

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

[OMB #0970-0355]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Pre-Testing of Evaluation Data Collection Activities**

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) proposes to extend the existing overarching generic clearance for Pre-testing of Evaluation Data Collection Activities (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0355) with no changes.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular

information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The ACF Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from OMB to renew a generic clearance to pre-test data collection instruments with more than nine participants to identify and resolve any question or procedural problems in survey administration.

OPRE studies ACF programs, and the populations they serve, through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses, and descriptive and exploratory studies. To improve the development of its research and evaluation surveys, OPRE uses the pre-testing of evaluation surveys generic clearance to employ a variety of techniques including cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, behavior coding, exploratory interviews, respondent debriefing questionnaires, split sample experiments, focus groups, and pilot studies/pre-tests. These activities allow OPRE to identify if and when a survey may be simplified for respondents,

respondent burden may be reduced, and other possible improvements.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit a change request for each individual data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents. OMB should review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

The information collected in this effort will not be the primary subject of any published ACF reports; however, information may be made public through methodological appendices or footnotes, reports on instrument development, instrument user guides, descriptions of respondent behavior, and other publications or presentations describing findings of methodological interest. When necessary, results will be labeled as exploratory in nature. The results of this pre-testing research may be prepared for presentation at professional meetings or publication in professional journals.

*Respondents:* Participants in ACF programs being evaluated; participants in ACF demonstrations; recipients of ACF grants and individuals served by ACF grantees; comparison group members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals at risk of needing ACF services.

*Annual Burden Estimates:*

Instrument	Estimated total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Survey development field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, split sample experiments, focus groups .....	3,825	1	1	3,825

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,825.

**Authority:** Social Security Act, Sec. 1110 [42 U.S.C. 1310].

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

[OMB #0970-0462]

**Submission for OMB Review; National and Tribal Evaluation of the 2nd Generation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants**

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program provides healthcare occupational training for Temporary Assistance for

Needy Families recipients and other low-income people. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved various data collection activities for the National and Tribal Evaluation of the 2nd Generation of HPOG (HPOG 2.0 National and Tribal Evaluation) under OMB #0970-0462. Due to the profound effects the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the U.S. economy, on families nationwide and on HPOG 2.0 programs, the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) is considering surveying study participants who applied to the HPOG Program after the onset of the pandemic. This notice provides a summary for public review and comment of the use and burden associated with a new information collection for this “COVID Cohort” Survey.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The COVID–19 pandemic has had profound effects on the U.S. economy, on the healthcare sector and on individuals and families across the country. The pandemic has also had broad implications for HPOG 2.0 programs—on how and how much healthcare training is delivered, on demand for healthcare workers, on interest in working in health care, and on the labor market more broadly. OPRE seeks to understand the particular experiences of those who apply for the HPOG Program during this period by surveying study participants enrolled after the onset of the pandemic. The COVID Cohort Survey would collect important information on participant

experiences 15 months after randomization and would allow the impact study to compare impacts for pre-COVID participants with impacts for those enrolled after the onset the pandemic.

*Respondents:* HPOG impact study participants from the 27 non-tribal HPOG 2.0 grantees (treatment and control group members who enroll between May 2020 and September 2021).

*Annual Burden Estimates:* This request is specific to the COVID Cohort Survey. Currently approved materials and associated burden can be found at: [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAICList?ref\\_nbr=201904-0970-006](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAICList?ref_nbr=201904-0970-006).

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)	Annual burden (in hours)
Instrument 12a: COVID–19 Cohort Survey .....	5,625	1	1	5,625	1,875

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,875.

**Authority:** Section 2008 of the Social Security Act as enacted by Section 5507 of the Affordable Care Act and Section 413 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 613.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Community Living**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; State Performance Report [OMB #0985–New]**

**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 State Performance Report. This notice solicits

comments on the new information collection requirements relating to the State Performance Report.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by June 21, 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](http://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](mailto: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 currently approved SPR under 0985–0008 expiring in FY 2022, which is the final reporting year for the currently approved OMB control

number (0985–0008). In order to comply with requirements under the PRA it is necessary to place this “new SPR” IC under a new OMB control number while keeping the currently approved SPR under 0985–0008 active for remaining reporting in FY 2022.

The purpose of this data collection is to fulfill requirements of the Older Americans Act and the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act (GPRA Modernization Act) of 2010 and related program performance activities.

Section 202(a)(16) of the OAA requires the collection of statistical data regarding the programs and activities carried out with funds provided under the OAA and Section 207(a) directs the Assistant Secretary on Aging to prepare and submit a report to the President and Congress based on those data.

Section 202(f) directs the Assistant Secretary to develop a set of performance outcome measures for planning, managing, and evaluating activities performed and services provided under the OAA. Requirements pertaining to the measurement and evaluation of the impact of all programs authorized by the OAA described in section 206(a). The State Performance Report is one source of data used to develop and report performance outcome measures and measure program effectiveness in achieving the stated goals of the OAA.

The Administration on Aging (now within the Administration for