

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-45, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft

instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited 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) ways to enhance 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank for Final Adverse Information on Health Care Providers, Suppliers, and Practitioners (OMB No. 0915-0239)—Revision

Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 specifically directs the Secretary to establish a national health care fraud and abuse data collection program for the reporting and disclosure of certain final adverse actions taken against health care providers, suppliers, and practitioners. A final rule was published October 26, 1999 in the **Federal Register** to implement the statutory requirements of section 1128E of the Social Security Act (The Act) as added by Section 221 (a) of HIPAA. The Act requires the Secretary to implement the national healthcare fraud and abuse data collection program. This data bank

is known as the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB). It contains the following types of information: (1) Civil judgments against a health care provider, supplier, or practitioner in Federal or State court related to the delivery of a health care item or service; (2) Federal or State criminal convictions against a health care provider, supplier, or practitioner related to the delivery of a health care item or service; (3) Actions by Federal or State agencies responsible for the licensing and certification of health care providers, suppliers, or practitioners (4) Exclusion of a health care provider, practitioner or supplier from participation in Federal or State health care programs; and (5) Any other adjudicated actions or decisions that the Secretary shall establish by regulations. Access to this data bank is limited to Federal and State Government agencies and health plans.

This request is for a revision of reporting and querying forms previously approved on March 15, 2001. The reporting forms and the request for information forms (query forms) must be accessed, completed, and submitted to the HIPDB electronically through the HIPDB Web site at www.npdb-hipdb.com. All reporting and querying is performed through this secure Web site. Due to overlap in requirements for the HIPDB, some of the National Practitioner Data Bank's burden has been subsumed under the HIPDB.

Estimates of burden are as follows:

Regulation citation	No. of respondents	Frequency of responses	Minutes per response	Total burden hours
61.6 Errors & Omissions	172	4.3	15	185 ¹
61.6(b) Revisions to Actions	107	23.25	30	1,244
61.7 Licensure Actions: Reporting by State licensing authorities	275	60.6	45	12,512
61.8 Reporting of State Criminal Convictions	54	13	45	525
61.9 Reporting of Civil Judgments	62	8	45	375
61.11 Reporting of adjudicated actions/decisions	410	12.5	45	3,845
61.12 Access to data: State Licensure Boards	1000	67.5	5	5,623
State Certification Agencies	16	6	5	8
States/district attorneys & law enforcement	2000	25	5	3,749
State Medicaid Fraud Units	47	50	5	196
Health plans	2,841	263.76	5	62,422
Health care providers, suppliers, practitioners (self-query)	37,925	1	25	15,800
Entity Registration—Initial	2500	1	60	2,500
Entity Registration—Update	451	1	5	38
Authorized Agent Designation—Initial	100	1	15	16
Authorized Agent Designation—Update	250	1	5	62
Disputed Reports-Secretarial Review	459	1	5	38
Request for Secretarial Review	43	1	480	344
Account Discrepancy Report	1,000	1	15	250
Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization	400	1	15	100
Entity reactivation	450	1	60	450
Total				110,282

Estimates in this column that fall below or above a full hour are rounded to the nearest hour.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners: Regulations and Forms (OMB No. 0915-0126)—Revision

The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) was established through Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended. Final regulations governing the NPDB are codified at 45 CFR part 60. Responsibility for NPDB implementation and operation resides in the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The NPDB began operation on September 1, 1990.

The intent of Title IV of Public Law 99-660 is to improve the quality of health care by encouraging hospitals, State licensing boards, professional societies, and other entities providing health care services to identify and discipline those who engage in unprofessional behavior; and to restrict the ability of incompetent physicians, dentists, and other health care practitioners to move from State to State

without disclosure of the practitioner's previous damaging or incompetent performance.

The NPDB acts primarily as a flagging system; its principal purpose is to facilitate comprehensive review of practitioners' professional credentials and background. Information on medical malpractice payments, adverse licensure actions, adverse clinical privileging actions, adverse professional society actions and Medicare/Medicaid exclusions is collected from, and disseminated to, eligible entities. It is intended that NPDB information should be considered with other relevant information in evaluating a practitioner's credentials.

This request is for a revision of reporting and querying forms previously approved on April 30, 2002. The reporting forms and the request for information forms (query forms) must be accessed, completed, and submitted to the NPDB electronically through the NPDB Web site at www.npdb-hipdb.com. All reporting and querying is performed through this secure website. Due to overlap in requirements for the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), some of the NPDB's burden has been subsumed under the HIPDB.

Estimates of burden are as follows:

Regulation	Number of respondents	Frequency of responses	Minutes per response	Total burden hours
60.6(a) Errors & Omissions	303	5.08	15	384.75
60.6(b)	115	1.11	30	64
60.7(b) Malpractice Payment Report	485	39.1	45	14,235.75
60.8(b) Adverse Action Reports—State Boards	10	0	0	0
60.9(a)3 Adverse Action Clinical Privileges & Professional Society	686	1.52	45	784.5
Requests for Hearings by Entities	1	1	480	8
60.10(a)(1) Queries by Hospital—Practitioner Applications	6,000	37.24	5	18,615.39
60.10(a)(2) (Queries by Hospitals—Two-Yr. Cycle	6,000	148.9	5	74,461.67
60.11(a)(1) Disclosure to Hospitals	20	0	0	0
60.11(a)(2) Disclosure to Practitioners (Self Query)	30	0	0	0
60.11(a)(3) Disclosure to Licensure Boards	80	224.95	5	1,439.68
60.11(a)(4) Queries by Non-Hospital Health Care Entities	4,938	436.8	5	179,673.26
60.11(a)(5) Queries by Plaintiffs' Attorneys	5	5	30	2.5
60.11(a)(6) Queries by Non-Hospital Health Care Entities-Peer Review ...	40	0	0	0
60.11(a)(7) Requests by Researchers for Aggregated Data	84	1	30	42
60.14(b) Practitioner Places a Report in Disputed Status	666	1	15	166.5
60.14(b) Practitioner Statement	2,325	1	45	1,743.75
60.14(b) Practitioner Requests for Secretarial Review	117	1	480	936
60.3 Entity Registration—Initial	500	1	60	500
60.3 Entity Registration—Update	643	1	5	53.56
60.11(a) Authorized Agent Designation—Initial	500	1	15	125
60.11(a) Authorized Agent—Update	86	1	5	7.16
60.12(c) Account Discrepancy Report	300	1	15	75
60.12(c) Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization	363	1	15	90.75
60.3 Entity Reactivation	100	1	60	100
Total				293,509.22

¹ Included in estimate for reporting adverse licensure actions to the HIPDB in 45 CFR part 61.

² Included in estimates for 60.10(a)(1).

³ Included in estimate for self queries to the HIPDB in 45 CFR part 61.

⁴ Included in estimate for hospital queries under 60.11(a)(4).