

The RFA requires agencies to analyze options for regulatory relief of small businesses. For purposes of the RFA, small entities include small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions. Most hospitals and most other providers and suppliers are small entities, either by nonprofit status or by having revenues of less than \$9 million to \$47 million in any 1 year. Individuals and States are not included in the definition of a small entity. As we stated in the RIA for the February 2, 2011 final rule (76 FR 5952), we do not believe that the application fee will have a significant impact on small entities.

In addition, section 1102(b) of the Act requires us to prepare an RIA if a rule (notice) may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. This analysis must conform to the provisions of section 604 of the RFA. For purposes of section 1102(b) of the Act, we define a small rural hospital as a hospital that is located outside of a metropolitan statistical area and has fewer than 100 beds. We are not preparing an analysis for section 1102(b) of the Act, because the Secretary has certified that this notice will not have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals.

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule whose mandates require spending in any 1 year of \$100 million in 1995 dollars, updated annually for inflation. In 2024, that threshold is approximately \$183 million. This notice would not impose a mandate that will result in the expenditure by State, local, and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of more than \$183 million in any 1 year.

Executive Order 13132 establishes certain requirements that an agency must meet when it promulgates a proposed rule (and subsequent final rule) (in this case a notice) that imposes substantial direct requirement costs on State and local governments, preempts State law, or otherwise has federalism implications. Since this notice does not impose substantial direct costs on State or local governments, the requirements of Executive Order 13132 are not applicable.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document,

authorizes Chyana Woodyard, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Chyana Woodyard,

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: 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 (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 January 31, 2025.

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, 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 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–10371 State-based Exchange, SBE, SBE Budget Template, SBE Enrollment Metrics, Open Enrollment

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 Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State-based Exchange, SBE, SBE Budget Template, SBE Enrollment Metrics, Open Enrollment; *Use:* The Patient Protection

and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111–148, enacted on March 23, 2010, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Public Law 111–152, enacted on March 30, 2010 collectively, “Affordable Care Act”, expanded access to health insurance for individuals and employees of small businesses through the establishment of new Affordable Insurance Exchanges (Exchanges), including the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP). Beginning January 1, 2014, the Exchanges became operational. The Exchanges enhance competition in the health insurance market, expand access to affordable health insurance for millions of Americans, and provide consumers with a place to easily compare and shop for health insurance coverage.

States can choose to establish and operate a State-based Exchange (SBE) or a State-based Exchange on the Federal Platform (SBE–FP). States electing to operate as an SBE–FP rely on the Federal Healthcare.gov platform to carry out eligibility and enrollment functions. For states that do not elect to operate either an SBE or SBE–FP, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will establish and operate a Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE) in those states. *Form Number:* CMS–10371 (OMB control number: 0938–1119; *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 23; *Total Annual Responses:* 343; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,317. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Tiffany Y. Animashaun at Tiffany.Animashaun@cms.hhs.gov).

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Performance Data Form (Office of Management and Budget #0970–0449)

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Community Services (OCS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting an extension without change to the current version of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Performance Measures (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0449) for use through June 30, 2025, and for approval of a revised version to use beginning July 1, 2025.

DATES: *Comments due* January 31, 2025. 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:* OCS administers LIHEAP at the Federal level. The *LIHEAP Performance Data Form* (LPDF) is an annual report in response to section 2610(b) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8629(b)(2))(LIHEAP statute), which requires the Secretary of HHS to submit, no later than June 30 of each Federal fiscal year, a report to Congress on LIHEAP for the prior Federal fiscal year. The completeness, accuracy, consistency, and timeliness of responses to data collections are needed for HHS to do the following:

- Provide reliable and complete fiscal and household data to Congress in the Department’s *LIHEAP Report to Congress* for the Federal fiscal year; and
- Respond to questions from the Congress, Department, OMB, White House, and other interested parties in a timely manner; and
- Report LIHEAP performance results as part of the Administration’s annual Congressional Justification.

In response to the 2010 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program—Greater Fraud Prevention Controls are Needed* (GAO–10–621), and in consideration of the recommendations issued by the LIHEAP Performance Measures Implementation Work Group, OCS required the collection and reporting of these performance measures by State LIHEAP grant recipients, including the District of Columbia. The original LPDF was approved by OMB in November 2014

and has been in use since. The LPDF provides for the collection of data on State grant recipients’ sources and uses of LIHEAP funds, including average benefit amounts, as well as data for the following performance measures:

1. The benefit targeting index for high burden households receiving LIHEAP fuel assistance;
2. The burden reduction targeting index for high burden households receiving LIHEAP fuel assistance;
3. The number of households where LIHEAP prevented a potential home energy crisis; and
4. The number of households where LIHEAP benefits restored home energy.

All State LIHEAP grant recipients, including the District of Columbia, are required to complete the LPDF on an annual basis through ACF’s web-based data collection and reporting system, the Online Data Collection, which is available at the GrantSolutions homepage (<https://home.grantsolutions.gov/home>). The reporting requirements will be described through the LIHEAP Forms and Funding Applications page (<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/form/liheap-forms-and-funding-applications>) of ACF’s website.

This request will (1) continue approval to collect information using the currently approved version of the LPDF through June 30, 2025; and (2) incorporate changes to the LPDF designed to collect performance data on the impacts of supplemental Federal LIHEAP funds and to improve form fields and language. The changes proposed would go into effect in July 2025 and consist of (1) changing the name of Module 1 of the form from “Grantee Survey” to “Grant Recipient Survey”; (2) adding an item for reporting carryover of Residential Energy Assistance Challenge (REACH) funds to the following FY; (3) adding an item for reporting non-administrative information technology enhancements; (4) removing maximum income cutoffs from funding uses; (5) replacement of sources and uses of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds; and (6) minor wording and structural changes.

Module 1 Grant Recipient Survey

Module 1 of the LPDF will continue to require the following data from each State for the Federal fiscal year:

- Grant recipient information.
- Sources and uses of LIHEAP funds, by funding type.