

0734) allows hospitals to request the detailed Medicare data so they can make an informed choice before deciding whether to request that the Medicare fraction be calculated on the basis of a cost reporting period rather than a federal fiscal year. *Form Number:* CMS–R–194 (OMB control number: 0938–0691); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; *Number of Respondents:* 800; *Total Annual Responses:* 800; *Total Annual Hours:* 400. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Noel Manlove at 410–786–5161).

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Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, 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; State Access and Visitation Grant Application (OMB #0970–0482)

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting a 3-year extension of the State Access and Visitation Grant Application (OMB #0970–0482, expiration 5/31/2022). There are changes requested to the form.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 created the “Grants to States for Access and Visitation” program (AV grant program). Funding for the program began in fiscal year 1997 with a capped, annual entitlement of \$10 million. The statutory goal of the program is to provide funds to states that will enable them to provide services for the purpose of increasing noncustodial parent access to and visitation with their children. State governors decide which state entity will be responsible for implementing the AV grant program in addition to determining who will be served, what services will be provided, and whether the services will be statewide or in local jurisdictions. The statute specifies certain activities that may be funded, including voluntary and mandatory mediation, counseling, education, the development of parenting plans, supervised visitation, and the development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements. Even though OCSE manages this program, funding for the AV grant is separate from funding for federal and state administration of the child support program.

Section 469B(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (Pub. L. 104–193) requires that each state receiving an AV grant award shall monitor, evaluate, and report on such programs in accordance with regulations. Additionally, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance states that there is an application requirement for Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs

(93.597). The application process assists OCSE in complying with this requirement and emphasizes program efficiency, coordination of services, building support for parenting time services, and ensuring the safety of parents and children.

Specifically, the application requires states to submit a detailed program plan indicating how they anticipate spending their funds within the program statute and regulations. The applications cover 3 fiscal years and any changes made to the plan during the 3-year period will require a notification of change to OCSE.

OCSE will review the applications to ensure that planned services meet the requirements laid out in section 469B(e)(3) of the Social Security Act (Pub. L. 104–193). This review will include monitoring of program compliance and the safe delivery of services. In addition to monitoring, the report will also assist in OCSE’s ability to provide technical assistance to states that request assistance.

The State Access and Visitation Grant Application is proposing changes to the application itself, including requirements for states and territories to:

- Address disparities in access;
- ensure the proactive identification of systemic barriers to AV grant services for people of color and other underserved populations;
- describe how grant activities will redress such barriers; and
- describe how outreach and recruitment efforts will promote equity in access for underserved or marginalized populations.

The grant application also expands requirements for partnerships with domestic violence service providers to address the access issues experienced by marginalized victims of domestic violence.

Respondents: Recipients of the State Access and Visitation Grant (54 states and territories).

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
State Access and Visitation Grant Application	54	1	10	540	180

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

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: Sec. 469B(e)(3), Public Law 104–193.

Mary B. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) is providing notice of a re-established matching program between HHS/ACF/OCSE and state agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The matching program compares state SNAP agency records with new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). The outcomes of the comparisons help state agencies with establishing or verifying eligibility for applicants and recipients of SNAP benefits, reducing SNAP benefit errors, and maintaining program integrity.

DATES: The deadline for comments on this notice is January 27, 2022. The re-established matching program will commence no sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice, provided no comments are received that warrant a change to this notice. The matching program will be conducted for an initial term of 18 months (from approximately February 16, 2022, through August 15, 2023), and within 3 months of expiration, may be renewed for one additional year if the parties make no change to the matching program and certify that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit written comments on this notice to Venkata Kondapolu, Acting Director, Division of Federal Systems, Office of Child Support Enforcement,

Administration for Children and Families, by email at venkata.kondapolu@acf.hhs.gov, or by mail at Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C St. SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20201. Comments received will be available for public inspection at this address from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General questions about the matching program may be submitted to Venkata Kondapolu, Acting Director, Division of Federal Systems, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, by email at venkata.kondapolu@acf.hhs.gov, or by mail at Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C St. SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20201, or by telephone at 202–260–4712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), provides certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by federal agencies when records in a system of records, which contains information about individuals that are retrieved by name or other personal identifier, are matched with records of other federal, state, or local government records. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in a matching program to:

1. Obtain approval of a Computer Matching Agreement, prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, by the Data Integrity Board of any federal agency participating in a matching program.

2. Enter into a written Computer Matching Agreement.

3. Provide a report of the matching program to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and make it available to the public, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (u)(3)(A), and (u)(4).

4. Publish a notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12) after OMB and Congress complete their review of the report, as provided by OMB Circular A–108.

5. Notify the individuals whose information will be used in the matching program that the information they provide is subject to verification through matching, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(D).

6. Verify match findings before suspending, terminating, reducing, or making a final denial of an individual's benefits or payments or taking other adverse action against the individual, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(p).

This matching program complies with these requirements.

Linda Boyer,
Deputy Commissioner, OCSE.

Participating Agencies

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) is the source agency, and state agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are non-federal (recipient) agencies.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority for conducting the matching program is contained in section 453(j)(10) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(j)(10)). The Agriculture Act of 2014, Public Law 113–079, amended section 11(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(24)) by adding the requirement that the state agency shall request wage data directly from the NDNH, established under section 453(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(i)), relevant to determining eligibility to receive supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits and determining the correct amount of those benefits at the time of certification.

Purpose(s)

The purpose of the matching program is to provide each participating state agency administering SNAP with new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance information from OCSE's NDNH system of records to assist them in establishing or verifying SNAP applicants' and recipients' eligibility for assistance, reducing payment errors, and maintaining program integrity, including determining whether duplicate participation exists or if the applicant or recipient resides in another state. The state SNAP agencies may also use the NDNH information for the secondary purpose of updating the recipients' reported participation in work activities and updating recipients' and their employers' contact information maintained by the state SNAP agencies.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals involved in the matching program are adult members of households who have applied for or receive SNAP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program, which may include personal identifiers, are new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance information.