

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request; Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; State Developmental Disabilities Council—Annual Program Performance Report (PPR) (OMB Control Number 0985–0033)

AGENCY: Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD), 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 extend the use of the current PPR data collection 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 extension 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 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 June 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to Sara.Newell-Perez@acl.hhs.gov.

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” 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 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 extension of a currently approved information collection. In compliance with the requirements of the PRA, the Administration on Community Living (ACL) 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.

To view and comment on the proposed State Councils on Developmental Disabilities Annual Program Performance Report, please visit the ACL public input page: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/policy-and-regulations>.

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

The total estimated hour burden per respondent for the proposed DD Council PPR is 172 burden hours per response. The number of hours to complete the PPR multiplied by 56 State Council programs, results in a total estimated annual burden of 9,632.

The burden is reflective of performance measures introduced in the FFY 2017–2021 state plan cycle. These measures 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 based on results of systems change activities. The PPR is an opportunity for Councils to report on the actual data and outcomes that resulted from carrying out the new State Plan activities. This extension was previously pilot tested by a Performance Measures Workgroup consisting of nine (9) State Council representatives. This workgroup deemed the PPR 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. This PPR offers a comprehensive categorization and approach to collecting data necessary to report to Congress and other interested entities.

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: March 26, 2021.

Alison Barkoff,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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[OMB # 0985-0023]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living 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 section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-Day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the information collection requirements for consumer assessment surveys used by ACL to measure program performance for programs funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act. This notice solicits comments on a proposed revision of a currently approved collection with the addition of a new rotating module to the National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by May 3, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find the information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. By mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Jenkins, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC

20201, by email at Susan.Jenkins@acl.hhs.gov or by telephone at 202-795-7369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is requesting approval to collect data for the National Survey of Older Americans Act (OAA) Participants information collection to include consumer assessment surveys for the Congregate and Home-delivered meal nutrition programs; Case Management, Homemaker, and Transportation Services; and the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

This survey builds on earlier national pilot studies and surveys, as well as performance measurement tools developed by ACL grantees in the Performance Outcomes Measures Project (POMP). Changes identified as a result of these initiatives were incorporated into the last data collection package that was approved by OMB and are included in this proposed extension of a currently approved collection. This information will be used by ACL to track performance outcome measures; support budget requests; comply with the GPRMA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRMA) reporting requirements; provide national benchmark information; and inform program development and management initiatives.

In addition to the proposed extension of the existing collection of information, ACL is requesting approval for a module on COVID-19 to be added to the currently approved NSOAAP data collection effort. This module supplants the module on Emergency Preparedness that was included in the 60-day FRN due to the ongoing health crisis older adults are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. The Emergency Preparedness module will be added to the 2022 collection instrument.

As part of a nationwide effort to slow transmission of COVID-19, communities have closed locations such as senior centers, adult day care centers, and congregate meal facilities where many older adults received vital home- and community-based services. In addition, many of the in-home services that help older adults to remain in their homes, such as home-delivered meals, homemaker services, and respite care have been curtailed due to fear of spreading COVID-19. This, combined

with families and friends unable to assist loved ones due to the fear of spreading the virus, have left many older adults isolated and without the programs and services they need to remain living safely in the community. The purpose of adding questions on COVID-19 to the NSOAAP is to measure the effect COVID-19 has had on older adults' access to and use of Older Americans Act programs and services during the past year.

The results of this information collection will be used by ACL/AoA to:

- Provide refined national benchmarks for use by states and AAAs.
- Provide secondary data for analysis of various Title III program evaluations.
- Provide performance information for key demographic subgroups, geographical sub regions, and different types of AAAs which will enable ACL/AoA to identify variations in performance and examine the need for additional targeted technical assistance.
- Provide secondary data for analysis of the effect of COVID-19 on access to and use of OAA programs and services among older adults that will be shared with states and AAAs to help structure their programs and services in response to COVID-related changes.

The data will be used by the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living/Assistant Secretary for Aging in testimony and presentations; it will be incorporated into the agency's Annual Report; and it will be used by program staff to identify areas that may need attention at the national level.

Descriptions of previous National Surveys of OAA Participants can be found under the section on OAA Performance Information on ACL's website at: <https://acl.gov/programs/performance-older-americans-act-programs>. Copies of the survey instruments and data from previous National Surveys of OAA Participants can be found and queried using the Aging, Independence, and Disability (AGID) Program Data Portal at <http://www.agid.acl.gov/>.

Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in 85 FR No. 222 page 73273. There were thirteen public comments received during the 60-day FRN, please see ACL's response to comment listed below.