and the hosting of a public webinar to assist reporting insurers that have questions concerning the data collection requirements. Treasury (through its data aggregator) will establish such a helpline, and will also host a public webinar concerning the process to assist reporting insurers in responding to the proposed collection. Details concerning participation in the webinar will be made available on Treasury’s Web site at https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/fis-mks/Pages/program.aspx. Treasury personnel, as identified above, may be contacted directly in connection with questions and guidance for completion of the data collection templates.

Treasury also received a number of written comments addressing technical changes or questions concerning the reporting forms. In response, Treasury has modified the instructions in a number of ways to clarify the information sought, and in some cases to reduce the burden of reporting that might otherwise be presented by the collection as originally proposed (for example, by adding fields to allow insurers to report unallocated values that have not been specifically coded within the insurer’s existing systems).

III. Data Call

Treasury, through an insurance statistical aggregator, has established the web portal through which insurers identified above, through which insurers will be able to submit the identified data. Reporting insurers should visit this link in order to register for the 2017 data collection. Copies of the collection forms (image files only) are also available at the link identified above; however, reporting insurers will obtain the fillable forms that they will use for reporting directly from the data aggregator once they register for the data collection process. As noted above, reporting insurers are required to submit completed data forms containing data related to premium and policy counts, policy exposures, and reinsurance no later than May 15, 2017; the remaining data requested must be submitted no later than October 1, 2017. The insurance statistical aggregator will provide instructions on how to submit completed forms, and will also be available to answer questions related to the completion of the forms.

All information submitted via the web portal is subject to the confidentiality and data protection provisions of TRIA and the Program Rules, as well as to section 552 of title 5, United States Code, including any exceptions thereunder. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the information collected through the web portal has been approved by OMB under Control Number 1505–0257. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.


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These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632–8522 or email at holly.krull@va.gov.


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