

91. Yvonne Numbia, Gainesville, Georgia, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1605V
92. Feiwu Hu, Flushing, New York, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1606V
93. Rory Garrett, Salt Lake City, Utah, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1609V
94. Jennifer Killpack, Lehi, Utah, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1611V
95. Mary Meadors on behalf of C.F., Indianapolis, Indiana, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1612V
96. Kathleen Dalton, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1613V
97. Tammy Moore, Woodridge, Illinois, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1614V
98. Billy Folds, Opelika, Alabama, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1615V
99. Devon Wilder, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1616V
100. Renee Taylor, College Park, Maryland, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1617V
101. Robert J. Palma, Englewood, New Jersey, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1618V
102. Katherine Ravi, MD, Boston, Massachusetts, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1620V
103. Daniel Hartley, Washington, District of Columbia, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1621V
104. Barbara Arthur, Boston, Massachusetts, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1622V
105. Karin Hampton, Greensboro, North Carolina, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1624V
106. Renee Middleton, Charleston, South Carolina, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1625V
107. Heather McBride, Wheeling, West Virginia, Court of Federal Claims No: 25–1627V

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before March 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier/OMB control number 0945–0008 and title of collection, Assurance of Compliance, Form HHS–690. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

- *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to OCRassuranceofcomplianceform@hhs.gov.
- *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary/Office for Civil Rights, Harold Henderson, Strategic Planning Division Paperwork Reduction Act Official, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office: (202) 868–9407, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of supporting material for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please email Harold Henderson at OCRassuranceofcomplianceform@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (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.

Title of the Collection: Assurance of Compliance, Form HHS–690.

Type of Collection: Revision.

Abstract: This Information Collection Request is for a revision with changes to previously approved collection 0945–0008 that will expire on April 30, 2026, titled: Assurance of Compliance, Form HHS–690, subject to modifications to comply with federal court orders and Executive Orders. The revisions conform the form to E.O. 14168 on “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government” and the court order in *Texas v. Becerra*, No. 6:24–CV–211–JDK, 2024 WL 4490621, at *2 (E.D. Tex. Aug. 30, 2024) (staying nationwide the Section 1557 Final Rule definition of sex discrimination as including “sex characteristics, including intersex traits”; “pregnancy or related conditions”; “sexual orientation”; “gender identity”; and “sex stereotypes”). Such an assurance is required by the federal civil rights laws, conscience, and religious nondiscrimination laws enforced by the Office for Civil Rights. One method that the federal government uses to ensure civil rights compliance is to require covered entities to submit written assurances of compliance when applying for and receiving federal financial assistance. The assurances alert covered entities of their civil rights, conscience, and religious nondiscrimination obligations and provide the Department with a valuable enforcement tool, as a recipient's written assurance and certification documents can provide an independent contractual basis for enforcement of nondiscrimination requirements and can also give rise to a False Claims Act violation. This is for a 3-year request.

The estimated burden follows:

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hours)	Total burden hours
States, certain health care providers, other persons, and entities.	Form HHS–690	8,486	1	4	33,944

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Total		8,486			33,944

Frequency: The Applicant provides this Assurance of Compliance when it applies for or receives new HHS funds.

Catherine Howard,

Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee; Meetings

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 2026 meetings of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC). These meetings include deliberation and voting on proposals for physician-focused payment models (PFPMs) submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities and may include discussions on topics related to current or previously submitted PFPMs. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The 2026 PTAC meetings will occur on the following dates:

- Monday–Tuesday, February 23–24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Monday–Tuesday, June 15–16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Monday–Tuesday, September 14–15, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Tuesday–Wednesday, December 8–9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Please note that times are subject to change. If the times change, the ASPE PTAC website will be updated (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings>).

ADDRESSES: All PTAC meetings will be held virtually or in the Great Hall of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha Clarke, Ph.D., MBA, Designated Federal Officer at Marsha.Clarke@hhs.gov (202) 527–0565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda and Comments. PTAC will hear presentations on proposed PFPMs

that have been submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities and/or discussion on topics related to current or previously submitted PFPMs.

Regarding proposed PFPMs, following each presentation, PTAC will deliberate on the proposed PPFM. If PTAC completes its deliberation, PTAC will vote on the extent to which the proposed PPFM meets criteria established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and on an overall recommendation to the Secretary (if applicable). Time will be allocated for public comments. The agenda and other documents will be posted on the PTAC section of the ASPE website, <https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings>, prior to the meeting. The agenda is subject to change. If the session times change, the ASPE PTAC website will be updated.

Meeting Attendance. These meetings are open to the public and may be hosted in-person or virtually. We intend that in-person meetings will be held in the Great Hall of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building. The public may attend in person, when feasible, virtually, or view the meeting via livestream at www.hhs.gov/live. Information about how to access the meeting virtually or via livestream will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting; and a telephone number will be sent to registrants participating via the dial-in only option prior to the meeting. Space may be limited, and registration is preferred. When registration opens, a link to the registration page will be available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings> prior to the meeting. Registrants will receive a confirmation email shortly after completing the registration process.

Special Accommodations. If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations for a disability are needed, please contact PTAC@hhs.gov at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Authority. 42 U.S.C. 1395(ee); Section 101(e)(1) of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015; Section 51003(b) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. PTAC is governed by provisions of the Federal Advisory

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

Laina Bush,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Science and Data Policy), Performing the Delegable Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Rescission of Guidance on Nondiscrimination Protections Under the Church Amendments

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; rescission of guidance.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order (“E.O.”) 14182, “Enforcing the Hyde Amendment,” to end the forced use of Federal taxpayer dollars to fund or promote elective abortion, and the direction under E.O. 14219, “Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President’s ‘Department Of Government Efficiency’ Deregulatory Initiative,” to rescind or modify “regulations that are based on anything other than the best reading of the underlying statutory authority or prohibition,”¹ the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) hereby rescinds “Guidance on Nondiscrimination Protections under the Church Amendments” issued September 17, 2021.

DATES: This action is effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Christensen, Supervisory Policy

¹ Per Sec. 6 of E.O. 14219, the term “regulation” includes the term “guidance document” as defined in E.O. 13422 of January 18, 2007, Further Amendment to Executive Order 12866 on Regulatory Planning and Review (“‘Guidance document’ means an agency statement of general applicability and future effect, other than a regulatory action, that sets forth a policy on a statutory, regulatory, or technical issue or an interpretation of a statutory or regulatory issue.” E.O. 13422, Sec. 3(g) (Jan. 18, 2007).)