

the organization, the duration of each type and category of accreditation and a statement identifying the types and categories that would serve as a basis for accreditation if CMS approves the accreditation organization.

- A list of all currently accredited MA organizations and the type, category, and expiration date of the accreditation held by each of them.
- A list of all full and partial accreditation surveys scheduled to be performed by the accreditation organization.
- The name and address of each person with an ownership or control interest in the accreditation organization.
- CMS's analysis of NCQA's past performance in the deeming program and the results of recent deeming validation reviews, or look-behind audits conducted as part of continuing federal oversight of the deeming program under § 422.157(d).

In accordance with section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the March 25, 2014 proposed notice (79 FR 16338) also solicited public comments regarding whether NCQA's requirements met or exceeded the Medicare conditions of participation as an accrediting organization for MA HMOs and PPOs. We received no public comments in response to our proposed notice.

**IV. Provisions of the Final Notice**

*A. Differences Between NCQA's Standards and Requirements for Accreditation and Medicare's Conditions and Survey Requirements*

We compared the standards and survey process contained in NCQA's application with the Medicare conditions for accreditation. Our review and evaluation of NCQA's application for continued CMS-approval were conducted as described in section III of this final notice, and yielded the following:

- To meet the requirements at § 422.158(a)(1), NCQA provided CMS with documentation listing its types of MA plans that it would review as part of its accreditation process. In addition, AO provided clarification and documentation to demonstrate how it distinguishes its CMS-recognized

deemed status accreditation program from its other accreditation programs that are not recognized by CMS.

- AO revised its "Grounds of Revocation" policy to meet the requirements at § 422.158(a)(3)(iii)(C) by revising its requirements to include non-compliance with "State, Federal, or other duly authorized regulatory or judicial action restricts or limits the organization's operations."
- To comply with the requirements at § 422.158(a)(6), AO revised its processes for responding to and investigating complaints against accredited organizations by requiring the reporting of any serious problems identified with an MA plan to the designated CMS MA deeming representative.

*B. Term of Approval*

Based on the review and observations described in section III of this final notice, we have determined that NCQA's accreditation program requirements continue to meet or exceed our requirements. Therefore, we renew NCQA as a national accreditation organization with deeming authority for MA HMOs and PPOs, effective October 19, 2014 through October 18, 2020.

**V. Collection of Information Requirements**

This document does not impose any new or revised information collection or recordkeeping requirements. Consequently, it need not be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: August 15, 2014.  
**Marilyn Tavenner,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Multi-Component Evaluation—Data Collection Related to the Design and Implementation Study.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0398.

*Description:* The Office of Data Analysis, Research, and Evaluation (HHS/ACF/ACYF/ODARE) in the Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) and the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (HHS/ACF/OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) propose a data collection activity as part of the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Multi-Component Evaluation.

The goals of the PREP Multi-Component Evaluation are to document how PREP programs are designed and implemented in the field, collect performance measure data for PREP programs, and assess the effectiveness of selected PREP-funded programs.

The PREP Multi-Component Evaluation contains three components: The "Design and Implementation Study," the "Performance Analysis Study," and the "Impact and In-Depth Implementation Study." This notice is specific to data collection activities for the implementation portion of the Design and Implementation Study.

The goals of this portion of the study are to document how States and sub-awardees actually implemented their PREP programs, given their program designs. In order to meet this goal, both State PREP Administrators and a selection of sub-awardee program providers will be interviewed. The interviews will be used to understand important aspects of implementation, such as training, technical assistance and program fidelity monitoring.

*Respondents:* State grantee staff; State training and technical assistance staff; State program evaluator staff program providers.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Implementation Survey Interview Topic Guide: State-level Respondents .....	16	6	1	1	6
Implementation Survey Interview Topic Guide: Provider-level Respondents .....	16	6	1	1	6

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12.

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@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, Email: [OIRA SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV), Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

*Title:* Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency: Follow-Up Data Collections.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0397.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS), is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency (ISIS) evaluation. ISIS is an evaluation of 9 promising career pathways strategies to promote education, employment, and self-sufficiency. The major goal of ISIS is to increase the empirical knowledge about the effectiveness of programs for low-income individuals and families to achieve educational credentials, attain employment and advance to positions that enable self-sufficiency.

ISIS is one project within the broader portfolio of research that OPRE is utilizing to assess the success of the career pathways programs and models. In addition to ISIS, this strategy includes a multi-pronged research and evaluation approach for the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program to better understand and assess the activities conducted and their results. In order to maximize learning across this portfolio, survey development for the HPOG and ISIS baseline and follow up surveys is being coordinated, and the majority of the data elements collected in these surveys are similar.

Two data collection efforts have been approved for ISIS, including one for baseline data collection (approved November 2011), a second for data collection activities to document program implementation, data collection activities for an initial follow-up survey of participants to be administered approximately 15 months after random assignment, and data collection through in-depth interviews for a small sample of study participants (approved August 2013). Additionally, three related data collection efforts for HPOG research were approved by OMB under OMB #0970-0394. These include approval of a Performance Reporting System (PRS) (approved September 2011), for collection of additional

baseline data for the HPOG-Impact study (approved October 2012), and for collection of data for the National Implementation Evaluation (approved August 2013). Additionally, a new request is being submitted at the same time as this request.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on a proposed new information collection activity for ISIS—a second follow-up survey for ISIS participants approximately 36 months after program enrollment. The purpose of the survey is to follow-up with study participants to document their education and training experiences, employment experiences, and parenting practices and child outcomes for participants with children.

Data collection activities to submit in a future information collection request include a third follow-up survey for ISIS study participants approximately 60 months after study enrollment.

Previously approved collection activities under 0970-0397 will continue under this new request, including additional data collection using the following previously approved instruments: The Basic Information Form; the Self-Administered Questionnaire; 15-Month Follow-Up Survey; 15-Month Follow-Up Survey Tracking Letters; Study Participant In-depth Interview Guide; and Study Participant Check-in Call. The estimated number of study participants for the 15-Month Survey and in-depth interviews is reduced from the previous OMB submission. Total sample size targets were reduced at a number of ISIS program sites to reflect actual study enrollment experiences. The number of in-depth interviews projected was also reduced to incorporate experiences to date recruiting participants.

*Respondents:* Individuals enrolled in the ISIS study.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

[This information collection request is for a three-year period]

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
<b>Previously Approved Instruments</b>					
Baseline data collection: Basic Information Form .....	24	8	1	.25	2
Baseline data collection: Self-administered Questionnaire .....	24	8	1	.33	3
15 Month Follow-up Survey .....	2,900	967	1	0.833	805
Study Participant In-depth Interview Guide .....	144	48	1	1	48
Study Participant Check-in Call .....	144	48	1	.16	8
<b>Current Request for Approval</b>					
36-Month Follow-up Survey .....	7,386	2,462	1	1	2,462