DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

Information Collection Request Title: Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW),

OMB No. 0915-0375 Extension

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].
**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N136B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call Lisa Wright-Solomon, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program-Specific Data Collection Forms OMB No. 0915-0375 - Extension

*Abstract:* HRSA provides advanced education nursing training grants to educational institutions to increase the numbers of advanced education nurses through the ANEW Program. The ANEW Program is authorized by Section 811 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296j), as amended. This request is to extend the use of ANEW Program-Specific forms, specifically Tables #1 and #2. There are no proposed changes to these tables.

ANEW Table #1 collects information on the types of practice settings where graduates, who received ANEW support as students, are currently employed. The data on graduates’ employment practice settings demonstrate the distribution of specialties, i.e., nurse practitioners,
clinical nurse specialists and nurse midwives, who are practicing in rural, underserved, public health nursing, and Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) practice settings. ANEW Table #2 requests information on the projected number of primary care advanced practice registered nursing student enrollees/trainees who will receive traineeship support for each upcoming budget year over the entire project period. This data provides a baseline for comparison to data collected on the numbers of students/enrollees/trainees supported that are reported on the Annual Performance Reports.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: ANEW Program-Specific Table #1 captures data on the number of graduates of the academic partner applicant who received HRSA support and are currently employed in rural areas, undeserved areas, public health nursing, and HPSA practice settings. The graduate data collected measure the impact of the ANEW Program in meeting the legislative and program goals. ANEW Program-Specific Table #2 collects information on the projected number of students/enrollees to receive traineeship support each budget year of the project period and provides a baseline for student/enrollee support that is reported in the Annual Performance Reports. Collecting this data assists HRSA in carrying out the most impactful program and ensuring resources are used responsibly.

Likely Respondents: Likely respondents will be current ANEW awardees, who will submit the data tables as part of a Noncompeting Continuation progress report, and applicants for the ANEW program, including schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities determined appropriate by the Secretary that are accredited to carry out primary care nurse practitioner and nurse midwifery
programs by a national nurse education accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The school must be located in one of the 50 US states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

**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 total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.
Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

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HRSA 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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