

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

The Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, proposes to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information in compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 96-511):

Title of Information Collection: Operation Restore Trust Grantee Reports.

Type of Request: New.

Use: To collect and publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. These proposed projects constitute an evaluation of the Administration on Aging's Operation Restore Trust (ORT)

grantees. The mission of the Administration on Aging's ORT initiatives is to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. As part of a nation-wide partnership of public and private agencies and organizations, AoA funds grants through two mechanisms, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (Pub. L. 104-191) and the Health Care Anti-fraud Waste and Abuse Community Volunteer Demonstration Program contained in the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriation Act of 1997. These two sets of projects provide education, training, outreach, and other services to build community coalitions, promote awareness, and stimulate action on the part of staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries to identify and report potential cases of inappropriate billing and other improper activity in the nation's publicly financed health insurance programs.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; 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. Data will be from all of the AoA funded sites receiving funding in Fiscal Year 1999 and later years where program outcomes are to be assessed on a semi-annual basis. The analysis of the data also will help to determine whether the goal of reducing health care waste, fraud, and abuse is being achieved.

The primary purpose of the proposed data collection activity is to meet the reporting requirements of the Government Performance Review Act (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103-62) by allowing AoA to quantify the effects and accomplishments of ORT programs.

	Number of clients	Responses/client	Hours/response	Annual burden hours	Annual burden cost
Semi-annual Reporting Form	30	2	1	60	\$1,800
Staff Interview	30	1	1	30	900
Trainee Interview	100	1	.5	50	1,500
Total	160	140	4,200

Frequency: Semi-annual.

Respondents: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Health Care Anti-fraud Waste and Abuse Community Volunteer Demonstration Program grantees To request more information concerning the proposed projects, or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call Kenton Williams (202) 619-3951. Written comments may be sent to Kenton Williams, Room 4730, Wilber Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

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Acting Director, Executive Secretariate Administration on Aging.

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Grants to Indian Tribal Organizations for Supportive and Nutritional Services for Older Indians

AGENCY: Administration on Aging (AoA).

ACTION: Extension of deadline to apply for funds under the Older Americans Act, Title VI, grants for Native Americans, Part A—Indian Program.

SUMMARY: Due to extenuating circumstances the Administration on Aging is extending the date for which the Title VI grant applications for the grant period April 1, 1999–March 31, 2002 are due.

DATES: All applications must be received or postmarked on or before March 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Yvonne Jackson, Ph.D., Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and

Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, Wilbur J. Cohen Federal Building, Room 4743, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 619-2713 as stated in the original **Federal Register** announcement dated October 30, 1998 on pages 58392–58396.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of