

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Lauren Wittenberg, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by fax to: 202-395-6974.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of

information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Administration and Financing of Group Homes and Residential Facilities for Persons With Mental Illness—New— The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will conduct a survey of state health officials to determine what types of residential care programs for persons with mental illness are operated in each State and the District of Columbia. The state health officials will be identified through Web searches of State Mental Health Departments and other relevant agencies on a State-by-State basis.

The survey will contact identified state health officials in all fifty States (and the District of Columbia) and will gather information on the following six survey domains: Facility characteristics (for approximately five different types of group homes); Licensing and certification; Facility programs and treatment services; Seclusion and restraint; Facility monitoring and oversight; and, Financing. The questionnaire will identify and describe the types of residential facilities for

persons with mental illness that are licensed, certified, and/or financed by State governments; the target population served by each facility type; the range of services provided in each facility type; provisions for monitoring each facility type, including the use of seclusion and restraints; and, sources of financing for each facility type.

This information collection supports the New Freedom Initiative, one of SAMHSA's current priorities; the New Freedom Initiative is the President's comprehensive plan to reduce barriers to full community integration for people with disabilities. The national survey will provide new information to SAMHSA and to other policymakers regarding the ways in which group homes and other types of residential facilities for adults, adolescents, and children with mental illness are established, regulated, and financed.

The questionnaire will be distributed to identified state health officials in electronic and/or paper formats. State health officials may either return the completed questionnaire via email or regular mail or request a telephone interview. In addition, respondents who do not return a completed paper questionnaire will be contacted and interviewed by telephone.

ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED HOUR BURDEN

Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
240	1	1	240

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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 collections of information are 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: Pretesting of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Mental Health Services Communication Messages—(OMB No. 0930-0196, Reinstatement)—As the Federal agency responsible for developing and disseminating authoritative knowledge about substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health services and for mobilizing consumer support and increasing public understanding to overcome the stigma attached to addiction and mental illness, the