

(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.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Implementation of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS); *Form No.:* CMS-10102 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* The intent of the HCAHPS initiative is to provide a standardized survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perspectives on hospital care. While many hospitals collect information on patient satisfaction, there is no national standard for collecting or publicly reporting this information that would enable valid comparisons to be made across all hospitals. In order to make "apples to apples" comparisons to support consumer choice, it is necessary to introduce a standard measurement approach. HCAHPS can be viewed as a core set of questions that hospitals can combine with their customized items. Participation in HCAHPS is voluntary. Hospitals will begin using HCAHPS, also known as Hospital CAHPS or the CAHPS Hospital Survey, under the auspices of the Hospital Quality Alliance, a private/public partnership

that includes hospital associations, consumer groups, payors and government agencies that share a common interest in reporting on hospital quality; *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 2,852,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,852,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 285,200.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for these paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prar/>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. (Note: This package has been modified since the November 19, 2004 publication.)

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB Desk Officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on December 7, 2005.

OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 28, 2005.

Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: State Council on Developmental Disabilities Program Performance Report.

OMB No.: 0980-0172.

Description: A Developmental Disabilities Council Program Performance Report is required by Federal statute. Each State Developmental Disabilities Council must submit an annual report for the preceding fiscal year of activities and accomplishments. Information provided in the Program Performance Report will be used (1) in the preparation of the biennial Report to the President, the Congress, and the National Council on Disabilities and (2) to provide a national perspective on program accomplishments and continuing challenges. This information will also be used to comply with requirements in the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

Respondents: State and Tribal Governments.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
State Council on Developmental Disabilities Program Performance Report ..	55	1	44	2,420

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,420.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: rsargis@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of

having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Attn: Desk Officer for ACF, E-mail address:

Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Developmental Disabilities Protection and Advocacy Program Performance Report.

OMB No.: 0980-0160.

Description: This information collection is required by Federal statute. Each State Protection and Advocacy System must prepare and submit a Program Performance Report for the preceding fiscal year of activities and accomplishments and of conditions in