

Secretary do not exceed the amount which the Secretary would have paid if the demonstration program under this section was not implemented. To achieve budget neutrality for this demonstration program in fiscal years (FYs) since 2004, we have adjusted the national IPPS rates by an amount sufficient to offset the added costs of this demonstration program. We will present an estimate of the amount to offset additional costs due to the demonstration program in FY 2026, including the costs of additional rural community hospitals, in the FY 2026 IPPS/long-term care hospital (LTCH) PPS proposed rule.

B. Participation in the Demonstration

To participate in the demonstration, a hospital must be located in one of the identified States with low-population density and meet the criteria for a rural community hospital. Eligible hospitals that desire to participate in the demonstration must properly submit a timely application. Only applications that are received by the deadline specified in the **DATES** section of this notice will be considered “timely” and reviewed by the technical panel. Information about the demonstration and details on how to apply can be found on the CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/rural-community-hospital>.

III. Collection of Information Requirements

The information collection requirements contained in this notice are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. As discussed in section II.B. of this notice, a hospital must submit the required information listed on the cover sheet of the CMS Medicare Waiver Demonstration Application to receive consideration by the technical review panel. The burden associated is the time and effort necessary to complete the Medicare Waiver Application and submit the information to CMS and is associated with OMB control number 0938–0880.

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

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) National Evaluation Overarching Generic (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 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 Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an overarching generic clearance to collect data from programs delivered by Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) grant recipients on behalf of the SRAE National Evaluation. The generic mechanism will allow ACF to rapidly respond to research and evaluation opportunities that would not otherwise be feasible under the timelines associated with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The opportunities may relate to innovative implementation strategies and program components in use by SRAE grant recipients as they arise, and in particular, for youth subpopulations served by grant recipients. The purpose of the data collections submitted under the generic will be to inform ACF programming by building evidence about what innovations work to improve programming and outcomes across the SRAE grant recipients and the youth they serve.

DATES: *Comments due* February 24, 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 OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Under the proposed umbrella generic, OPRE intends to conduct research and evaluation of innovative implementation strategies and program components used by SRAE grant recipients and in particular, for youth subpopulations served by grant recipients. There is not an extensive evidence base on SRAE programming to inform SRAE grant recipients’ implementation and program improvement efforts. To add to this limited body of evidence and to support ACF’s administration of the SRAE grant program, the SRAE National Evaluation includes data collection to identify strategies and components that have the potential to improve the delivery and/or quality of SRAE programming and to understand better how to meet the needs of the range of youth served by the programs. As the evaluation team identifies strategies that are ready for evaluation, the work will need to begin quickly so that the learnings can be disseminated back to SRAE grant recipients within the period of performance. Due to the need for this rapid decision making, OPRE is seeking approval for a generic clearance to conduct this research. Potential data collection efforts include conducting interviews with SRAE program staff, including front-line facilitators working directly with youth; staff from partner organizations that work with SRAE programs; brief exit tickets following individual program sessions, focus groups, and surveys of youth participating in SRAE programs; session logs completed by program facilitators after individual program sessions; and analysis plan and report templates that grant recipients can use to disseminate their own evaluation findings.

Under this generic clearance, information is meant to inform ACF activities and may be incorporated into documents or presentations that are made public such as through conference presentations, websites, or social media. The following are some examples of ways in which we may share information resulting from these data collections: technical assistance (TA) plans, webinars, presentations, infographics, issue briefs/reports, evaluation specific reports, or other documents relevant to the field, such as federal leadership and staff, grant recipients, local implementing agencies, researchers, and/or training/TA providers. In sharing findings, we will describe the study methods and limitations regarding generalizability and as a basis for policy.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit an individual request for each specific data

collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents. Example instruments are available upon request.

Respondents: Staff and administrators of SRAE programs; staff from partner organizations; current or former

participants in SRAE programs; and grant recipients conducting their own evaluations.

Annual Burden Estimates: A variety of instruments and platforms will be used to collect information from respondents and each individual request will vary by number of respondents and average time per response. The burden table below is

illustrative to provide an estimated maximum level of burden for this overarching generic. While we will not exceed the total burden cap for this generic without requesting a change for updates, we may use more or less burden within each instrument type. Each individual request under the generic will provide information specific to the burden for that request.

Example instruments	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)	Annual burden (in hours)
Youth survey	2,160	3	0.5	3,240	1,080
Administrator, staff, and partner interview topic guide	144	1	1.25	180	60
Youth focus group topic guide	120	1	1	120	40
Youth exit ticket	2,160	15	0.03	972	324
Facilitator Log	36	30	0.06	64.8	21.6
Analysis plan for local impact local evaluations	10	1	8	80	26.67
Analysis plan for local descriptive evaluations	10	1	8	80	26.67
Report template for local impact local evaluations	10	1	32	320	106.67
Report template for local descriptive evaluations	10	1	32	320	106.67

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,792.28.

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. 710.

Mary C. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Data Collection for the NextGen Project’s Well-Being Storytelling Exhibit (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for

Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is conducting additional data collection activities for the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project (NextGen Project) that provides an in-depth look at participant experiences. This effort includes photo elicitation methods and will be referred to as the Well-Being Storytelling Exhibit. The study team will use photo elicitation and human-centered design methods to explore how NextGen participants, staff, and community members conceptualize well-being. This data will help the study team explore the factors that may enhance or explain impact study findings.

DATES: Comments due February 24, 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 OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: OPRE is conducting the NextGen Project to build the evidence on effective strategies for helping people with low incomes find and sustain

employment. The project is identifying and testing innovative employment programs designed to help people facing complex challenges secure economic independence. The project is partnering with the Social Security Administration to incorporate a focus on employment-related early interventions for people with current or foreseeable disabilities who have limited work history and are potential applicants for Supplemental Security Income. Primary data collection for the project is approved under Office of Management and Budget #0970-0545.

The study team is continuing primary data collection activities; while this request builds on those efforts, it is specific to new data collection activities that will create a Well-Being Storytelling Exhibit. First, the study team will use photo elicitation methods with NextGen participants and staff. Respondents will submit photos that show how they conceptualize well-being across several aspects of their lives, including economic security, physical and mental health, relationships, and safety. Then, the study team will use the photos as the basis for an interview with respondents. During the analysis phase, the study team will code photos and interviews using a codebook based on the NextGen programs’ logic models, to make it easy to identify where participant- and staff-defined well-being overlaps (or does not) with the program’s intended outcomes. After photo elicitation data collection is complete, the study team will create an exhibit that displays