

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by October 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Parham at (410) 786–4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to publish a 30-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 that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Annual Reporting Requirements; *Use:* States are required to submit an annual report that identifies each disproportionate share hospital (DSH) that received a DSH payment under the State's Medicaid program in the preceding fiscal year and the amount of DSH payments paid to that hospital in the same year along with other information that the Secretary determines necessary to ensure the appropriateness of DSH payments; *Form Number:* CMS–R–266 (OMB control number: 0938–0746); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* State, local, or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 51; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,142. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rich Cuno at 410–786–1111.)

Dated: September 8, 2023.

**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 Children and Families****Proposed Information Collection Activity; Financing for Early Care and Education: Quality and Access for All (New Collection)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks approval to collect information to explore the role of Head Start in the early care and education (ECE) financing landscape, as well as how the use of multiple funding sources within a single Head Start program may be associated with the provision of Head Start's comprehensive services and with state-level differences in ECE funding. Survey data will be collected from Head Start program directors and state government administrators.

**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 [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The proposed data collection seeks to better understand Head Start's participation in or use of coordinated funding, defined as the piecing together or combining of multiple funding sources. The data collection effort will consist of two surveys: (1) a census survey of Head Start program directors (of any grant recipient with a Head Start grant, Early Head Start grant, or both, or one of their delegate programs), and (2) a census survey of three state government administrative positions in each of the 50 states and Washington, DC (the Head Start Collaboration Office Director, the administrator of state pre-kindergarten funds, and the administrator of the federal Child Care and Development Fund [CCDF]). The surveys will identify the most common approaches to coordinated funding; examine how

these approaches relate to the provision of high-quality, comprehensive ECE services in Head Start programs; understand policy levers and conditions that influence Head Start programs' decisions around and ability to coordinate funding; and document how participation in coordinated funding

relates to Head Start's engagement with other ECE programs and system efforts. The resulting insights will inform ACF about the prevalence of coordinated funding in Head Start, facilitators and challenges of coordinated funding for Head Start programs, and potential

associations with program quality. They will also inform future case studies.

**Respondents:** Head Start Program Directors, state-based Head Start Collaboration Office Directors, state administrators of state pre-kindergarten funds, and state-based administrators of federal CCDF.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument                                                                                                                                                                               | Number of respondents (total over request period) | Number of responses per respondent (total over request period) | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total/annual burden (in hours) |
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| Program Director Survey (Head Start Program Directors or financial administrators) .....                                                                                                 | 1,642                                             | 1                                                              | .83                                    | 1,363                          |
| ECE State Administrator Survey (State-based Head Start Collaboration Office Directors, administrators of state pre-kindergarten funds, state-based administrators of federal CCDF) ..... | 138                                               | 1                                                              | .60                                    | 83                             |

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,446.

**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. 9835; 42 U.S.C. 9844.

**Mary B. Jones,**

*ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration for Children and Families

##### Submission for OMB Review: Strengthening Child Welfare Systems To Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes Evaluation (New Collection)

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing to collect data for a new process and outcome study, Strengthening Child Welfare Systems to Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes (SCWS) Evaluation.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must make a decision about 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this

notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Description:** The SCWS study will collect information to understand (1) implementation processes and the impact of grant interventions and (2) examine whether and the degree to which grant recipients were able to address common Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) outcomes. Proposed data sources for this effort include one survey and one focus group. The survey will gather information to understand the factors that supported or hindered implementation, as well as assess collaboration efforts and the intended impact of grant interventions. The focus groups will gather information to understand implementation of SCWS strategies and interventions, successes and challenges, and the perceived effect of the strategies on short and long-term child welfare outcomes, with specific attention to CFSR outcomes related to permanency.

**Respondents:** Respondents will include grant recipient staff, evaluators, and community partners.