

highly context dependent and while definitions of rurality may take into account a range of characteristics (e.g., population density, commuting distance, land use, etc.), rural definitions do not reflect any single, inherent geographic attribute.<sup>5</sup> FORHP's proposal to modify our eligibility criteria to apply for or receive services funded by FORHP's rural health grants reflects our efforts to be responsive to stakeholder feedback and best target our programs towards the intended communities. This does not eliminate the fact that other rural definitions may be set by statute or regulation or the fact that other programs established outside of FORHP's 330A authorization may need to use a different definition of rural to meet program goals. No single definition of rural is perfect or advisable given the geographic variation that exists nationally and the varying needs of rural programs.

### Request for Public Comment

FORHP is proposing to modify the rural definition it uses to determine geographic areas eligible to apply for or receive services funded by FORHP's rural health grants and requests comments from the public on the proposed methodology described above.

This request for comments is issued solely for information and planning purposes; it does not constitute a Request for Proposal, applications, proposal abstracts, or quotations. This request does not commit the Government to contract for any supplies or services or make a grant or cooperative agreement award or take any other official action. Further, HRSA is not seeking proposals through this Request for Information and will not accept unsolicited proposals.

HRSA is not obligated to summarize or publish a response to feedback received, or to respond to questions about the policy issues raised in this request. Responders are advised that the United States Government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this request; all costs associated with

responding to this request will be solely at the interested party's expense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before November 23, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov) or by calling (202) 795–7714.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990–New–60D, and project title for reference, to

Sherrette Funn, the Reports Clearance Officer, [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov), or call 202–795–7714.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Title of the Collection:* HHS Teletracking COVID–19 Portal (U.S. Healthcare COVID–19 Portal).

*Type of Collection:* In use without an OMB number.

*OMB No.:* 0990–XXXX OS/OCIO.

*Abstract:* The data collected through this ICR informs the Federal Government's understanding of disease patterns and furthers the development of policies for prevention and control of disease spread and impact related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID–19). One of the most important uses of the data collected through this ICR is to determine critical allocations of limited supplies (e.g., protective equipment and medication). For instance, this collection has been used to distribute Remdesivir, a vital therapeutic that HHS distributes to the American healthcare system, via distinct data calls on regular intervals. As of July 10, HHS reduced the number requests for data from hospitals to support allocations of Remdesivir. HHS has stopped sending out one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of Remdesivir or any other treatments or supplies. This consolidated daily reporting is the only mechanism used for the distribution calculations, and daily reports are needed to ensure accurate calculations.

*Type of Respondent:* We acknowledge the burden placed on many hospitals, including resource constraints, and have allowed for some flexibilities, such as back-submissions or submitting every business days, with the understanding that respondents may not have sufficient staff working over the weekend. It is our belief that collection of this information daily is the most effective way to detect outbreaks and needs for Federal assistance over time, by hospital and geographical area, and to alert the appropriate officials for action. It's requested that 5,500 hospitals, submit data daily on the

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/rural-economy-population/rural-classifications/what-is-rural.aspx>. Accessed December 20, 2019.

<sup>5</sup> For a deeper discussion of this topic, please see: (a) National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2016. Rationalizing Rural Area Classifications for the Economic Research Service: A Workshop Summary. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Accessed December 20, 2019. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.17226/21843>; and (b) Ratcliffe M, Burd C, Holder K, and Fields A, "Defining Rural at the U.S. Census Bureau," ACSGEO–1, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC, 2016. Available from: <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2016/acs/acsgeo-1.pdf>.

number of patients tested for COVID-19, as well as information on bed capacity and requirements for other supplies.

The HHS Teletracking COVID-19 Portal (U.S. Healthcare COVID-19 Portal) includes some data that were

initially submitted by hospitals to HHS through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) COVID-19 Module (OMB Control No. 0920-1290, approved 03/26/2020). Over the last several months time, the guidance for

which data elements should be sent to HHS and through which method was updated at the request of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and other leaders to better inform the response.

#### ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOUR TABLE

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Hospitals .....	HHS Teletracking COVID-19 Portal (U.S. Healthcare COVID-19 Portal).	5,500	365	1.5	3,011,250
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,011,250

Dated: September 15, 2020.

**Sherrette A. Funn,**

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group Adult Psychopathology and Disorders of Aging Study Section.

*Date:* October 15-16, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Benjamin Greenberg Shaper, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3182, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-4786, [shaperobg@mail.nih.gov](mailto:shaperobg@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group Musculoskeletal Tissue Engineering Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Srikanth Ranganathan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4214, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787, [srikanth.ranganathan@nih.gov](mailto:srikanth.ranganathan@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Interdisciplinary Molecular Sciences and Training Integrated Review Group Cellular and Molecular Technologies Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Tatiana V Cohen, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive Room 5213, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 455-2364, [tatiana.cohen@nih.gov](mailto:tatiana.cohen@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group Synthetic and Biological Chemistry B Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Michael Eissenstat, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, BCMB IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4166, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1722, [eissenstatma@csr.nih.gov](mailto:eissenstatma@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group Cellular,

Molecular and Integrative Reproduction Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Elaine Sierra-Rivera, MS, BS, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, EMNR IRG, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6182 MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2514, [riverase@csr.nih.gov](mailto:riverase@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel PAR Panel: International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development.

*Date:* October 20, 2020.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Seetha Bhagavan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5194, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 237-9838, [bhagavas@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bhagavas@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Exploration of Antimicrobial Therapeutics and Resistance.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Susan Daum, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3202, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-7233, [susan.boyle-vavra@nih.gov](mailto:susan.boyle-vavra@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Bioengineering Sciences & Technologies Integrated Review Group Instrumentation and Systems Development Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 2020.