

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request: Office for the Advancement of Telehealth Outcome Measures, OMB No. 0915–0311—Revision

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than May 26, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 14N136B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call Lisa Wright-Solomon, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443–1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Office for the Advancement of Telehealth Outcome Measures, OMB No. 0915–0311—Revision.

Abstract: In order to help carry out its mission, the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) created a set of performance measures that grantees can use to evaluate the effectiveness of their services programs and monitor their progress through the use of performance reporting data.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: As required by the Government Performance and Review Act of 1993, all federal agencies must develop strategic plans describing their overall goal and objectives. The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth has worked with its grantees to develop performance measures to use to evaluate and monitor the progress of the grantees. Grantee goals are to improve access to needed services, reduce rural practitioner isolation, improve health

system productivity and efficiency, and improve patient outcomes. In each of these categories, specific indicators were designed to be reported through a performance monitoring website. New measures are being added to the Telehealth Network Grant Program to capture awardee-level and aggregate data that illustrate the impact and scope of federal funding along with assessing these efforts. The measures speak to OAT’s progress toward meeting the goals, specifically telehealth services delivered through Emergency Departments.

Likely Respondents: Telehealth Network Grantees.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) ..	29	1	29	7	203
Total	29	29	203

HRSA specifically requests comments on: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions; (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.

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Director, Executive Secretariat.

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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee 2020 Schedule—Revised; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), HHS.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting dates.

SUMMARY: The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in accordance with section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The HITAC, among other things, identifies priorities for

standards adoption and makes recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (National Coordinator). The HITAC will hold public meetings throughout 2020. See list of public meetings below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Richie, Designated Federal Officer, at Lauren.Richie@hhs.gov, or (202) 205–7674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114–255) establishes the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (referred to as the “HITAC”). The HITAC will be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

Composition

The HITAC is comprised of at least 25 members, of which:

- No fewer than 2 members are advocates for patients or consumers of health information technology;
- 3 members are appointed by the HHS Secretary
 - 1 of whom shall be appointed to represent the Department of Health and Human Services and
 - 1 of whom shall be a public health official;
- 2 members are appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 2 members are appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 2 members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 2 members are appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
- Other members are appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Members will serve for one-, two-, or three-year terms. All members may be reappointed for a subsequent three-year term. Each member is limited to two three-year terms, not to exceed six years of service. After establishment, members shall be appointed for a three-year term. Members serve without pay, but will be provided per-diem and travel costs for committee services.

Recommendations

The HITAC recommendations to the National Coordinator are publicly available at <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/federal-advisory-committees/recommendations-national-coordinator-health-it>.

Public Meetings

The revised schedule of meetings to be held in 2020 is as follows:

- January 15, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, DC 20005
- February 19, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- March 18, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- March 26, 2020 from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)

- April 15, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- May 20, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- June 17, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- September date TBD
- October 21, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- November 10, 2020 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)

All meetings are open to the public. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. For web conference instructions and the most up-to-date information, please visit the HITAC calendar on the ONC website, <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/federal-advisory-committees/hitac-calendar>.
Contact Person for Meetings: Lauren Richie, lauren.richie@hhs.gov. A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Please email Lauren Richie for the most current information about meetings.

Agenda: As outlined in the 21st Century Cures Act, the HITAC will develop and submit recommendations to the National Coordinator on the topics of interoperability, privacy and security, and patient access. In addition, the committee will also address any administrative matters and hear periodic reports from ONC. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its website prior to the meeting, the material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC's website after the meeting, at <http://www.healthit.gov/hitac>.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person prior to the meeting date. An oral public comment period will be scheduled at each meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled public comment period, ONC will take written comments after the meeting.

Persons attending ONC's HITAC meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing wireless access or access to electrical outlets.

ONC welcomes the attendance of the public at its HITAC meetings. Seating is limited at the location, and ONC will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Lauren Richie at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of these meetings are given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: March 19, 2020.

Lauren Richie,

Office of Policy, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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National Institutes of Health

Notice To Announce Request for Information on the Development of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Strategic Plan

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Information.

SUMMARY: This Request for Information (RFI) is intended to gather broad public input to assist the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) in developing the NIDDK Strategic Plan. NIDDK invites input from: The scientific research community; patients and caregivers; health care providers and health advocacy organizations; scientific and professional organizations; federal agencies; and other stakeholders, including interested members of the public. Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit a single response that reflects the views of their organization and their membership as a whole.

DATES: Comments must be received by 11:59:59 p.m. (ET) on May 18, 2020 to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: All comments must be submitted electronically on the submission website, available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=106>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct all inquiries to: Lisa