

III. Evaluation of Request

DNV submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for continued approval of its hospital Medicare-equivalent accreditation program. This application was determined to be complete on February 28, 2026. Under section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 (Application and re-application procedures for national accrediting organizations), our review and evaluation of DNV will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- An assessment of the equivalency of DNV’s standards for hospitals as compared with CMS’ hospital CoPs.
- An assessment of DNV’s survey process.
- The comparability of DNV’s processes to those of state agencies, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.
- DNV’s processes and procedures for monitoring a hospital found out of compliance with DNV’s program requirements.
- DNV’s capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility’s plan of correction in a timely manner.
- DNV’s capacity to provide CMS with information extracted from each accreditation survey for a specified provider or supplier as part of its data submissions.
- An assessment of DNV’s financial viability.
- DNV’s agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require (including corrective action plans).

IV. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

V. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Mehmet Oz, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Vanessa Garcia, who is the **Federal Register Liaison**, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Vanessa Garcia,
Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–0033]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Office of Refugee Resettlement Annual Survey of Refugees

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks an extension to the existing data collection for the Annual Survey of Refugees (ASR) (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–0033; Expiration Date: October 30, 2026) through 2027. The ASR is a yearly sample survey of refugee households entering the U.S. in the previous 5 fiscal years (FYs). There are no changes currently requested to the form, but ACF

intends to submit a revision request in 2027 for future annual requests.

DATES: *Comments due* June 8, 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. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Data from the ASR are used to meet the Office of Refugee Resettlement’s (ORR) congressional reporting requirements, as set forth in the Refugee Act of 1980, section 413(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. ORR makes survey findings available to the public and uses findings for the purposes of program planning, policy-making, and budgeting. There are no changes to the survey. Information collection materials will be translated into 20 languages. ACF acknowledges that English is the official language and authoritative version of all federal information and will note this on the translated material.

This request is for an extension to allow ORR to complete the 2025 ASR and to field the 2026 ASR. Changes to the 2025 ASR, which is currently in process, at this time would be problematic for data quality and cost efficiencies. Maintaining the current survey safeguards compliance with congressional requirements, preserves the validity of the data, and avoids operational disruptions that could undermine the completion and credibility of the 2025 ASR. There are ongoing efforts to test the feasibility of an online survey and based on the findings of these tests, revisions will be proposed to the ASR that are expected to reduce burden. While those efforts are completed and integrated for future years, ORR proposes to use the current version of the ASR for 2025 and 2026. A revision request will be submitted in 2027 to implement changes.

Respondents: The ASR secures a nationally representative sample of refugee households arriving in the United States in the previous 5 FYs.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Introduction Letter and Postcard	1,500	1	.05	75

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES—Continued

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Annual Survey of Refugees	1,500	1	.83	1,245
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				1,320

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: Section 413 [8 U.S.C. 1523].)

Mary C. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0060]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance, is requesting to reinstate the Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (LIHEAP Household Report; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0060). The current OMB expiration date is March 31, 2026. Submission of the completed report is one requirement for LIHEAP grant

recipients applying for federal LIHEAP block grant funds; the next report is due September 2026. OCS proposes changes to reduce the number of items requested and, therefore, related administrative and reporting burden.

DATES: Comments due June 8, 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. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are required by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624, sec. 2610) to report statistics for the previous federal fiscal year on the following:

- Assisted and applicant households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source;
- Assisted households receiving nominal payments of \$50 or less, by funding source;
- Assisted households receiving only utility payment assistance, by funding source; this information will automatically be transferred to the grant recipient’s Performance Data Form;
- Assisted households, regardless of the type(s) of LIHEAP assistance or funding source, excluding households that only receive nominal payments of \$50 or less;
- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, having at least one vulnerable member who is at least 60 years or older, disabled, or 5 years old or younger;
- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, with at least one member age 2 years or under;
- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, with at least one member ages 3 years through 5 years;
- Assisted households, regardless of the type(s) of LIHEAP assistance or

funding source, having at least one member 60 years or older, disabled, or 5 years old or younger.

Indian tribal grant recipients are required to submit data only on the number of households, by funding source, receiving heating, cooling, energy crisis, and/or weatherization benefits. To account for this difference, tribal grant recipients use the Annual LIHEAP Household Report.

Short Format

The information is being collected for the department’s annual LIHEAP report to Congress. The data also provides information about the need for LIHEAP funds. Finally, the data are used in the calculation of LIHEAP performance measures under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. The data elements will allow for the accuracy of measuring LIHEAP targeting performance and LIHEAP cost efficiency.

OCS proposes revisions to reduce the administrative burden and length of form. The proposed revisions include the following:

- Remove reporting requirements related to sex, race, and ethnicity, which are not required for statutory LIHEAP reporting or performance measurement.
- Remove data elements associated with supplemental LIHEAP funding provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, as these funding sources have expired and are no longer applicable to ongoing program operations.

Additionally, OCS proposes to adjust the burden estimates to no longer account for burden at the household level. This report is an administrative request for grant recipients, and the LIHEAP statute gives grant recipients flexibility on how they collect household data.

Overall, these targeted changes reduce respondent burden, improve clarity of reporting instruments, and ensure the collection remains focused on current statutory and programmatic requirements.

Respondents: State governments, tribal governments, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.