

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Community Living**

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request; Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (ICR-Rev); State Developmental Disabilities Council—Annual Program Performance Report (PPR)**

**AGENCY:** Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on ACL's intention to collect information necessary to determine grantee compliance with Part B of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act). Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the proposed action. This notice solicits comments on a proposed revision to an existing data collection related to the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (State Councils) Annual Program Performance Report (PPR). On an annual basis, each Council must submit a Program Performance Report (PPR) to describe the extent to which annual progress is being achieved on the 5-year State plan goals. The PPR will be used by (1) the Council as a planning document to track progress made in meeting state plan goals; (2) the citizenry of the State as a mechanism for monitoring progress and activities on the plans of the Council; and (3) the Department as a stewardship tool for ensuring compliance with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and for monitoring and providing technical assistance (e.g., during site visits), and support for management decision making.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by December 4, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *Sara.Newell-Perez@acl.hhs.gov*. Submit written comments on the collection of information by mail to Sara Newell-Perez, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW., Room 1108B, Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Newell-Perez at (202) 795–7413 or *Sara.Newell-Perez@acl.hhs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the 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. “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 provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval.

The proposed data collection represents a revision of a currently approved information collection (ICR-Rev). In compliance with the requirements of Section 506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration on Community Living is soliciting public comment on the information collection described above. The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Consideration will only be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication. The proposed State Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Program Performance Report can be found on the ACL Web site at: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/policy-and-regulations>.

ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

**Burden Estimates**

The total estimated hour burden per respondent for the proposed DD Council PPR will increase from the 138 hours estimated in 2015 to 172 burden hours per response. The number of hours is multiplied by 56 State Council programs, resulting in a total estimated hour aggregate burden of 9,632.

The increase in burden is primarily due to the incorporation of new performance measures into the FFY 2017–2021 state plan cycle. These measures will hone in on individual and family advocacy, as well as systems change advocacy. One example of these measures is a reporting of the number of promising and/or best practices improved as a result of systems change activities. The Program Performance Report (PPR) is an opportunity for Councils to report on the actual data and outcomes that resulted from carrying out the new State Plan activities. The proposed revisions to the PPR form were reviewed and pilot tested by a Performance Measures Workgroup consisting of nine (9) State Council representatives. This workgroup deemed the PPR revisions necessary to accurately capture and report on the progress of the State Councils. A separate workgroup consisting of nine (9) different State Council representatives further discussed data collection methodologies as it relates to the proposed PPR template. The new performance measures will offer a comprehensive categorization and approach to collecting data necessary to report to Congress and other interested entities.

The burden calculation takes into account that 40% percent of the change Councils estimated for data collection burden will be pre-populated for them through their web-based reporting system, ACL Reporting. The increase of 24.6% for burden is consistent with the development of new performance measures and were approved and anticipated by the State Councils.

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
State Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Program Performance Report (PPR) .....	56	1	172	9,632
Total .....	56	1	172	9,632

Dated: September 26, 2017.

**Mary Lazare,**

*Principal Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (OMB Approval Number 0985-0042); State Grant for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR)

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA). This 30-day notice requests comments on the information collection requirements related to a proposed Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection (ICR-Rev). The revision would allow ACL to continue to collect information necessary to determine grantee compliance with Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as Amended (AT Act).

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by November 3, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information: by fax at (202) 395-5806 or by email to [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov), Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Groenendaal at (202) 795-7356 or [robert.groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:robert.groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the 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. "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 provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. The proposed data collection represents a revision of a currently approved information collection. In order to comply with the above requirement, ACL is requesting approval of an update of a previously approved collection, the State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR), formerly the 572 Report (0985-0042).

The AT APR is submitted annually by all State Grants for AT programs receiving formula funds under Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as Amended (AT Act). The AT APR is used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with Section 4 of the AT Act, with section 1329 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and with applicable provisions of the HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The AT APR enables ACL to analyze qualitative and quantitative data to track performance outcomes and efficiency measures of the State Grants for AT programs; support budget requests; comply with the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA) reporting requirements; provide national benchmark information; and inform program development and management activities. This information collection has 3 pieces: (a) Web-based system that collects data from states; (b) performance measure survey on the access and acquisition of AT devices and services that states collect from individuals; and, (c) customer satisfaction survey that states collect from individuals on their experiences accessing and acquiring AT through the State AT program. The burden table

below identifies the data collection activities for the three surveys above as well as the estimates for record keeping and entry of aggregate data. In addition to submitting a State Plan every three years, states and outlying areas are required to submit annual progress reports on their activities. The data required for these progress reports is specified in Section 4(f) of the AT Act. The State Grants for AT program conduct the following state-level and state leadership activities: State financing, device demonstration, device loans, device reutilization, training and technical assistance, public awareness, and information and referral.

#### Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A 60-Day notice was published in the **Federal Register** in Vol. 82, No. 135, pg. 32710, on July 17th, 2017. ACL received one comment from the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP), which represents 54 State Grant for AT programs. The comment noted that the proposed changes to the currently approved information collection were developed with extensive input of those it directly impacts, the State AT Program grantees. The revision process began over two years ago and grantees had multiple opportunities to discuss and make recommendations on the proposed changes, which were reviewed during numerous meetings with ATAP membership at national conferences and during online events. There is uniform support within the ATAP membership for the revisions.

#### Annual Burden Estimates

The proposed State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR) may be found on the ACL Web site at: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>. The total estimated hour burden per respondent for the proposed AT APR will decrease from the 406 hours per respondent estimated in FY 2014 to 404 hours estimated for FY 2017, an estimated reduction of two hours per respondent or 112 in total. These are in addition to reductions made during the last information collection process. The reduction in burden is a result of a data