

through the use of alternative payment models. To this end, CMS launched the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network, an effort to accelerate the transition to alternative payment models, identify best practices in their implementation, collaborate with payers, providers, consumers, purchasers, and other stakeholders, and monitor the adoption of value-based alternative payment models across the health care system. A system wide transition to alternative payment models will strengthen the ability of CMS to implement existing models and design new models that improve quality and decrease costs for CMS beneficiaries.

The information collected from LAN participants will be used by the CMS Innovation Center to potentially inform the design, selection, testing, modification, and expansion of innovative payment and service delivery models in accordance with the requirements of section 1115A, while monitoring progress towards the Secretary's goal to increase the percentage of payments tied to alternative payment models across the U.S. health care system. In addition, the requested information will be made publically available so that LAN participants (payers, providers, consumers, employers, state agencies, and patients) can use the information to inform decision making and better understand market dynamics in relation to alternative payment models. *Form Number:* CMS-10575 (OMB control number: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Individuals; Private Sector (Business or other For-profit and Not-for-profit institutions), State, Local and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 9,570; *Total Annual Responses:* 20,280; *Total Annual Hours:* 49,432. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Dustin Allison at 410-786-8830)

Dated: June 23, 2015.

**William N. Parham, III,**

*Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report and Instructions

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by July 27, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by fax 202.395.5806 or by email to [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov), Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louise Ryan, telephone: (202) 357-3503; email: [louise.ryan@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:louise.ryan@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, AoA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

States provide the following data and narrative information in the report:

1. Numbers and descriptions of cases filed and complaints made on behalf of long-term care facility residents to the statewide ombudsman program;
2. Major issues identified impacting on the quality of care and life of long-term care facility residents;
3. Statewide program operations; and
4. Ombudsman activities in addition to complaint investigation.

The report form and instructions have been in continuous use, with minor modifications, since they were first approved by OMB for the FY 1995 reporting period. This request is for approval to extend use of the current form and instructions, with no modifications, for three years, covering the FY 2015-2017 reporting periods.

The data collected on complaints filed with ombudsman programs and narrative on long-term care issues provide information to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and others on patterns of concerns and major long-term care issues affecting residents of long-term care facilities. Both the complaint and program data

collected assist the states and local ombudsman programs in planning strategies and activities, providing training and technical assistance and developing performance measures.

A reporting form and instructions may be viewed in the ombudsman section of the AoA Web site, [http://www.acl.gov/AoA\\_Programs/Elder\\_Rights/Ombudsman/index.aspx](http://www.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/Elder_Rights/Ombudsman/index.aspx) AoA estimates the burden of this collection and entering the report information as follows: Approximately 7702 hours, with 52 State Agencies on Aging responding annually.

Dated: June 23, 2015.

**Kathy Greenlee,**

*Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Final Priority; National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Final priority.

CFDA Number: 84.133B-4.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living announces a priority for the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) Program administered by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Specifically, we announce a priority for an RRTC on Self-Directed Care to Promote Recovery, Health, and Wellness for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living may use this priority for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2015 and later years. We take this action to focus research attention on an area of national need. We intend for this priority to contribute to improved health and wellness for individuals with serious mental illness.

**Note:** On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA was effective immediately. One provision of WIOA transferred the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) from the Department of Education to the Administration for Community Living

(ACL) in the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, NIDRR's name was changed to the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Because of HHS policy, there are changes in the way that NIDILRR will award and oversee grants that are made with funds from NIDILRR and other agencies. These changes apply for this priority because SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services provides funding for activities carried out under the award. These changes are reflected in the final notice, the Notice Inviting Applications, and the grant application kit.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This priority is effective July 27, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marlene Spencer, U.S. Department of Health And Human Services, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5133, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2700. Telephone: (202) 245-7532 or by email: [marlene.spencer@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:marlene.spencer@acl.hhs.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

**Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers**

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through well-designed research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in important topical areas as specified by NIDILRR. These activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, family members, policymakers and other research stakeholders. Additional information on

the RRTC program can be found at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/rrtc/index.html#types>.

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 762(g) and 764(b)(2)(A).

*Applicable Program Regulations:* 34 CFR part 350.

We published a notice of proposed priority (NPP) for this program in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2015 (80 FR 10099). That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the particular priority.

*Public Comment:* Eight parties submitted wholly supportive comments in response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority.

*Analysis of the Comments and Changes:* An analysis of the comments and of any changes in the priority since publication of the NPP follows.

*Agency Requirement:* SAMHSA/CMHS funds for this Center must be applied to clearly defined tasks and must be tracked separately by the grantee. In addition, the grantee must provide separate reports for activities carried out with NIDILRR and SAMHSA/CMHS funds. In addition to funding for training, technical assistance, and knowledge translation, CMHS funds can be applied to evaluative studies but not to research projects.

*Discussion:* Details on the necessary changes to the application process will be spelled out in the application kit.

*Changes:* Evaluative studies has been added to the priority requirements.

**Final Priority**

The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living establishes a priority for the RRTC on Self-Directed Care to Promote Recovery, Health, and Wellness for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). This RRTC will also support activities funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The RRTC will conduct research and evaluative studies to develop, adapt, and enhance self-directed models of general medical, mental health, and nonmedical services that are designed to improve health, recovery, and employment outcomes for individuals with serious mental illness. The RRTC must conduct research, evaluative studies, knowledge translation, training, dissemination, and technical assistance within a framework of consumer-directed services and self-management. Evaluative studies conducted by this RRTC will focus on existing programs or services; research studies will generate new knowledge, generalizable to the

relevant target population(s). Under this priority, the RRTC must contribute to the following outcomes:

(1) Increased knowledge that can be used to enhance the health and well-being of individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring conditions. The RRTC must contribute to this outcome by:

(a) Conducting research and evaluative studies to develop a better understanding of the barriers to and facilitators of implementing models that integrate general medical and mental health care for individuals with SMI. These models must incorporate self-management and self-direction strategies. The research and evaluative studies must specifically examine models that incorporate peer-provided services and supports along with research-based service integration strategies such as health navigation and care coordination.

(b) Conducting research to identify or develop and then test interventions that use individual budgets or flexible funds to increase consumer choice. The RRTC must design this research to determine the extent to which the consumer-choice intervention improves health outcomes and promotes recovery among individuals living with SMI. In carrying out this activity, the grantee must investigate the applicability of strategies that have proven successful with the general population or other subpopulations to determine if they are effective with individuals with SMI and co-occurring conditions.

(2) Improved employment outcomes among individuals with SMI. The RRTC must contribute to this outcome by:

(a) Conducting research and evaluative studies to develop a better understanding of the barriers to and facilitators of implementing vocational service and support models that incorporate self-management and self-direction features. These features must include self-directed financing and flexible funding of services that support mental health treatment and recovery, general health, and employment. These services may include services and supports not traditionally supplied by mental health or general medical systems.

(3) Increased incorporation of research and evaluative study findings related to SMI, self-directed care, health management, and employment into practice or policy.

(a) Developing, evaluating, or implementing strategies to increase utilization of research or evaluative study findings related to SMI, co-occurring conditions, health management, and employment.

(b) Conducting training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities to increase utilization of research and evaluative study findings related to self-directed care of individuals living with SMI to promote and co-occurring conditions, health management, and employment.

### Types of Priorities

When inviting applications for a competition using one or more priorities, we designate the type of each priority as absolute, competitive preference, or invitational through a notice in the **Federal Register**. The effect of each type of priority follows:

**Absolute priority:** Under an absolute priority, we consider only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

**Competitive preference priority:** Under a competitive preference priority, we give competitive preference to an application by (1) awarding additional points, depending on the extent to which the application meets the priority (45 CFR part 75); or (2) selecting an application that meets the priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority (45 CFR part 75).

**Invitational priority:** Under an invitational priority, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the priority. However, we do not give an application that meets the priority a preference over other applications (45 CFR part 75).

This notice does not preclude us from proposing additional priorities, requirements, definitions, or selection criteria, subject to meeting applicable rulemaking requirements.

**Note:** This notice does *not* solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use this priority, we invite applications through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

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Dated: June 22, 2015.

**John Tschida,**

*Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Applications for New Awards; National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

### Overview Information

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC)—Self-Directed Care to Promote Recovery, Health, and Wellness for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.133B-4.

### DATES:

**Applications Available:** June 26, 2015.

**Note:** On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA was effective immediately. One provision of WIOA transferred the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) from the Department of Education to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, NIDRR's name was changed to the Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). For FY 2015, all NIDILRR priority notices will be published as ACL notices, and ACL will make all NIDILRR awards. During this transition period, however, NIDILRR will continue to review grant applications using Department of Education tools. NIDILRR will post previously-approved application kits to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov), and NIDILRR applications submitted to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) will be forwarded to the Department of Education's G-5 system for peer review. We are using Department of Education application kits and peer review systems during this transition year in order to provide for a smooth and orderly process for our applicants.

Because of HHS policy, there are changes in the way that NIDILRR will award and oversee grants that are made on behalf of other agencies. These changes apply for this priority because SAMHSA, specifically the Center for Mental Health Services, provides funding for activities carried out under the award. These changes are reflected in the final notice, the Notice Inviting Applications, and the grant application kit.

**Date of Pre-Application Meeting:** July 17, 2015.

**Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply:** July 31, 2015.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** August 25, 2015.

### Full Text of Announcement

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology. The Program's activities are designed to maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

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**Priorities:** There are two priorities for the grant competition announced in this notice. The General RRTC Requirements priority is from the notice of final priorities for the Rehabilitation Research