

of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of maintaining records and providing disclosures to consumers. All comments must be received on or before January 18, 2022.

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the FTC to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before January 18, 2022. Write “Regulation V, subpart N; PRA Comment: FTC File No. P072108” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

Due to the public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the agency’s heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission will be subject to delay. We encourage you to submit your comments online through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

If you prefer to file your comment on paper, write “Regulation V, subpart N; PRA Comment: FTC File No. P072108” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580; or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024. If possible, submit your paper comment to the Commission by courier or overnight service.

Because your comment will become publicly available at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else’s Social Security number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any “trade secret or any

commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential” —as provided by Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including in particular competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. See FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Once your comment has been posted publicly at www.regulations.gov, we cannot redact or remove your comment unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the requirements for such treatment under FTC Rule 4.9(c), and the General Counsel grants that request.

The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding, as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before January 18, 2022. For information on the Commission’s privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/site-information/privacy-policy>.

Josephine Liu,

Assistant General Counsel for Legal Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2021-25012 Filed 11-15-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6750-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: AHRQ coordinates the development of sets of standardized definitions and formats (Common

Formats) that make it possible to collect, aggregate, and analyze uniformly structured information about health care quality and patient safety for local, regional, and national learning. The Common Formats include technical specifications to facilitate the collection of electronically comparable data by Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and other entities. Additional information about the Common Formats can be obtained through AHRQ’s PSO website at <https://psa.ahrq.gov/common-formats> and the PSO Privacy Protection Center’s website at https://www.psoppc.org/psoppc_web/publicpages/commonFormatsOverview.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting to discuss implementation of the Common Formats with software developers and other interested parties. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers can provide input on use of the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ’s technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the Common Formats electronically.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 3:30PM Eastern on Thursday, December 16th, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Hamid Jalal, Medical Officer, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; Email: psa@ahrq.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 299b-21 to 299b-26 (Patient Safety Act), and the related Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule, 42 CFR part 3 (Patient Safety Rule), published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008, 73 FR 70731-70814, provide for the Federal listing of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information (patient safety work product) regarding the quality and safety of health care delivery.

The Patient Safety Act requires PSOs, to the extent practical and appropriate, to collect patient safety work product from providers in a standardized manner that permits valid comparisons of similar cases among similar providers. (42 U.S.C. 299b-24(b)(1)(F)).

The Patient Safety Act also authorizes the development of data standards, known as the Common Formats, to facilitate the aggregation and analysis of non-identifiable patient safety data collected by PSOs and reported to the network of patient safety databases (NPSD). (42 U.S.C. 299b–23(b)). The Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule can be accessed at: <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/legislation/>.

AHRQ has issued Common Formats for Event Reporting for three settings of care—hospitals, nursing homes, and community pharmacies. As part of the agency's efforts to improve diagnostic safety and quality in healthcare, AHRQ is in the process of developing Common Formats for Event Reporting—Diagnostic Safety (CFER–DS). The CFER–DS is intended to help healthcare providers identify and report missed opportunities in the diagnostic process in a standardized manner across healthcare settings and specialties. Widespread use of the CFER–DS will make it possible to collect, aggregate, and analyze diagnostic safety-related information from healthcare providers across the country, which in turn can accelerate learning in this vital area of patient safety. Public comment has been received on a version 0.1 of the CFER–DS, and an Expert Panel convened by the National Quality Forum (NQF) is currently in the process of reviewing the public comments and providing feedback to AHRQ.

Federally listed PSOs can meet the requirement to collect patient safety work product in a standardized manner to the extent practical and appropriate by using AHRQ's Common Formats. The Common Formats are also available in the public domain to encourage their widespread adoption. An entity does not need to be listed as a PSO or working with one to use the Common Formats. However, the Federal privilege and confidentiality protections only apply to information developed as patient safety work product by providers and PSOs working under the Patient Safety Act.

Each version of the Common Formats is released with accompanying technical specifications, intended to provide direction to software developers and to PSOs that plan to submit data to the Patient Safety Organization Privacy Protection Center (PSOPPC) to ensure non-identification for transmission to the NPSD. For existing Common Formats for Event Reporting, technical specifications include the following:

- Data dictionary—defines data elements and their attributes (data element name, answer values, field

length, guide for use, etc.) included in Common Formats;

- Clinical document architecture (CDA) implementation guide—provides instructions for developing a file to transmit the data from the PSO to the PSOPPC using the Common Formats;

- Validation rules and errors document—specifies and defines the validation rules that will be applied to the Common Formats data elements submitted to the PSOPPC;

- Common Formats flow charts—diagrams the valid paths to complete the formats (a complete event report);

- Local specifications—provides specifications for processing, linking, and reporting on events and details specifications for reports; and

- Metadata registry—includes descriptive facts about information contained in the data dictionary to illustrate how such data corresponds with similar data elements used by other Federal agencies and standards development organizations (*e.g.*, HL–7, International Standards Organization (ISO)).

Agenda, Registration, and Other Information About the Meeting

The December 16, 2021 meeting will be an interactive forum designed to allow meeting participants not only to provide input but also to respond to the input provided by others. The meeting agenda will include: An update of Federal efforts related to the PSO Program and Common Formats; discussion of the CFER–DS, including requesting feedback on planned technical support materials and general integration/implementation; and, planning for future meetings, including discussing potential topics of interest for regular future meetings with software developers. AHRQ requests that interested persons send an email to SDMeetings@infinityconferences.com for registration information. Before the meeting, an agenda and logistical information will be provided to registrants. Prior to the meeting, AHRQ invites review of the CFER–DS which can be accessed through NQF's website at https://www.qualityforum.org/Common_Formats_for_Patient_Safety_Data.aspx.

Dated: November 9, 2021.

Marquita Cullom,

Associate Director.

[FR Doc. 2021–24888 Filed 11–15–21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160–90–P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[60 Day–2–0059; Docket No. ATSDR–2021–0008]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Per- or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Exposure Assessments (PFAS EAs). This Revision information collection request (ICR) will allow ATSDR/NCEH to continue to conduct additional Exposure Assessments (EAs) that may be requested at military or non-military installations.

DATES: ATSDR must receive written comments on or before January 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. ATSDR–2021–0008 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. ATSDR will post, without change, all relevant comments to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office,