

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.

Authority: 45 CFR part 309.

Mary B. Jones,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of Participants of an Annual SMP/SHIP National Training Conference Hosted by the Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

This notice solicits comments on the Proposed New Survey, and solicits comments on the information collection requirements related to the Evaluation of participants of an Annual SMP/SHIP National Training Conference.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by April 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: *Marissa.Whitehouse@acl.hhs.gov*. Submit written comments

on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Marissa Whitehouse.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marissa Whitehouse, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, *Marissa.Whitehouse@acl.hhs.gov* or 202-795-7425.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “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. The PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) the accuracy of ACL’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling (OHIC) hosts an annual national training conference for the federally funded programs that it

administers. The audience for this training conference includes attendees from State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) programs, which are two nationally recognized programs that provide Medicare information and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries and help fight Medicare fraud through prevention and education. Grantee leadership is required to attend this training annually to ensure they receive critical information and technical assistance needed to help them successfully meet the requirements of their grant awards. Grantees are encouraged to bring up to three (3) people from each program. Programs operate in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

The information collected in this survey is necessary to ensure that ACL is meeting the technical assistance needs of the attendees and to capture valuable feedback to be used for future training meetings. By gathering feedback on the quality of the training and content provided, we can ensure attendee satisfaction and gather information for future planning. ACL administers a contract to develop and provide the training conference evaluation tool for ACL’s approval. They also disseminate a tool to all participants following each training conference to evaluate attendee satisfaction. This training conference survey is introduced and explained during the program specific meetings and during the general session on the first day of the training conference. The survey is not mandatory, but is reinforced as a way for ACL to provide useful, engaging sessions that assist the attendees in successfully meeting the requirements of their grant awards. This evaluation tool will gather feedback on the quality of the training and content provided and the experience of the attendees to be used for future planning.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL website for review at <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

Estimated Program Burden: ACL estimates the burden associated with this collection of information as follows:

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
Conference Evaluation	350	1	0.25	0.25
Total

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Mary Lazare,
Principal Deputy Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living
[0985-0044]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; the State Plan for Independent Living

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living (ACL), HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-Day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) (Information Collection Request Rev (ICR Rev)).

DATES: Comments on the information collection request must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by March 9, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by:
 (a) email to: *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov*, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL;
 (b) fax to 202.395.5806, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL; or
 (c) by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Nye, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 795-7606 or *OILPPRAComments@acl.hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. Legal authority for the State Plan for Independent Living is contained in Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ([the Act], Pub. L. 113-128). Section 704 of the Rehabilitation Act requires that, to be eligible to receive financial assistance under Chapter 1, “a State shall submit to the Department, and obtain approval of, a State plan containing such provisions as the Department may require.” The Administration for Community Living’s (ACL) approval of the SPIL is required for states to receive federal funding for both the Independent Living Services State grants and Centers for Independent Living programs. Federal statute and regulations require the collection of this information every three years.

The SPIL is jointly developed by the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council and the directors of the centers for independent living in the State, after receiving public input from individuals throughout the State; and signed by the chairperson of the Statewide Independent Living Council, acting on behalf of—and at the direction of—the Council, the director of the designated State entity, and not less than 51 percent of the directors of

the centers for independent living in the State. ACL reviews the SPIL for compliance with the Rehabilitation Act and 45 CFR part 1329 and approves it. The SPIL also serves as a primary planning document for continuous monitoring of, and technical assistance to, the state independent living programs to ensure appropriate planning, financial support and coordination, and other assistance to appropriately address, on a statewide basis, needs for the provision of independent living services in the state.

Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 2019 (Vol. 84, Number 2019-17172; pp. 39854-39855).

ACL received 251 comments during the 60-day public-comment period. To access these comments and ACL responses, please see the attachment.

The proposed form(s) and public comments and ACL responses may be found on the ACL website at <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

Estimated Program Burden: ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: 56 Statewide Independent Living Councils will respond to the requirement for a SPIL every three years. It will take approximately 60 hours for each state’s Statewide Independent Living Council to jointly complete the development of the SPIL for a total of approximately 3,360 hours. This estimate is based on amounts of time that Statewide Independent Living Councils have reported that they have spent responding to previous requests for this report. ACL is not requesting any change in the data States are required to submit. As such, there is no change to the estimated reporting burden.

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
Statewide Independent Living Councils	56	1	60	3,360
Total	56	1	60	3,360

Dated: January 22, 2020.
Mary Lazare,
Principal Deputy Administrator.
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