

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups Reclassification Request (MS-DRGs); *Use:* Section 1886(d)(4) of the Act establishes a classification system, referred to as DRGs, for inpatient discharges and adjusts payments under the IPPS based on appropriate weighting factors assigned to each MS-DRG. Section 1886(d)(4)(C)(i) of the Act specifies adjustments to the classification and weighting factors shall occur “at least annually to reflect changes in treatment patterns, technology, and other factors which may change the relative use of hospital resources.”

The requests are evaluated in the Division of Coding and DRGs (DCDRG) by the DRG and Coding Team and the clinical advisors (medical officers) in both the Technology, Coding and Pricing Group (TCPG) and the Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group (HAPG), along with the CMS contractor(s). This team participates via conference calls in the review of MedPAR claims data to analyze and perform clinical review of the requested changes. Based on the examination of claims data and clinical judgment, the team provides recommendations to CMS and HHS leadership for proposed changes. Per the status, proposed MS-DRG changes and payment adjustments must go through notice and comment rulemaking giving the opportunity for the public to

comment. Finalized MS-DRG changes are effective with discharges on and after October 1, consistent with the beginning of the fiscal year. CMS makes the updated MS-DRG Grouper software and related materials that reflects the changes available to the public for free via download at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/MS-DRG-Classifications-and-Software>.

When an application is submitted in MEARIS™, the DRG and Coding Team in DCDRG will have instant access to the application request and accompanying materials to facilitate a more-timely review of the request, including the ability to efficiently inform other team members involved in the process that information is available for their review and input. *Form Number:* CMS-10775 (OMB control number 0938-New); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 48,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Marilu Hue at 410-786-4510.)

Dated: August 3, 2021.

**William N. Parham, II,**

*Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

#### Request for Public Comment: 60 Day Notice for Extension of the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the information collection Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917-0014, titled, “IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP).”

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** *For Comments:* Submit comments to Jackie Santiago by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* [Jackie.Santiago@ihs.gov](mailto:Jackie.Santiago@ihs.gov).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public by publishing them in the 30 day **Federal Register** notice for this information collection. For this reason, please do not include information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If comments are submitted via email, the email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. Please note that responses to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

A copy of the draft supporting statement is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (see Docket ID (IHS\_FRDOC\_0001)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information, please contact Evonne Bennett, Information Collection Clearance Officer at: [Evonne.Bennett@ihs.gov](mailto:Evonne.Bennett@ihs.gov) or 301-443-4750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This previously approved information collection project was last published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 6601) on February 14, 2018, and allowed 30 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection, which expires November 30, 2021, to OMB for approval of an extension and solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

The IHS is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, and its implementing regulations. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies as required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d) concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including

through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Title:* 0917–0014, “Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program.”

*Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Three year extension approval of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 0917–0014.

*Forms:* Educational and Professional Background, Financial Information, and General Applicant Information (i.e., all forms are part of the LRP application). The LRP application is available in an electronically fillable and fileable format.

*Need and Use of Information*

*Collection:* The IHS LRP identifies health professionals with pre-existing financial obligations for education expenses that meet program criteria and who are qualified and willing to serve

at, often remote, IHS health care facilities. Under the program, eligible health professionals sign a contract through which the IHS agrees to repay part or all of their indebtedness in exchange for an initial two-year service commitment to practice fulltime at an eligible Indian health program. This program is necessary to augment the critically low health professional staff at IHS health care facilities.

Eligible health professionals wishing to have their health education loans repaid may apply to the IHS LRP. A two-year contract obligation is signed by both parties, and the individual agrees to work at an eligible Indian health program location and provide health services to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.

The information collected via the on-line application from individuals is analyzed and a score is given to each applicant. This score will determine

which applicants will be awarded each fiscal year. The administrative scoring system assigns a score to the geographic location according to vacancy rates for that fiscal year and also considers whether the location is in an isolated area. When an applicant accepts employment at a location, the applicant in turn “picks-up” the score of that location.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Renewal of a current collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

*The table below provides:* Types of data collection instruments, estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, annual number of responses, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour(s).

ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS

Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual responses (in hours)
LRP Application .....	1,999	1	1.5	2,998.5
LRP Application (3 forms in total)				

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

**Elizabeth A. Fowler,**

*Acting Director, Indian Health Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Submission for OMB Review; 30-Day Comment Request; Post-Award Reporting Requirements Including Research Performance Progress Report Collection (Office of the Director)**

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured

of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Mikia P. Currie, Program Analyst, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 350, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, or call a non-toll-free number 301–435–0941 or Email your request, including your address to [ProjectClearanceBranch@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ProjectClearanceBranch@mail.nih.gov). Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2021, pages

18994–18995 (86 FR 18994) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The Office of the Director (OD) Office of Policy and Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), National Institutes of Health, may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below.

*Proposed Collection:* Public Health Service (PHS) Post-award Reporting Requirements Including Research Performance Progress Report Collection, Revision, OMB 0925–0002, Expiration Date 2/28/2023, Office of the Director (OD), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

*Need and Use of Information Collection:* This collection is being revised to omit the Inclusion Enrollment