

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Annual Report, Needs Assessment and Application Guidance (OMB No. 0915-0172)—Revision

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) proposes to revise the Guidance and Forms for the Application and Annual Report for the Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Program. The guidance is used annually by the 50 States and nine jurisdictions in making application for Block Grants under Title V of the Social Security Act, and in preparing the required annual report. The proposed revisions follow and build on extensive modifications made to the guidance and forms in 1997. The proposed revisions are of two types: (1) Editorial and technical revisions based on the experiences of the States and jurisdictions in using the guidance and forms in 1998 and 1999; and, (2) The addition of a standard set of measures to be used in conducting the formal needs assessment required by Title V every five years. This needs assessment will be required of each State and jurisdiction in fiscal year 2000.

The addition of the core set of measures for use in conducting the formal needs assessment follows discussions with State Maternal and Child Health Directors over the last two years. The changes incorporated in the 1997 revisions have been reflected in major changes in the Title V program, with much more emphasis on accountability and performance measurement as part of the performance partnership concept on which those changes were built. The inclusion now of standard measures for all States and jurisdictions to use in conducting the five-year needs assessment is a natural progression in the development of the Federal-State partnership process.

Following approval of the 1997 revisions, HRSA developed and instituted an automated electronic data collection and reporting system, the Title V Electronic Reporting Package (Title V ERP). The ERP has greatly reduced the burden on the States and jurisdictions, because it provides for automatic calculations of ratios, rates, and percentages, carries data over from year to year, and assures that data used in multiple tables are entered only once. The ERP also provides for text entry, and facilitates the orderly printing of tables, text, and required appendices.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Type of form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Annual Report and Application with Needs Assessment (FY 2000):				
States	50	1	500	25,000
Jurisdictions	9	1	270	2,430
Annual Report and Application without Needs Assessment (FY 2001 and FY 2002)				
States	50	1	335	16,750
Jurisdictions	9	1	135	1,215
Total Average Annual Reporting Burden				21,122

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to:

Wendy A. Taylor, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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Jane Harrison

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Redelegation of Authority for Review and Approval or Disapproval of PHA Plans

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Redelegation of Authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing redelegates the authority for review and approval or disapproval of the 5-year Plans and Annual Plans of a public

housing agencies (PHAs) under 24 CFR part 903, and conducting all activities related to such review, approval or disapproval, to the Offices of Public Housing Hub Directors, Program Center Coordinators and to the Directors of Troubled Agency Recovery Centers, with exceptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rod Solomon, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives, Office of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone number: (202) 708-0713. This is not a toll-free number. This number may be