to accreditation organizations. The AOA policy sets forth the actions the organization takes when laboratories it accredits do not comply with its requirements and standards for accreditation. When appropriate, the AOA will deny, suspend, or, revoke accreditation in a laboratory accredited by the AOA and report that action to CMS within 30 days. The AOA also provides an appeal process for laboratories that have had accreditation denied, suspended, or revoked.

We have determined that the AOA's laboratory enforcement and appeal policies are equal to or more stringent than the requirements of part 493 subpart R as they apply to accreditation organizations.

IV. Federal Validation Inspections and Continuing Oversight

The Federal validation inspections of AOA accredited laboratories may be conducted on a representative sample basis or in response to substantial allegations of noncompliance (that is, complaint inspections). The outcome of those validation inspections, performed by CMS or its agents, or the State survey agencies, will be our principal means for verifying that the laboratories accredited by the AOA remain in compliance with CLIA requirements. This Federal monitoring is an ongoing process.

V. Removal of Approval as an Accrediting Organization

Our regulations provide that we may rescind the approval of an accreditation organization, such as that of the AOA, for cause, before the end of the effective date of approval. If we determine that the AOA failed to adopt requirements that are equal to, or more stringent than, the CLIA requirements, or that systemic problems exist in its inspection process, we may give it a probationary period, not to exceed 1 year, to allow the AOA to adopt comparable requirements.

Should circumstances result in our withdrawal of the AOA's approval, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** explaining the basis for removing its approval.

VI. Collection of Information Requirements

This notice does not impose any information collection and record keeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Consequently, it does not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the authority of the PRA. The requirements associated with the accreditation process for clinical laboratories under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) program, codified in 42 CFR part 493 subpart E, are currently approved by OMB under OMB approval number 0938–0686.

Authority: Section 353 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a).

Dated: February 13, 2009.

Charlene Frizzera,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/National Directory of New Hires Match Results Report.

OMB No.: 0970–0311.

Description: Section 453(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (the Act) allows for matching between the National Directory of New Hires (maintained by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)) and State TANF Agencies for purposes of carrying out responsibilities under programs funded under part A of Title IV of the Act. To assist OCSE and the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) in measuring savings to the TANF program attributable to the use of NDNH data matches, the State TANF Agencies have agreed to provide OCSE with a written description of the performance outputs and outcomes attributable to the State TANF Agency's use of NDNH match results. This information will help OCSE demonstrate how the NDNH supports the OCSE's mission and strategic goals.

Respondents: State TANF Agencies.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
TANF/NDNH Match Results Report	40	4	0.17	27.20

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 27.20.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov*. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

Dated: March 23, 2009.

Janean Chambers,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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