

The National Coordinator will establish priority areas based in part of recommendations received from the HIT Policy Committee regarding health information technology standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria. Once the HIT Standards Committee is informed of those priority areas, it will:

(A) Direct the appropriate subcommittee to develop a report for the HIT Standards Committee, to the extent possible, within 90 days, which will include among other items the following:

(1) An assessment of what standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are currently available to meet the priority area;

(2) an assessment of where gaps exist (*i.e.*, no standard is available or harmonization is required because more than one standard exists) and identify potential organizations that have the capability to address those gaps; and

(3) a timeline, which will also account for NIST testing where appropriate, for the HIT Standards Committee to issue recommendation(s) to the National Coordinator.

(B) Upon receipt of a subcommittee report, the HIT Standards Committee will:

(1) accept the timeline provided by the subcommittee, and if necessary, revise it; and

(2) assign subcommittee(s) to conduct research and solicit testimony, where appropriate, and issue recommendations to the full committee, in a timely manner.

(C) Advise the National Coordinator, consistent with the accepted timeline in (B)(1) and after NIST testing, where appropriate, on standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria, for the National Coordinator's review and possible endorsement to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ONC/HHS, Judith Sparrow, (202) 205-4528.

Authority: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), section 3003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS)—(OMB No. 0930-0106)—Revision

The DASIS consists of three related data systems: The Inventory of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (I-SATS); the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS), and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). The I-SATS includes

all substance abuse treatment facilities known to SAMHSA. The N-SSATS is an annual survey of all substance abuse treatment facilities listed in the I-SATS. The TEDS is a compilation of client-level admission data and discharge data submitted by States on clients treated in facilities that receive State funds. Together, the three DASIS components provide information on the location, scope and characteristics of all known drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the United States, the number of persons in treatment, and the characteristics of clients receiving services at publicly-funded facilities. This information is needed to assess the nature and extent of these resources, to identify gaps in services, to provide a database for treatment referrals, and to assess demographic and substance-related trends in treatment. In addition, several National Outcome Measures (NOMS) data elements are collected in TEDS to assess the performance of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.

The request for OMB approval will include a request to conduct the 2010 through 2012 N-SSATS and Mini-N-SSATS. The Mini-N-SSATS is a procedure for collecting services data from newly identified facilities between main cycles of the survey and will be used to improve the listing of treatment facilities in the on-line treatment facility Locator. The N-SSATS questionnaire is expected to remain unchanged except for minor modifications to wording. If there is a need for substantial revision to the N-SSATS questionnaire during the period of this clearance, a supplemental request for clearance will be submitted.

The OMB request will also include the collection of TEDS data, including the addition of two new NOMS data elements to the TEDS client-level record. To the extent that states already collect the elements from their treatment providers, the following elements will be included in the TEDS data collection: Frequency of attendance at self-help programs in past 30 days at admission; and frequency of attendance at self-help programs in past 30 days at discharge. No significant changes are expected in the other DASIS activities.

Estimated annual burden for the DASIS activities is shown below:

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
STATES				
TEDS Admission Data	52	4	6	1,248
TEDS Discharge Data	52	4	8	1,664

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
TEDS Discharge Crosswalks	5	1	10	50
I-SATS Update ¹	56	70	.08	314
State Subtotal	56	3,276

FACILITIES

I-SATS Update ²	200	1	.08	16
N-SSATS questionnaire	17,000	1	.67	11,390
Augmentation screener	1,000	1	.08	80
Mini-N-SSATS	2,000	1	.42	840
Facility Subtotal	20,200	12,326
TOTAL	20,256	15,602

¹ States forward to SAMHSA information on newly licensed/approved facilities and on changes in facility name, address, status, etc. This is submitted electronically by nearly all States.

² Facilities forward to SAMHSA information on new facilities and on changes to existing facilities. This is submitted by e-mail by nearly all facilities.

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 7-1044, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 AND e-mail her a copy at summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Tribal TANF Financial Report (ACF-196T).

OMB No.: 0970-0345.

Description: Tribes use Form ACF-196T to report expenditures for the Tribal TANF grant. Authority to collect

and report this information is found in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Public Law 104-193. Tribal entities with approved Tribal plans for implementation of the TANF program are required by Section 412(h) of the Social Security Act to report financial data. Form ACF-196T provides for the collection of data regarding Federal expenditures. Failure to collect this data would seriously compromise the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) ability to monitor expenditures. This information is also used to estimate outlays and may be used to prepare ACF budget submissions to Congress. Financial management of the program would be seriously compromised if the expenditure data were not collected.

45 CFR part 286 subpart E requires the strictest controls on funding requirements, which necessitates review of documentation in support of Tribal expenditures for reimbursement. Comments received from previous efforts to implement a similar Tribal TANF report Form ACF-196T were used to guide ACF in the development

of the product presented with this submittal.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, Public Law 111-5 has authorized emergency TANF funds to be awarded to States, Tribes, and Territories who meet certain eligibility requirements written in the legislation. TANF Policy Announcement TANF-ACF-PA-2009-01 provides additional guidance on eligibility requirements. Recipients of ARRA funds are to report spending and performance data to Federal agencies quarterly for posting on the public Web site, "Recovery.gov." Federal agencies are required to collect ARRA expenditures data and the data must be clearly distinguishable from the regular TANF (non-ARRA) funds. Therefore, in order to meet this data collection requirement, the ACF-196T has been modified with the addition of two line items and a column to report ARRA expenditures. The collection and posting of this data is to allow the public to see where their tax dollars are spent.

Respondents: All Tribal TANF Agencies.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per Response	Total burden hours
ACF-196T	56	4	8	1,792

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,792.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and

Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing

to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: