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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the information collection requirements contained in consumer assessment surveys that are used by ACL to measure program performance for programs funded under Title III of the Older Americans Act.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to:

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Submit written comments on the collection of information to Elena Fazio, Administration for Community Living, Office of Performance and Evaluation, Washington, D.C. 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Fazio, 202-357-3583.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the 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. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request 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 provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The National Survey of Older Americans Act (OAA) Participants information collection, which builds on earlier national pilot studies and surveys, as well as performance measurement tools developed by ACL grantees in the Performance Outcomes Measures Project (POMP), will include consumer assessment surveys for the Congregate and Home-delivered meal nutrition programs; Case Management, Homemaker, and Transportation Services; and the National

Family Caregiver Support Program. This information will be used by ACL to track performance outcome measures; support budget requests; comply with GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA) reporting requirements; provide national benchmark information; and inform program development and management initiatives. Descriptions of previous National Surveys of OAA Participants can be found under the section on OAA Performance Information on ACL's website at: http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Program_Results/OAA_Performance.aspx. Copies of the survey instruments and data from previous National Surveys of OAA Participants can be found and queried using the AGing Integrated Database (AGID) at <http://www.agid.acl.gov/>. The proposed Ninth National Survey entitled National Survey of OAA Participants draft 2013 may be found on the ACL website at http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Program_Results/OAA_Performance.aspx. ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: Respondents: Individuals; Number of Respondents: 6,250; Number of Responses per Respondent: one; Average Burden per Response: 6000 at 40 minutes, 250 at 4 hours; Total Burden: 5,000.

Dated:
December 5, 2013.

Kathy Greenlee,
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.