

foreign banks, and commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks.

**Legal authorization and confidentiality:** The Board's Legal Division has determined that Section 1507 of the S.A.F.E. Act, 12 U.S.C. 5106, requires that the CFPB develop and maintain a system for registering individual MLOs of covered financial institutions regulated by a federal banking agency with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Section 1504 of the S.A.F.E. Act, (12 U.S.C. 5103), requires that an individual desiring to engage in the business of a loan originator maintain an annual federal registration (or be licensed by an equivalent state regulatory scheme) and appear on the Registry with a unique identifier. Section 1007.103 of the CFPB's Regulation G implements this registration scheme; Section 1007.104 requires the adoption of appropriate policies and procedures by covered financial institutions; and Section 1007.105 requires that covered financial institutions provide the unique identifiers of MLOs to consumers. (12 CFR 1007.103–.105). Under Section 1061 of the Dodd-Frank Act, (12 U.S.C. 5581©), “a transferor agency [such as the Board] that is a prudential regulator shall have . . . “authority to require reports from . . . conduct examinations for . . . and enforce compliance with Federal consumer financial laws” with respect to the Board-supervised entities enumerated above. Therefore, the Board is authorized to collect this information with respect to the institutions we supervise for this purpose. This information collection is mandatory.

As noted above, the unique identifier of MLOs must be made public and is not considered confidential. In addition, most of the information that MLOs submit in order to register with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry will be publicly available. However, certain identifying data about individuals who act as MLOs are entitled to confidential treatment under (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which protects from disclosure information that “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)).

With respect to the information collection requirements imposed on depository institutions, because the requirements require that depository institutions retain their own records and make certain disclosures to customers, the FOIA would only be implicated if the Board's examiners obtained a copy of these records as part of the examination or supervision process of a

financial institution. However, records obtained in this manner are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption (b)(8), regarding examination-related materials. (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8)).

**Current Actions:** On January 10, 2017 the Federal Reserve published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 2995) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the Registration of Mortgage Loan Originators. The comment period for this notice expired on March 13, 2017. The Federal Reserve did not receive any comments.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 6, 2017.

**Ann E. Misback,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project “*AHRQ Research Reporting System (ARRS)*.”

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 11, 2017 and allowed 60 days for public comment. AHRQ did not receive any substantive comments during this period. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: AHRQ's OMB Desk Officer by fax at (202) 395–6974 (attention: AHRQ's desk officer) or by email at [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) (attention: AHRQ's desk officer).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at [doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov](mailto:doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Proposed Project

#### *AHRQ Research Reporting System (ARRS)*

AHRQ has developed a systematic method for its grantees and vendors to report project progress and important preliminary findings for grants and contracts funded by the Agency. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection. This system, the AHRQ Research Reporting System (ARRS), previously known as the Grants Reporting System (GRS), was last approved by OMB on May 16, 2014. The system addressed the shortfalls in the previous reporting process and established a consistent and comprehensive grants reporting solution for AHRQ. The ARRS provides a centralized repository of grants and contract research progress and additional information that can be used to support initiatives within the Agency. This includes future research planning and support for administrative activities such as performance monitoring, budgeting, knowledge transfer and strategic planning.

This project has the following goals:

(1) To promote the transfer of critical information more frequently and efficiently and enhance the Agency's ability to support research designed to improve the outcomes and quality of health care, reduce its costs, and broaden access to effective services.

(2) To increase the efficiency of the Agency in responding to ad-hoc information requests.

(3) To support Executive Branch requirements for increased transparency and public reporting.

(4) To establish a consistent approach throughout the Agency for information collection regarding grant and contract progress and a systematic basis for oversight and for facilitating potential collaborations among grantees.

(5) To decrease the inconvenience and burden on grantees and vendors of unanticipated ad-hoc requests for information by the Agency in response to particular one-time internal and external requests for information.

This study is being conducted by AHRQ pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support research on health care and on systems for the delivery of such care, including activities with respect to the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and value of healthcare services and with respect to quality measurement and improvement. 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(1) and (2).

**Method of Collection**

To achieve the goals of this project, the following data collections will be implemented:

AHRQ Research Reporting System (ARRS)—Grantees and vendors use the ARRS system to report project progress and important preliminary findings for grants and contracts funded by the Agency. Grantees and vendors submit progress reports on a monthly or quarterly basis which are reviewed by AHRQ personnel. All users access the ARRS system through a secure online interface which requires a user I.D. and password entered through the ARRS login screen. When status reports are

due AHRQ notifies principal investigators and vendors via email.

The ARRS is an automated, user-friendly resource that is utilized by AHRQ staff for preparing, distributing, and reviewing reporting requests to grantees and vendors for the purpose of information sharing. AHRQ personnel are able to systematically search the information collected and stored in the ARRS database. Personnel will also use the information to address internal and/or external requests for information regarding grant progress, preliminary findings, and other requests, such as Freedom of Information Act requests and producing responses related to

federally mandated programs and regulations.

**Estimated Annual Respondent Burden**

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated annualized burden hours for the respondents. It will take grantees and vendors an estimated 10 minutes to enter the necessary data into the ARRS System and reporting will occur four times annually. The total annualized burden hours are estimated to be 333 hours.

Exhibit 2 shows the estimated annualized cost burden for the respondents. The total estimated cost burden for respondents is \$12,454.

**EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Data entry into ARRS .....	500	4	10/60	333
Total .....	500	N/A	N/A	333

**EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN**

Form name	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
Data entry into ARRS .....	500	333	\$37.40	\$12,454
Total .....	500	333	N/A	12,454

\* Based upon the average wages for Healthcare Practitioner and Technical Occupations (29-0000), "National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, May 2015," U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm#29-0000](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#29-0000).

**Request for Comments**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All

comments will become a matter of public record.

**Sharon B. Arnold,**  
*Acting Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**Supplemental Evidence and Data Request on Systematic Review of Breastfeeding Programs and Policies, Breastfeeding Uptake, and Maternal Health Outcomes in Developed Countries**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for supplemental evidence and data submissions.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking

scientific information submissions from the public. Scientific information is being solicited to inform our review of *Systematic Review of Breastfeeding Programs and Policies, Breastfeeding Uptake, and Maternal Health Outcomes in Developed Countries*, which is currently being conducted by the AHRQ's Evidence-based Practice Centers Program. Access to published and unpublished pertinent scientific information will improve the quality of this review.

**DATES:** *Submission Deadline* on or before May 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Email submissions:* SEADS@epc-src.org.

*Print submissions:* Mailing Address: Portland VA Research Foundation, Scientific Resource Center, ATTN: Scientific Information Packet Coordinator, P.O. Box 69539, Portland, OR 97239.

*Shipping Address (FedEx, UPS, etc.):* Portland VA Research Foundation, Scientific Resource Center, ATTN: Scientific Information Packet