

V. Response to Public Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Vanessa Garcia, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Vanessa Garcia,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; 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 (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 a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate 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 on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by March 27, 2024.

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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to publish a 30-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 that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Minimum Data Set 3.0 Nursing Home and Swing Bed Prospective Payment System (PPS) For the collection of data related to the Patient Driven Payment Model and the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program (QRP); *Use:* We are requesting to implement the MDS 3.0

v1.19.1 beginning October 1, 2024 in order to meet the requirements of policies finalized in the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) final rule (CMS-1779-F, RIN 0938-AV02). Specifically, CMS adopted two new measures and removed three measures from the SNF QRP. As a result of these changes, the total annual hour burden across facilities has decreased, and the annual cost burden across facilities has decreased. *Form Number:* CMS-10387 (OMB control number: 0938-1140); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 15,471; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,469,183; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,861,351. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Heidi Magladry at 410-786-6034).

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of the previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Implementation of the Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (OAS CAHPS) Survey; *Use:* As documented in the CY 2022 OPPI/ASC Final Rule (86 FR 63863 through 63866), OAS CAHPS Survey data will be linked to reimbursement beginning with CY 2024 for HOPDs and CY 2025 for ASCs. ASCs will continue with voluntary implementation of the OAS CAHPS Survey throughout CY 2024.

HOPDs and ASCs contract with a CMS-approved, independent third-party survey vendor to implement the survey on their behalf and to submit the OAS CAHPS data to CMS. CMS publicly reports comparative results from OAS CAHPS after each facility has conducted data collection for 4 quarters. Data from OAS CAHPS enable consumers to make more informed decisions when choosing an outpatient surgery facility, aid facilities in their quality improvement efforts, and help CMS monitor the performance of outpatient surgery facilities. Considering the increasing Medicare expenditures for outpatient surgical services from HOPDs and ASCs, the implementation of OAS CAHPS provides CMS with much-needed statistically valid data from the patient perspective to inform quality improvement and comparative consumer information about specific facilities. The information collected in the OAS CAHPS survey will be used for the following purposes: To provide a source of information from which patient experience of care measures can be publicly reported to beneficiaries to help them make informed decisions for

outpatient surgery facility selection; To aid facilities with their internal quality improvement efforts and external benchmarking with other facilities; and to provide CMS with information for monitoring and public reporting purposes. *Form Number:* CMS–10500 (OMB control number: 0938–1240); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 2,534,643; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,534,643; *Total Annual Hours:* 614,976. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Memuna Ifedirah at 410–786–6849).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants to States; Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages; and State Domestic Violence Coalitions (Office of Management and Budget #0970–0280)

AGENCY: Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services; Administration for Children and Families; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) program within the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services (OFVPS) plans to extend data collection for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants to States; Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages; and State Domestic Violence Coalitions (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0280; Expiration Date: May 31, 2024). Minor changes are proposed to the existing information collection.

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 *info collection@acf.hhs.gov*. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Under the FVPSA, OFVPS has a legislative requirement for grantees to report on activities carried out throughout their grant period and provide an evaluation on the effectiveness of the activities in achieving the purposes of the grant. Grantees must collect unduplicated data and only share non-personally identifying information, in the aggregate, regarding services to their clients in order to comply with Federal, State, or Tribal reporting, evaluation, or data collection requirements (42 U.S.C. 10406(c)(5)(D)). Client-level data shall not be shared with a third party, regardless of encryption, hashing, or other data security measures, without a written, time-limited release as described in 42 U.S.C. 10406(c)(5).

Respondents: FVPSA-funded grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
FVPSA State Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity	52	1	10	520	173
FVPSA Tribes/Tribal Organizations Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity	143	1	10	1,430	500
FVPSA State Domestic Violence Coalitions Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity	56	1	10	560	187
State FVPSA Grant Performance Progress Report	52	3	8	1,248	416
Tribal FVPSA Grant Performance Progress Report	143	3	8	3,432	1,144
State Domestic Violence Coalition Performance Progress Report	56	3	8	1,344	448
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours					2,868

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: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. 10401.

Mary C. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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