

use the PBP software to describe their organization's plan benefit packages, including information on premiums, cost sharing, authorization rules, and supplemental benefits. They also generate a formulary to describe their list of drugs, including information on prior authorization, step therapy, tiering, and quantity limits.

CMS requires that MA and PDP organizations submit a completed PBP and formulary as part of the annual bidding process. During this process, organizations prepare their proposed plan benefit packages for the upcoming contract year and submit them to CMS for review and approval. CMS uses this data to review and approve the benefit packages that the plans will offer to Medicare beneficiaries. This allows CMS to review the benefit packages in a consistent way across all submitted bids during with incredibly tight timeframes. This data is also used to populate data on Medicare Plan Finder, which allows beneficiaries to access and compare Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plans. *Form Number:* CMS-R-262 (OMB control number: 0938-0763); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Public sector (Individuals and Households), Private sector (Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 785; *Total Annual Responses:* 8,337; *Total Annual Hours:* 46,026. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kristy Holtje at 410-786-2209 or [kristy.holtje@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:kristy.holtje@cms.hhs.gov)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-R-308]

#### 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 December 6, 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State Children's Health Insurance Program and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* States must submit title XXI plans and amendments for approval by the Secretary. We use the plan and its subsequent amendments to determine if the state has met the requirements of title XXI. Information provided in the state plan, state plan amendments, and from the other information we are collecting will be used by advocacy groups, beneficiaries, applicants, other governmental agencies, providers groups, research organizations, health care corporations, health care consultants. States will use the information collected to assess state plan performance, health outcomes and an evaluation of the amount of substitution of private coverage that occurs as a result of the subsidies and the effect of the subsidies on access to coverage. *Form Number:* CMS-R-308 (OMB control number: 0938-0841); *Frequency:* Yearly, once, and occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 16,024,071; *Total Annual Hours:* 803,280. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Joyce Jordan at 410-786-3413.)

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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: Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Performance

**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 January 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N39, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 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 ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Performance, OMB No. 0915-0363—Revision.

*Abstract:* The mission of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) within HRSA is to sustain and improve access to quality care services for rural communities. FORHP administers the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex Program) authorized by section 1820(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(g)). The purpose of the Flex Program is to enable state designated entities to support critical access hospitals in quality improvement, quality reporting, and performance improvement; to assist facilities seeking designation as critical access hospitals; and to create a program to establish or expand the provision of rural emergency medical services. HRSA currently collects information from grant recipients that participate in the Flex Program using an OMB-approved set of performance measures, the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Performance Measures, and seeks to revise its approved information

collection. HRSA is proposing significant changes to the method by which performance measures are collected, the organization of the measures, and the measures themselves.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* These measures cover principal topic areas of interest to FORHP, including: (a) quality reporting, (b) quality improvement interventions, (c) financial and operational improvement initiatives, (d) population health management, and (e) rural EMS integration. In addition to informing HRSA's progress toward meeting the goals set in the Government Performance and Results Act, the information is important in identifying and understanding programmatic improvement across program areas, as well as guiding future iterations of the Flex Program and prioritizing areas of need and support.

Performance measures are collected electronically in the Performance Improvement and Measurement System (PIMS), which awardees currently access through the HRSA Electronic Handbooks, a data collection platform. As part of a broader change affecting all programs across FORHP, HRSA proposes to change the method of PIMS report submission from the Electronic Handbooks to a different electronic data collection platform. In addition, HRSA proposes to reduce the total number of forms submitted. The current collection involves eight forms and HRSA proposes reducing this to six forms, one for recipients to select which program areas they are working in and one for each program area selected.

Performance measures in PIMS are currently organized by a series of checkboxes, where a state entity selects which hospitals are participating in a funded intervention, and if that hospital has shown improvement after that intervention. HRSA proposes to change the organization of the measures to align with a format that would resemble a work plan submission, which is an existing requirement recipients must meet. Instead of the series of checkboxes used in the current collection, we are proposing a series of dropdown menus where respondents can choose more specific information.

Finally, HRSA proposes revisions to performance measures in PIMS that

include changes to align with current terminology used by HRSA and a broadening of scope for some activities, as well as providing examples of more specific measures. Dropdown menus would contain lists of both common projects completed across the Flex Program and common outcome measures associated with each project. Respondents would not be required to collect all of the measures listed, rather they would be able to choose from a list of examples.

With these changes, HRSA estimates the burden on the recipients would remain the same. Even though HRSA is proposing to include more specific performance measures in PIMS reporting, the additional measures reflect data the recipients are currently collecting, in outside forms and spreadsheets. The reporting in PIMS to HRSA currently does not include all the specific outcome measure information collected by recipients, so the changes to the measure collection system would include that specific outcome measure information. However, instead of moving between multiple forms and spreadsheets outside of the PIMS system and copying information into it, recipients will be able to simply update their work plan in PIMS following the end of the program year with their outcome data.

*Likely Respondents:* Respondents are the Flex Program recipients. There are currently 45 states participating in the Flex Program.

*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 of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Performance Improvement Measurement System .....	45	1	45	70	3,150
Total .....	45	.....	45	.....	3,150

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.

**Maria G. Button,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Agency 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 January 6, 2025.

**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 0937–0166–60D 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:* HHS 42 CFR subpart B; Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects.

*Type of Collection:* Renewal.  
*OMB No.:* 0937–0166.

*Abstract:* The Department of Health and Human Service, Office of Population Affairs is requesting an extension of a currently approved collection for the disclosure and recordkeeping requirements codified at 42 CFR part 50, subpart B (“Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects”). The consent form solicits information to assure voluntary and informed consent to persons undergoing sterilization in programs of health services which are supported by federal financial assistance administered by the United States Public Health Service (PHS). It provides additional procedural protection to the individual and the regulation requires that the consent form be a copy of the form that is appended to the PHS regulation. In 2003, the PHS sterilization consent form was revised to conform to OMB government-wide standards for the collection of race/ethnicity data and to incorporate the PRA burden statement as part of the consent form. We are requesting a three-year extension.

ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOUR TABLE

Forms (if necessary)	Respondents (if necessary)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondents	Average burden per response	Total burden hours
Information Disclosure for <i>Sterilization Consent Form..</i>	Citizens Seeking Sterilization. ....	100,000	1	1	100,000
Record-keeping for <i>Sterilization Consent Form.</i>	Citizens Seeking Sterilization. ....	100,000	1	15/60	25,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125,000

**Sherrette A. Funn,**  
*Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health,

Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of a meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service is hereby giving notice that the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/