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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, e-mail *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer at (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) The proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (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: National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners—45 CFR Part 60 Regulations and Forms (OMB No. 0915–0126)—Extension

The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) was established through Title IV of Public Law (Pub. L.) 99–660, the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended. Final regulations governing the NPDB are codified at 45 CFR part 60. Responsibility for NPDB implementation and operation resides in the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The NPDB began operation on September 1, 1990.

The intent of Title IV of Public Law 99–660 is to improve the quality of health care by encouraging hospitals, State licensing boards, professional societies, and other entities providing health care services, to identify and discipline those who engage in unprofessional behavior; and to restrict the ability of incompetent physicians, dentists, and other health care practitioners to move from State to State without disclosure of the practitioner's previous damaging or incompetent performance.

The NPDB acts primarily as a flagging system; its principal purpose is to facilitate comprehensive review of practitioners' professional credentials and background. Information on medical malpractice payments, adverse licensure actions, adverse clinical privileging actions, adverse professional society actions, and Medicare/Medicaid exclusions is collected from, and disseminated to, eligible entities. It is intended that NPDB information should be considered with other relevant information in evaluating a practitioner's credentials.

The reporting forms and the request for information forms (query forms) are accessed, completed, and submitted to the NPDB electronically through the NPDB Web site at *http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/*. All reporting and querying is performed through this secure Web site. Due to overlap in requirements for the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), some of the NPDB's burden has been subsumed under the HIPDB.

Estimates of annualized burden are as follows:

Regulation citation	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response (minutes)	Total burden hours	Wage rate	Total cost
60.6(a) Errors & Omissions	315	5	1,260	15	315	$25	$7,875.00
60.6(b) Revisions to Action	109	1	109	30	54.5	25	1,362.50
60.7(b) Medical Malpractice Payment Report	519	29	15,051	45	11,288.25	25	282,206.25
60.8(b) Adverse Action Reports-State Boards	[1] 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.11(a)(3) Adverse Action	480	2	960	45	720	25	18,000
60.11(c) Requests for Hearings by Entities	0	0	0	480	0	200	0
60.12(a)(1) & (2) Queries by Hospital	5,996	213	1,277,148	5	106,429	25	2,660,725
60.13(a)(1)(i) Disclosure to Hospitals	[2] 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.13(a)(1)(ii) Disclosure to Practitioners (Self Query)	[3] 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.13(a)(1)(iii) Disclosure to Licensure Boards	87	645	56,115	5	4,676.25	25	116,906.25
60.13(a)(1)(iv) Queries by Non-Hospital Health Care Entities	7,305	322	2,352,210	5	196,017.5	25	4,900,437.50
60.13(a)(i)(v) Queries by Plaintiffs' Attorneys	5	1	5	30	2.5	200	500.00
60.13(a)(1)(vi) Queries by Non-Hospital Health Care Entities-Peer Review	[4] 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.13(a)(i)(vii) Requests by Researchers for Aggregate Data	20	1	20	30	10	38	380.00
60.16(b) Practitioner Places a Report in Disputed Status	404	1	404	15	101	45	4,545.00
60.16(b) Practitioner Statement	1,415	1	1,415	45	1,061.25	100	106,125.00
60.16(b) Practitioner Requests for Secretarial Review	27	1	27	480	216	200	43,200.00
60.3 Entity Registration—Initial	1,447	1	1,447	60	1,447	25	36,175

Regulation citation	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response (minutes)	Total burden hours	Wage rate	Total cost
60.3 Entity Registration—Update	13,115	1	13,115	5	1,092.92	25	27,323
60.13(a) Authorized Agent Designation—Initial	717	1	717	15	179.25	25	4,481.25
60.13(a) Authorized Agent—Update	139	1	139	5	11.58	25	289.50
60.14(c) Account Discrepancy Report	5	1	5	15	1.25	25	31.25
60.14(c) Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization	284	1	284	15	71	25	1,775.00
60.3 Entity Reactivation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32,389	....	3,720,431	....	323,694.25	....	8,212,337.5

[1] Included in estimate for reporting adverse licensure actions to the HIPDB in 45 CFR Part 61.
[2] Included in estimate for hospital queries under § 60.12(a).
[3] Included in estimate for self queries to the HIPDB in 45 CFR Part 61.
[4] Voluntary queries—not required by law.

E-mail comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10–33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. 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: 45 CFR 303.7—Provision of Services in Interstate Child Support Enforcement Cases; Standard Forms.

OMB No.: 0970–0085.

Description: Public Law 104–193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, amended 42 U.S.C. 666 to require State Child Support Enforcement (CSE) agencies to enact the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) into State law by January 1, 1998. Section 311(b) of UIFSA requires the States to use standard Interstate forms, as mandated by Federal law. 45 CFR 303.7 also requires CSE programs to transmit child support case information on standard interstate forms when referring cases to other States for processing. During the OMB clearance process, we are taking the opportunity to make a minor revision to heading of Transmittals 1, 2, and 3. We have added the option for States to list the name of the country with which the petitioner or respondent is affiliated. The instructions for each of the Transmittal forms have also been updated to reflect this change.

Respondents: State agencies administering the Child Support Enforcement program under title IV–D of the Social Security Act.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Transmittal 1	54	19,278	0.25	260,253
Transmittal 2	54	14,458	0.08	62,458.56
Transmittal 3	54	964	0.08	4,164.48
Uniform Petition	54	9,639	0.08	41,640.48
General Testimony	54	11,567	0.33	206,123.94
Affidavit Paternity	54	4,819	0.17	44,238.42
Locate Data Sheet	54	375	0.08	1,620
Notice of Controlling Order	54	964	0.08	4,164.48
Registration Statement	54	8,675	0.08	37,476

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 662,139.36

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: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.* All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) 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