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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970-0215]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Tribal TANF Data Report, TANF Annual Report, and Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the form OFA-0084: Tribal TANF Data Report, TANF Annual Report, and Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process (OMB #0970-0215, expiration 4/30/2022). There are no 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: 42 U.S.C. 612 (section 412 of the Social Security Act as amended by Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work

Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), mandates that federally recognized Indian tribes with an approved Tribal TANF program collect and submit to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services data on the recipients served by the tribes' programs. This information collection includes both aggregated and disaggregated data on case characteristics and individual characteristics. In addition, tribes that are subject to a penalty are allowed to provide reasonable cause justifications as to why a penalty should not be imposed or may develop and implement corrective compliance procedures to eliminate the source of the penalty. Finally, there is an annual report, which requires the tribes to describe program characteristics. All of the above requirements are currently approved by OMB and ACF is simply proposing to extend them without any changes.

Respondents: Native American tribes and tribal organizations operating Tribal TANF programs.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Final Tribal TANF Data Report	75	4	451	135,300
Tribal TANF Annual Report	75	1	40	3,000
Tribal TANF Reasonable Cause/Corrective	10	1	60	600

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 138,900.

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. 612, 45 CFR part 286.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; OPRE Data Collection for State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new primary data collection about connected child welfare data. We define connected data as child welfare data that are linked or integrated with data from other systems or agencies. The State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study (Data Linkages Descriptive Study) will gather systematic information on the extent to which states connect their child

maltreatment data to other data sets; how any linked data sets are created, managed, and used; and challenges states face in linking data.

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ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description: The State Child Welfare Data Linkages Descriptive Study will examine the extent to which child welfare agencies in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, DC, link administrative data on child maltreatment to data in other systems and to learn more about states' practices related to sharing and linking data. The study aims to inform the ongoing and