

records, consisting of these data elements: last name, middle initial, first name, and date of birth. CMS will not send any data about individual applicants/enrollees to the Peace Corps in order to receive this data about Peace Corps volunteers.

System(s) of Records

A. System of Records Maintained by CMS

The applicable CMS system of records is CMS Health Insurance Exchanges System (HIX), CMS System No. 09–70–0560, last published in full at 78 FR 63211 (Oct. 23, 2013), as amended at 83 FR 6591 (Feb. 14, 2018).

B. System of Records Maintained by the Peace Corps

The applicable Peace Corps system of records is PC–17 Peace Corps, Volunteer Applicant and Service Records System, last published in full at 50 FR 1950 (Jan. 14, 1985) and partially amended at 65 FR 63641 (Oct. 24, 2000), 72 FR 44878 (Aug. 9, 2007), 75 FR 53000 (Aug. 30, 2010), and 79 FR 41599 (July 16, 2014).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)

AGENCY: Children's Bureau, 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) is requesting a revision of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–0422, expiration June 30, 2026). Sixty-two data elements have been added to AFCARS, per a December 2024 final rule. This has increased the burden for reporting for state child welfare agencies only.

DATES: Comments due July 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202606-0970-022. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: State and tribal title IV–E agencies are required to report AFCARS case-level information on all children in foster care and children who have been adopted or placed in a guardianship with title IV–E agency involvement. The data includes information about children who enter foster care, their entries and exits, placement details, and foster/adoptive parent information. The data collected will inform policy decisions, program management, and responses to Congressional and Departmental inquiries. Specifically, the data are used for short/long-term budget projections, trend analysis, child and family service

reviews, and to target areas for improved technical assistance.

AFCARS regulation (45 CFR part 1355.40) recently underwent a revision with a final rule in December 2024 (89 FR 96569), which added 62 data elements to require state title IV–E child welfare agency reporting of more detailed information related to the Indian Child Welfare Act's procedural protections. This increased the reporting burden for states only. This request is for public comment on the burden calculations. It does not seek comment on the data elements that have been through the rulemaking process.

Respondents: Title IV–E State and Tribal Child Welfare Agencies

Annual Burden Estimates

In the currently approved information collection, burden was displayed in sum for state and tribal recordkeeping activities. To more clearly document estimated burden per respondent type after the recent addition of elements for states, this request breaks the recordkeeping burden out by respondent. The estimated time per response for tribes remains the same while the estimated time per response for states increased from 8,538 to 9,036 hours per response.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
State Recordkeeping	53	2	9,035.97	957,813
Tribe Recordkeeping	17	2	8,538	290,292
Reporting	70	2	17	2,380
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				1,250,485

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 679; 45 CFR part 1355.40

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