



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, announces plans to submit a new Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting that ICR to OMB, OS seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov or by calling (202) 690-6162.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information Collection Clearance staff, Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov or (202) 690-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier HHS-OS-20557-60D for reference.

Proposed Project: Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) Performance Measures Collection:
HHS–OS–0990–NEW–PAF.

Abstract: The Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) is a competitive grant program authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ([Public Law 111-148](#)) and administered by the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH). PAF provides funding to States and Tribes to provide expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers and their families with a seamless network of supportive services to help them complete high school or postsecondary degrees and gain access to health care, child care, family housing, and other critical supports. The Act appropriates \$25 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019, and in August 2013, OAH awarded the first grants to 17 entities for up to four years. Grantees may use PAF grants to carry out activities in any of the following four *implementation categories*: (1) Support pregnant and parenting student services at institutions of higher education (IHE); (2) Support pregnant and parenting teens at high schools and community service centers; (3) Improve services for pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and (4) Increase public awareness and education efforts about services available to pregnant and parenting teens and women.

This request is for a 3-year approval of the collection of PAF performance data. This is an annual reporting requirement of all PAF grantees. The reporting requirement varies according to the type(s) of activities implemented by each grantee. All PAF grantees are required to report a standard set of data elements that capture the demographic and social characteristics of the individuals served (“participants”) and the number and types of

organizations that participate in implementing the project. In addition, grantees are required to report data for a set of measures defined for each implementation category.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The collection of annual performance data is important to OAH because it will provide OAH leadership and PAF program administrators with data needed to administer the PAF program and manage PAF awards and projects, including information to assess beneficiary characteristics; measure and monitor project implementation, outputs, and outcomes; and comply with reporting requirements specified in the Affordable Care Act. In addition, OAH will use the performance data to inform planning and resource allocation decisions; identify training, technical assistance, and evaluation needs; and provide Congress, OMB, and the general public with information about the individuals who participate in PAF-funded activities and the range and scope of services they receive.

Likely Respondents: States and Tribes that are PAF grant awardees.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions, to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or

otherwise disclose the information. The table below summarizes the total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR.

Exhibit 3–Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Form	Type of Respondent	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Respondent	Total Burden Hours
Participant & Partner Characteristics (17 measures)	All Grantees	17	1	19	323
Category 1 Measures (4 measures)	Category 1 Grantees: Implementing activities to support pregnant and parenting student services at institutions of higher education	2	1	6	12
Category 2 Measures (6 measures)	Category 2 Grantees: Implementing activities to support pregnant and parenting teens at high schools and community service centers	14	1	9	126
Category 3 Measures (2 measures)	Category 3 Grantees: Implementing activities to improve services for pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, and stalking;	6	1	3	18
Category 4 Measures (1 measures)	Category 4 Grantees: Implementing public awareness and education activities	13	1	1	13
	Total	17	–	–	492

The Offices of the Secretary specifically requests comments on (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.

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