

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,067.

**Authority**

Division C, Title III, Public Law 117–43, 135 Stat. 374

Division B, Title III, Public Law 117–70, 1102 Stat. 4

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection**

**Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Health Workforce Connector**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N39, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 301–443–3983.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

**Information Collection Request Title:** Health Workforce Connector OMB No. 0906–0031—Revision.

**Abstract:** The Health Workforce Connector’s (HWC) goal is to help connect skilled professionals to communities in need by allowing approved Site Points of Contact (POCs) at National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Nurse Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs (Nurse Corps), Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Loan Repayment Program, Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program (PS), Nursing Training, and Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) sites to post available opportunities and update site profiles. The HWC provides a central platform to connect participants, including but not limited to those in the NHSC, Nurse Corps, STAR, PS, Nursing Training, and THCGME programs with facilities that are approved for performance of their service obligation. The HWC has become a resource that connects any health care professional or student interested in providing primary care services in underserved communities with facilities in need of health care providers. The HWC also allows users to create a profile, search for approved sites, find job and training opportunities, and connect with other clinicians who are similarly interested in working with underserved populations. The HWC is searchable by Site POCs. Individuals can use the HWC’s search capability with Google Maps.

The burden estimates below have changed from the estimates of burden provided in the previous notice (60-day notice published on August 12, 2020, vol. 85, No. 156, pp. 48708–09). The estimated burden total is significantly lower in this revised notice because it is based on the estimated total number of new users who will create accounts and publish profiles and does not include many existing program participants and site POCs who already have existing accounts.

**Need and Proposed Use of the Information:** Information will be collected from users in the following two ways:

(1) **Account Creation:** For job seekers, creating an account is optional. To create an account the user must enter their first name, last name, and email address. Those mandatory fields will be

used to send an automated email allowing the user to validate their login credentials. In addition, for job seekers participating in the programs listed above, their HWC account will be linked to their existing program file in the Bureau of Health Workforce Management Information Systems Solution database and allow an initial import of existing data at the request of the user.

(2) **Profile Completion:** Users may fill out a profile, but this function will be optional and includes fields such as location, discipline, specialty, and languages spoken. The information collected, if published by the user, can be searched by approved Site POCs seeking potential candidates for health care job opportunities at their site. Job seekers also can set their security and privacy settings on their accounts to make their profiles searchable by other end users or private at any time. In addition, all information collected through the HWC will be stored within existing secure the Bureau of Health Workforce Management Information Systems Solution databases and will be used internally for report generation on an as-needed basis.

**Likely Respondents:** Potential users include individuals searching for a health care job opportunity at a NHSC, Nurse Corps, STAR, PS, Nursing Training, or THCGME approved health care facility and health care facility POCs searching for potential candidates to fill open health care job opportunities at their sites.

**Burden Statement:** Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR is summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Account Creation .....	5,008	1	5,008	.08	400.64
Complete Profile .....	4,164	1	4,164	1.00	4,164
Total .....	15,008	.....	5,008	.....	4,564.64

<sup>1</sup> The 4,164 respondents who complete their profiles are a subset of the 5,008 respondents who create accounts.

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**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA’s ICR only after the 30-day comment period for this notice has closed.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than June 29, 2023.

**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 Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call (301) 594–4394.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Information Collection Request Title:* Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program Data Collection—OMB No. 0915–xxxx–NEW.

*Abstract:* The Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network (RPHWTN) Program Data Collection is authorized by section 330A(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(f)).

Furthermore, section 2501 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP, Pub. L. 117–2) provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out activities related to expanding and sustaining a public health workforce, including to respond to COVID–19. The RPHWTN program, which is managed by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at HRSA, intends to expand public health capacity by supporting health care job development, training, and placement in rural communities. This grant program intends to address the ongoing critical need for trained public health professionals in health care facilities serving rural communities by establishing networks that will develop formal training/certification programs. The long-term objective of this program is to enhance clinical and operational capacity to adequately address population health needs of rural communities negatively impacted by COVID–19, including long COVID–19.

The HRSA Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation will work with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to design and distribute surveys to RPHWTN grantees and trainees, which

will serve as program data collection tools. Grantees will establish networks that support health care job development, training, and placement in rural communities. Trainees are individuals participating in the training programs made possible through the RPHTWN-supported networks established by program grantees. To accomplish RPHWTN program goals, HRSA would like to collect the following type of information from respondents:

- *From grantees:* training content, count of trainings and attendees, specific strategies in supporting patients with long COVID–19 and behavioral health needs, and trainee retention/completion.

- *From trainees:* limited demographic information (age, ZIP code, race, and ethnicity), skills needed to fulfill roles in specific tracks selected, skill assessment, professional and/or educational experience, and career goals/intentions.

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2022, vol. 87, No. 236; pp. 75639–75640.

There were no public comments.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Per OMB memo M–21–20, the ARP provides funding for critical resources to respond to the public health crisis the nation faces resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic. The memo emphasizes the need for a swift government-wide response, underscoring the need to ensure the public’s trust in how the federal government implements ARP programs and distributes ARP funding. Accountability and transparency of federal government spending and achieving results are necessary for effective stewardship of these funds. To this end, federal awarding agencies must collect recipient performance reports in a manner that enables the federal government to articulate the outcomes of federal financial assistance to the American people. HRSA seeks to collect performance information that measures progress in achieving program goals and objectives, ensures payment integrity, and demonstrates equity-