

- (a) Based on the mean hourly wage for Medical and Health Services Managers (11–9111).  
 (b) Based on the mean hourly wage for Chief Executives (11–1011).  
 (c) Based on the mean hourly wages for Computer Programmers (15–1251).

### Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ’s health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 6, 2026.

**Jeffrey Toven,**

*Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10949]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing

collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 11, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier: \_\_/OMB Control Number: \_\_, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection’s supporting statement and associated materials (see

**ADDRESSES**).

Under the 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 requires federal agencies to publish a 60-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.

#### Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* Rural Health Transformation Program Reporting; *Use:* On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed Public Law 119–21, also known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) refers to as the “Working Families Tax Cut” (WFTC) legislation, into law. The legislation authorized the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program, marking a significant federal investment of up to \$50 billion over five years and is designed to empower as many as 50 State awardees to catalyze transformative improvements within their rural healthcare ecosystems. The principal objective is to enhance healthcare access, quality, and outcomes through innovative, system-wide change, thereby investing in the health of rural communities for future generations.

Funding for approved State awardees is determined through a formal scoring and allocation process. The financial architecture of the program is composed of two primary streams: baseline funding, distributed equally among all awardees, and performance-based workload funding, which is allocated based on the scoring of specific rural and technical score factors within each State’s application and their subsequent annual performance.

To ensure continued eligibility and funding, State awardees must adhere to

key program requirements, including the submission of annual and quarterly reports. CMS will re-calculate each approved State's technical score and corresponding Workload funding amount for each subsequent budget period based on the information and data the approved State provides in the required annual reporting each year. In these reports, States will provide updates on programmatic milestones, report on performance and evaluation metrics, and detail the expenditure of funds. *Form Number:* CMS-10949 (OMB control number: 0938-TBD); *Frequency:* Quarterly and yearly; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 200; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,950. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Anthony (Tony) DiFondi at 215-861-4318.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0154]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Income Withholding for Support**

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend approval of the Income Withholding for Support (IWO), with changes, for an additional three years. The current OMB approval expires August 31, 2026.

**DATES:** *Comments due* May 11, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing [InfoCollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:InfoCollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The IWO is the required, standard form used to order, and notify, employers and income providers to

withhold child support payments from an obligor's income. It is also used to notify employers and other income providers where to remit the payments, as well as other information needed to correctly withhold payments so that children and families receive the support to which they are entitled.

OCSE revised the IWO form to add checkboxes pertaining to detail for the respondent to check, if applicable; revised links; clarified language and definitions; changed Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) to OCSE; and added fields, such as a daily pay amount, to the record specifications.

*Respondents:* Courts, private attorneys, custodial parties, or their representatives, employers, and other entities that provide income to noncustodial parents.

*Annual Burden Estimates:* The burden estimates were updated to reflect current estimates for the annual number of respondents and responses over the next three years. The burden reduction accounts for decreases in the number of new hire reports submitted and decreases in the number of proactive matches generated from the Federal Case Registry for participants in child support cases. Additionally, more employers using electronic IWO (e-IWO) has decreased the burden with processing paper documents. Response times also reflect clearer instructions. Estimated burden was added to account for the time states will need to update programming as a result of proposed changes, but overall, the ongoing total estimated annual burden associated with this information collection has been reduced by 30 percent.

Information collection title	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Income withholding for Support (Courts, private attorneys, custodial parties or their representatives).	3,439,580	1	5 minutes .....	286,632
Income withholding for Support of employment/income status (Employers and other income withholders).	1,214,289	5.23	2 minutes .....	211,691
Electronic income withholding for Support/termination of employment/income status (Employers and other income withholders).	48,978	41.56	30 seconds ..	16,963
State Programming .....	18	1	534 .....	9,612
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....	.....	.....	.....	524,898

*Comments:* 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.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(1), (a)(8), and (b)(6).

**Mary C. Jones,**  
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