

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: State Treatment and Needs Assessment Program Studies (OMB No. 0930-0186—Revision)

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), as part of its State Treatment and Needs Assessment Program (STNAP), awards contracts to States to conduct studies for the purpose of determining the need and demand for substance abuse treatment within each State. In order to receive funds from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant,

States must submit in their annual block grant applications an assessment of service needs Statewide, at the sub-state level, and for specified population groups (as required by Section 1929 of the Public Health Service Act). Most States plan to conduct an adult telephone household survey to collect information on needed treatment for substance abuse/dependence. In addition, many States plan to conduct a variety of more focused studies which will collect data on treatment need in special populations, including adolescents, pregnant women, American Indians, arrestees and other criminal justice populations.

This submission reflects changes to the previously approved annual burden for survey activities in two States previously funded (changes to their previously approved survey plans) and in the nine States receiving new contracts in FY 1998 that are engaging in primary data collection. The burden will be as presented below:

	Total No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Hours/ response	Annualized burden hours
Previous submission	75,521	1	0.54	41,093
<i>Decrease:</i> (Adolescent Survey not being done)	-3,000	1	0.55	-1,650
<i>New Activities:</i>				
Household Telephone Surveys	5,567	1	0.55	3,062
Criminal justice populations	1,590	1	.87	1,377
Medicaid recipients	1,556	1	0.55	856
Other population groups	1,733	1	.53	919
Treatment providers	360	1	.81	291
Treatment clients	600	2.7	0.45	729
Total	83,927	46,677

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA, Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies, and Laboratories That Have Withdrawn From the Program

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A similar notice listing all currently certified laboratories will be published during the first week of each month, and updated to include

laboratories which subsequently apply for and complete the certification process. If any listed laboratory's certification is totally suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from updated lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the National Laboratory Certification Program during the past month, it will be identified as such at the end of the current list of certified laboratories, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall 2 Building, Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Tel.: (301) 443-6014.