

and associated materials (see ADDRESSES).

CMS-10249 Administrative Requirements for Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act
CMS-10545 Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) OASIS-C1/ICD-10

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 Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Administrative Requirements for Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act; *Use*: State Operational Protocols should provide enough information such that: The CMS Project Officer and other federal officials may use it to understand the operation of the demonstration and/or prepare for potential site visits without needing additional information; the State Project Director can use it as the manual for program implementation; and external stakeholders may use it to understand the operation of the demonstration. The financial information collection is used in our financial statements and shared with the auditors who validate CMS’ financial position. The Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration (MFP) Finders File, MFP Program Participation Data file, and MFP Services File are used by the national evaluation contractor to assess program outcomes while we use the information to monitor program implementation. The MFP Quality of Life data is used by the national evaluation contractor to

assess program outcomes. The evaluation is used to determine how participants’ quality of life changes after transitioning to the community. The semi-annual progress report is used by the national evaluation contractor and CMS to monitor program implementation at the grantee level. *Form Number*: CMS-10249 (OMB control number: 0938–1053); *Frequency*: Yearly, quarterly, and semi-annually; *Affected Public*: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents*: 45; *Total Annual Responses*: 28,590; *Total Annual Hours*: 14,225. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Michael Smith at 410–786–2267.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection*: Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) OASIS-C1/ICD-10; *Use*: Home health agencies (HHAs) are required to collect the outcome and assessment information data set (OASIS) to participate in the Medicare program. We are requesting a new OMB control number for the proposed revised OASIS item set, referred to hereafter as OASIS-C1/ICD-10. The current version of the OASIS-C1/ICD-9 data set was approved by OMB on October 7, 2014 (0938–0760), and will be in use until the implementation of the ICD-10 coding system which is currently scheduled for October 1, 2015. *Form Number*: CMS-10545 (OMB control number: 0938–NEW); *Frequency*: Occasionally; *Affected Public*: Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents*: 12,014; *Total Annual Responses*: 17,268,890; *Total Annual Hours*: 15,320,253. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Cheryl Wiseman at 410–786–1175.)

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Martique Jones,

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Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Formative Data Collections for Policy Research.

OMB No.: 0970–0356.

Description: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of a generic clearance to allow OPRE to conduct a variety of formative data collections with more than nine respondents. The data collections will inform future research and evaluation but will not be highly systematic nor intended to be statistically representative.

OPRE conducts research on a wide variety of policy and programmatic areas. OPRE’s research serves to provide further understanding of current programs and service populations, explore options for program improvement, and assess alternative policy and program designs. OPRE uses this formative data collection generic clearance to employ a variety of information collection techniques, including semi-structured discussions, focus groups and interviews. These activities inform the development of OPRE research and evaluation (including technical assistance), help OPRE maintain a research agenda that is rigorous and relevant, and ensure that research products and are as current as possible.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit a change request for each individual 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. OPRE requests OMB review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

Respondents: Researchers, practitioners, TA providers, service providers and potential participants throughout the fields pertaining to ACF research.

BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Semi-Structured Discussion and Information-Gathering Protocols	1,600	1	1	1,600

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Email: OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Karl Koerper,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Pre-testing of Evaluation Surveys.

OMB No.: 0970-0355.

Description: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of a generic clearance to allow OPRE to pre-test data collection instruments with more than nine participants to identify and resolve any question or procedural problems in survey administration.

OPRE studies ACF programs, and the populations they serve, through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses and descriptive and exploratory studies. To improve the

development of its research and evaluation surveys, OPRE uses the pre-testing of evaluation surveys generic clearance to employ a variety of techniques including cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, behavior coding, exploratory interviews, respondent debriefing questionnaires, split sample experiments, focus groups, and pilot studies/pre-tests. These activities allow OPRE to identify if and when a survey may be simplified for respondents, respondent burden may be reduced, and other possible improvements.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit a change request for each individual 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. OPRE requests OMB review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

Respondents: Participants in ACF programs being evaluated; participants in ACF demonstrations; comparison group members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals at risk of needing ACF services.

BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey development field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, split sample experiments, focus groups	5,100	1	.75	3,825

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Administration for Children and Families.

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