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HRSA specifically requests comments on: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Statement of Organization**

**AGENCY:** Office for Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the Statement of Organization of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**DATES:** This reorganization was approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on February 10, 2023, and took effect on February 25, 2023.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Executive Orders and agency actions related to equity—including E.O. 12862: Transforming Federal Customer Experience and Service Delivery to Rebuild Trust in Government; E.O. 13988: Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation; E.O. 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government; E.O. 14031: Advancing Equity, Justice, and Opportunity for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders; and E.O. 14035: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce; the OCR Statement, as last amended at 83 FR 2802 (January 19, 2018), is being amended at Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to reflect the restructuring of OCR as follows:

I. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in the outline section at the beginning of the Chapter that reads: “AT.00 Mission AT.10 Organization AT.20 Functions”

II. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), delete “Section AT.00 Mission” in its entirety and replace with the following:  
 “AT.00 Mission

As a law enforcement agency, OCR investigates complaints, conducts compliance reviews, develops policy, promulgates regulations, provides technical assistance, and educates the public about federal laws that prohibit recipients of HHS federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, and religion. It also ensures that the practices of health care providers, health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and their business associates comply with the Federal privacy, security, and breach notification laws and regulations that OCR enforces through the investigation of complaints and breach reports, compliance reviews, and audits. Through its work, OCR helps to ensure equal and non-discriminatory access to and coverage of health and human services, promotes positive change throughout our nation’s social service and health care systems to advance equity and accountability, and provides tools for covered entities and individuals to understand their rights and obligations under the law.

OCR accomplishes this by:

- Enforcing laws, investigating complaints, conducting compliance reviews, promulgating regulations, developing policy, providing technical assistance, and engaging in public education and outreach to ensure understanding of and compliance with all the laws OCR has authority over;
- Ensuring that recipients of HHS federal financial assistance comply with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, and religion; and
- Ensuring the practices of health care providers, health plans, health care clearinghouses, and their business associates adhere to federal privacy,

security, and breach notification regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) through the investigation of complaints, self-reports of breaches, compliance reviews, and audits.”

III. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), delete “Section AT.10 Organization” in its entirety and replace with:

- “AT.10 Organization
- A. Office of the Director (AT)
- B. Operations and Resources Division (ATA)
- C. Policy Division (ATB)
- D. Health Information Privacy, Data, and Cybersecurity Division (ATC)
- E. Enforcement Division (ATD)
- F. Strategic Planning Division (ATE)

IV. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” delete subsection “A. Office of the Director (AT)” in its entirety and replace with the following:

“A. *Office of the Director (AT)*. The Director is the Department’s chief officer and adviser to the Secretary concerning implementation of, compliance with, and enforcement of civil rights and conscience protection laws applicable to HHS-funded or conducted programs or activities, and privacy, security, and breach notification rules under HIPAA. The Director provides leadership, priorities, guidance, and supervision to OCR and is responsible for its overall policy, programs, and operations. The Director is also responsible for representing the Secretary and the Department, in coordination and consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, before Congress and the Executive Office of the President on matters relating to civil rights, the exercise of conscience, and health information privacy and for liaising with other federal departments and agencies responsible for similar or related matters.”

V. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” at subsection “B. Operations and Resources Division (ATA)” delete “Advising on all regional operations and the Centralized Case Management Operation (CCMO);” after “Responsibilities of the Deputy Director for Operations and Resources include:” and delete “Regional offices are led by

Regional Managers who report to the Deputy Director for ORD and are responsible for civil rights, conscience and religious freedom, and HIPAA complaint investigations, enforcement, and outreach. ORD is responsible for responding to stakeholder calls and triaging civil rights, conscience and religious freedom, and HIPAA complaints at intake” after “property management, accountability, and performance metrics.”

VI. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” at subsection “C. Civil Rights Division (ATB),” delete “Civil Rights” and replace with “Policy” and add “(including sexual orientation, gender identity, and pregnancy)” after “sex” and add “religion” after “disability” and delete “enforces” and add “oversees” and add “protection” after “conscience” and delete “provides national leadership in OCR’s enforcement and compliance activities, including advising OCR staff nationwide on case development and quality and assisting in developing negotiation, enforcement, and litigation strategies;” and delete “The Civil Rights Division also leads national civil rights compliance reviews;” and replace with “The Policy Division also consults and coordinates with the Enforcement Division on national civil rights and conscience protection laws enforcement and compliance activities;” and add “and conscience protection” after “designs civil rights” and add “and conscience protection” after “regional civil rights” and add “and conscience protection” after “provides civil rights”

VII. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” at subsection “D. Health Information Privacy Division (ATC), delete “Health Information Privacy” and replace with “Health Information Privacy, Data, and Cybersecurity”.

VIII. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” delete subsection E in its entirety and replace with the following:  
AT.20 Functions

“E. Enforcement Division (*ATD*). The Enforcement Division is headed by the Deputy Director of Enforcement, who reports to the Director. The Enforcement Division is responsible for overseeing OCR’s regional operations and case management to support comprehensive implementation all of its authorities. Responsibilities of the Deputy Director of Enforcement include: Advising on all regional operations and the Centralized Case Management Operation (CCMO); developing and conducting public education activities in coordination and

collaboration with the Strategic Planning Division to drive compliance with the law; directing case management on data analytics and operations; and coordinating and implementing leadership and professional development training for staff within the Enforcement Division. Regional offices are led by Regional Managers who report to the Deputy Director of Enforcement and are responsible for civil rights, conscience protection, and HIPAA complaint investigations, enforcement, and outreach. The Enforcement Division is responsible for responding to stakeholder calls and triaging civil rights, conscience protection, and HIPAA complaints at intake and throughout the investigation or compliance process.”

VIII. Under Chapter AT, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Section “AT.20 Functions” add a new subsection F as follows:

AT.20 Functions

“F. Strategic Planning Division (*ATE*). The Strategic Planning Division is headed by the Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, who reports to the Director. The Strategic Planning Division oversees OCR’s outreach and other activities to provide the public with information about their rights and how OCR protects civil rights, conscience protections, and the privacy of individuals’ health information. The division promotes OCR’s enforcement activities to ensure covered entities are aware of their obligations under federal law and the consequences of violations of that law. The Division provides other HHS components with technical assistance and training on civil rights, conscience protections, and information privacy laws and works with other Operating and Staff Divisions within HHS to drive compliance with the law. The Division also provides identifies and provides staff with training opportunities that meet workforce development objectives, goals for individual professional growth, and succession planning.”

VIII. Pending further delegations, directives, or orders by the Secretary or the OCR Director, all delegations and redelegations of authority to positions of the affected organizations in effect prior to the date of this notice shall continue in effect in them or their successors, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.

**Xavier Becerra,**

*Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Global Affairs: Stakeholder Listening Session on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

**ACTION:** Notice of public listening session; request for comments.

**TIME AND DATE:** The listening session will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

**PLACE:** The session will be held virtually, with online slide share and dial-in information shared with registered participants.

**STATUS:** This meeting is open to the public but requires RSVP to [OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov](mailto:OGA.RSVP1@hhs.gov) by Wednesday, March 8, 2023. See *RSVP section below for details.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose:* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is charged with leading U.S. participation in the Working Group on the Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) and will convene a Stakeholder Listening Session.

The World Health Assembly (WHA) originally adopted the International Health Regulations (IHR) in 1969. The regulations were amended multiple times, resulting in the current IHR (2005). The purpose of IHR (2005) is to prevent, protect against, control, and provide public health response to the international spread of disease. In May 2021, Member States set up a Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies (WGPR) with the intent of strengthening WHO’s capacities and ability to support Member States in the prevention and response of public health emergencies. The WGPR produced a report with key findings and recommendations that included amending the IHR. The United States submitted a package of targeted amendments to the IHR for consideration. These amendments seek to improve early warnings and alerts, transparency, and accountability in a manner that does not compromise national security or sovereignty. Other countries have also submitted proposals that the United States seek feedback from stakeholders on the proposed amendments. The Stakeholder Listening Session is designed to seek input from stakeholders and subject-matter experts on these proposals and to help inform and prepare the U.S. government for engagement with the Working Group on