

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers CMS–10338 and CMS–10409]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 12, 2022.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: _____, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS–10338 Affordable Care Act Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Procedures for Non-grandfathered Group Health Plans and Issuers and Individual Market Issuers
CMS–10409 LTCH CARE Data Set for the Collection of Data Pertaining to the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program

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. The term "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 requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Affordable Care Act Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Procedures for Non-grandfathered Group Health Plans and Issuers and Individual Market Issuers; *Use:* The information collection requirements ensure that claimants receive adequate information regarding the plan's claims procedures and the plan's handling of specific benefit claims. Claimants need to understand

plan procedures and plan decisions in order to appropriately request benefits and/or appeal benefit denials. The information collected in connection with the HHS-administered federal external review process is collected by HHS, and is used to provide claimants with an independent external review. *Form Number:* CMS–10338 (OMB control number: 0938–1099); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 497,262; *Total Annual Responses:* 517,014,153; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,198,692. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Laura Byabazaire at 301–492–4128.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* LTCH CARE Data Set for the Collection of Data Pertaining to the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program; *Use:* We are requesting an extension to the Long-Term Care Hospital Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation Data Set (LTCH CARE Data Set or LCDS) Version 5.0 that will be effective on October 1, 2022.

On November 2, 2021 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule (86 FR 62240) which finalized proposed modifications to the effective date for the reporting of measures and certain standardized patient assessment data in the Long-term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). Per the final rule CMS will require LTCHs to start collecting assessment data using LCDS Version 5.0 beginning October 1, 2022. The information collection request for LCDS Version 5.0 was re-approved on December 7, 2021 with an October 1, 2022 implementation date. CMS is asking for an extension of the approved LCDS Version 5.0, which currently expires on December 31, 2022.

The LTCH CARE Data Set is used to collect, submit, and report quality data to CMS for compliance with the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program (LTCH QRP). *Form Number:* CMS–10409 (OMB control number: 0938–1163); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 415; *Total Annual Responses:* 204,936; *Total Annual Hours:* 145,831. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Christy Hughes at 410–786–5662.)

Dated: February 8, 2022.
William N. Parham, III,
Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970-0215]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Tribal TANF Data Report, TANF Annual Report, and Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the form OFA-0084: Tribal TANF Data Report, TANF Annual Report, and Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process (OMB #0970-0215, expiration 4/30/2022). There are no changes requested to the form.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description: 42 U.S.C. 612 (section 412 of the Social Security Act as amended by Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work

Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), mandates that federally recognized Indian tribes with an approved Tribal TANF program collect and submit to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services data on the recipients served by the tribes' programs. This information collection includes both aggregated and disaggregated data on case characteristics and individual characteristics. In addition, tribes that are subject to a penalty are allowed to provide reasonable cause justifications as to why a penalty should not be imposed or may develop and implement corrective compliance procedures to eliminate the source of the penalty. Finally, there is an annual report, which requires the tribes to describe program characteristics. All of the above requirements are currently approved by OMB and ACF is simply proposing to extend them without any changes.

Respondents: Native American tribes and tribal organizations operating Tribal TANF programs.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Final Tribal TANF Data Report	75	4	451	135,300
Tribal TANF Annual Report	75	1	40	3,000
Tribal TANF Reasonable Cause/Corrective	10	1	60	600

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 138,900.

Comments: 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 shall 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 other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 612, 45 CFR part 286.

Mary B. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; OPRE Data Collection for State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study (New Collection)

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) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new primary data collection about connected child welfare data. We define connected data as child welfare data that are linked or integrated with data from other systems or agencies. The State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study (Data Linkages Descriptive Study) will gather systematic information on the extent to which states connect their child

maltreatment data to other data sets; how any linked data sets are created, managed, and used; and challenges states face in linking data.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description: The State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study will examine the extent to which child welfare agencies in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC, link administrative data on child maltreatment to data in other systems and to learn more about states' practices related to sharing and linking data. The study aims to inform the ongoing and