of national standards to facilitate the exchange of certain health information and to protect the privacy and security of such information.

The Secretary promulgated rules that relate to compliance with, and enforcement of, the HIPAA rules, which are codified at 45 CFR part 160, subparts C, D, and E and collectively referred to as the Enforcement Rule. The Secretary first issued an interim final rule promulgating the procedural requirements for imposition of civil money penalties on violations of the privacy standards on April 17, 2003, Civil Money Penalties: Procedures for Investigations, Imposition of Penalties (68 FR 18896). The Secretary subsequently proposed a rule on April 18, 2005, HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Enforcement; Proposed Rule (70 FR 20224), proposing the amendment of 45 CFR part 160, subparts A (General Provisions), C (Compliance and Enforcement), and E (Procedures for Hearing), and proposing a new subpart D (Imposition of Civil Money Penalties) that addressed the substantive issues related to the imposition of civil money penalties and proposing the above provisions be applied to all HIPAA rules.

The purpose of this collection is to retrieve information necessary to conduct a compliance review and carry out the authority delegated to CMS as described in CMS–0014–N (68 FR 60694). These forms will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), National Standards Group, from entities covered by HIPAA Administrative Simplification regulations. This collection is not applicable to HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules. *Form Number*: CMS–10662 (OMB Control Number: 0938–1390); *Frequency*: Weekly; *Affected Public*: Private, State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Federal Government, Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 50; *Total Annual Responses*: 50; *Total Annual Hours*: 500. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kevin Stewart at (410) 786–6149.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: HEDIS Data Collection for Medicare Advantage; *Use*: Sections 422.152 and 422.516 of title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) specify that MAOs must submit quality performance measures as specified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and by CMS. These quality performance measures include HEDIS®. HEDIS® data are used in the Medicare Part C Star Ratings which are used to determine Quality Bonus Payments to Medicare Advantage contracts.

CMS requires MAOs, § 1876 cost contracts, and Medicare Medicaid Plans (MMPs or demonstrations) to submit HEDIS® data on an annual basis to (1) assess care that is provided to Medicare beneficiaries and (2) to provide information to Medicare beneficiaries to make more informed decisions when choosing a health plan.

The HEDIS® data collection supports the CMS strategic goals of advancing health equity and improving health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries. The HEDIS® measures are part of the Medicare Part C Star Ratings as described at §§ 422.160, 422.162, 422.164, and 422.166. CMS publishes the Medicare Part C Star Ratings each year to: (1) incentivize quality improvement in Medicare Advantage (MA); and (2) assist beneficiaries in finding the best plan for them. The Star Ratings are used to determine MA Quality Bonus Payments. *Form Number:* CMS-10219 (OMB control number: 0938-1028); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 808; *Total Annual Responses:* 808; *Total Annual Hours:* 258,560. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lori Luria at [Lori.Luria@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lori.Luria@cms.hhs.gov)).

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## 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; Health Professions Student Loan Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, Primary Care Loan Program, and Nursing Student Loan Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0915-0047—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 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 March 21, 2024.

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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Supplemental Collection Request Title:* Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS) Program, Primary Care Loan (PCL) Program, and Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0915-0047—Revision.

*Abstract:* This clearance request is for approval of the HPSL Program, LDS Program, PCL Program, and NSL Program Administrative Requirements.

The HPSL Program, authorized by Public Health Service (PHS) Act sections 721-722 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low-interest loans to students attending schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, and pharmacy. The LDS Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 721-722 and 724-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to certain students attending schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. The PCL Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 721-723 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to students attending schools of allopathic medicine and osteopathic medicine to practice primary health care. The NSL Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 835-842, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term,

low-interest loans to students who attend eligible schools of nursing in programs leading to a diploma degree, an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree in nursing. These programs have a number of recordkeeping and reporting requirements for academic institutions and loan applicants. The applicable program regulations are found in 42 CFR 57.201-218 and 57.301-318. HRSA proposes revisions to the Annual Operating Report (AOR)-HRSA Form 501 completed by institutions participating in the HPSL, LDS, PCL, and NSL Programs to obtain additional information about those institutions and their student borrowers.

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 7, 2023, vol. 88, No. 172; pp. 61602-04. There were no public comments.

There was a miscalculation of the total burden hours as previously reported in the 60-day FRN, which is updated below to properly account for the 25,080 HPSL/LDS/PCL and NSL Recordkeeping Requirement total hours that were shown but not added in the overall total. The total burden hours are now 353,059, which represents a 7.6 percent increase when compared to the total burden reported in the last ICR.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Participating HPSL, LDS, PCL, and NSL schools are responsible for determining the eligibility of applicants, making loans, and collecting monies owed by borrowers on their outstanding loans. Participating schools include schools that are no longer disbursing loans but are required to report and maintain program records, student records, and repayment records until all student loans are repaid in full, and all monies due to the federal government are returned. The Deferment Form, HRSA Form 519, provides the schools with documentation of a borrower's deferment status, as detailed for the HPSL Program under 42 CFR 57.210 and NSL under 42 CFR 57.310, and is included with minor revisions. The proposed revisions to the AOR are to modify the options selected for gender identification consistent with Executive Order 14075 and best practices in data collection recommended by the Office of Management and Budget. Additionally, the Deferment Form is being updated to provide specific directions for the submission requirements to notify students that the deferment request must be submitted to the institution 30 days prior to the payment due date. The institution must respond to the student 30 days after receipt of the student request.