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1. Access CMS' Web site address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/Paperwork-ReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.
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3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Identification of Extension Units of Medicare Approved Outpatient Physical Therapy/Outpatient Speech Pathology (OPT/OSP) Providers and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The provider uses the form to report to the state survey agency extension locations that it has added since the date of last report. The form is used by the state survey agencies and

by our regional offices to identify and monitor extension locations to ensure their compliance with the federal requirements for the providers of outpatient physical therapy and speech-language pathology services. *Form Number:* CMS-381 (OMB control number: 0938-0273); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 2,161; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,161; *Total Annual Hours:* 540. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Peter Ajuonuma at 410-786-3580.)

Dated: October 5, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request; Proposed Projects: Renewal of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Performance Data Form (LPDF)

Title: LIHEAP Performance Data Form for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) XXXX.

OMB No.: 0970-0449.

Description: In response to the 2010 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program—Greater Fraud Prevention Controls are Needed* (GAO-10-621), and in consideration of the recommendations issued by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Performance Measures Implementation Work Group, the Office of Community Services (OCS) required the collection and reporting of the new performance measures by state LIHEAP grantees and the District of Columbia. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the *LIHEAP Performance Data Form (LPDF)* in November 2014 (OMB Clearance No. 0970-0449) that expires on October 31, 2017. The LPDF provides for the collection of the following LIHEAP performance measures which are considered to be developmental as part of the LPDF:

1. The benefit targeting index for high burden households receiving LIHEAP fuel assistance;

2. The burden reduction targeting index for high burden households receiving LIHEAP fuel assistance;

3. The number of households where LIHEAP prevented a potential home energy crisis; and

4. The number of households where LIHEAP benefits restored home energy.

All State LIHEAP grantees and the District of Columbia are required to complete the LPDF data through the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) web-based data collection and reporting system, the Online Data Collection (OLDC), which is available at: <https://home.grantsolutions.gov/home>. The reporting requirements will be described through OLDC.

The previous OMB-approved *LIHEAP Grantee Survey* on sources and uses of LIHEAP funds was added in 2014 to the LPDF as an addition to the LIHEAP performance data. No substantive changes are being proposed for this data collection activity. A sample of the draft form is available for viewing here: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/funding-applications>.

The form is divided into the following three modules to add clarity:

Module 1. LIHEAP Grantee Survey (Required Reporting)

Module 1 of the LPDF will continue to require the following data from each state for the federal fiscal year:

- Grantee information,
- sources and uses of LIHEAP funds,
- average LIHEAP household benefits, and
- maximum income cutoffs for 4-person households for each type of LIHEAP assistance provided by each grantee for the fiscal year.

Module 2. LIHEAP Performance Measures (Required Reporting)

Module 2 of the LPDF will continue to require the following data from each state for the federal fiscal year:

- Grantee information,
- energy burden targeting,
- restoration of home energy service, and
- prevention of loss of home energy.

Module 3. LIHEAP Performance Measures (Optional Reporting)

Module 3 of the LIHEAP LPDF will continue to voluntarily collect the following additional information from each interested grantee for the federal fiscal year:

- Average annual energy usage,
- Unduplicated number of households using supplemental heating fuel and air conditioning,

- Unduplicated number of households that had restoration of home energy service, and

- Unduplicated number of households that had prevention of loss of home energy.

Based on the data collected in the LPDF:

- ACF will provide reliable and complete LIHEAP fiscal and household data to Congress in the Department's annual *LIHEAP Report to Congress*.

- ACF will calculate LHEAP performance measures and report the results through the annual budget development process and in LIHEAP's annual Congressional Justification (CJ) under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

- ACF and grantees will be informed about the impact LIHEAP has with respect to LIHEAP households' home energy burden (the proportion of their income spent towards their home heating and cooling bills), including

information on the difference between the average recipient and high burden recipients, restoring home energy service, and preventing loss of home energy service.

- ACF will be able to respond to questions on sources and uses of LIHEAP funds from the Congress, Department, OMB, White House, and other interested parties in a timely manner.

- LIHEAP grantees will be able to compare their own results to the results for other states, as well as to regional and national results, through the Data Warehouse of the LIHEAP Performance Management Web site as they manage their programs.

Respondents: State Governments and the District of Columbia.

Annual Burden Estimates

The table below shows the estimated data collection and reporting burden for the LPDF as reported in 2014. These

estimates are based on a small number of interviews conducted in 2014 with grantees, sub-grantees, and energy vendors. In support of this submission requesting comments, ACF is currently re-assessing the level of effort to collect and report the required data in order to develop updated burden estimates. The original 2014 estimates were based on grantee reporting capabilities at that time and included time and costs for initial system development. However, since most grantees have improved their reporting capabilities, many grantees have completed their system development, and ACF has furnished reporting resources and technical assistance to assist grantees, it is expected that the time and costs associated with reporting are lower than the original 2014 estimates show below.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
<i>Module 1: Grantee Survey</i>				
Grantees	51	1	3.5	178.50
<i>Module 2: Performance Measures</i>				
Grantees	51	1	100	5,100
Sub-Grantees (in states with sub-grantee managed systems)	200 (estimate)	1	80 hours	16,000
Large Energy Vendors (largest 5 electric, 5 gas, 10 fuel oil, and 10 propane vendors per state—average).	1,530 (estimate)	1	40 hours	61,200
Small Energy Vendors (excluded except in special circumstances).	200	1	10	2,000
Total Annual Burden Hours	2,032	1	Varies	84,478

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 168,956.50.

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chap 35), the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201. Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970–0356]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Formative Data Collections for ACF Research and Program Support

Description: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew a generic clearance to conduct a variety of formative data collections with more than nine respondents. The data collections will inform future research and program