

making process for the purposes of deemed status.

- Survey processes to confirm that they are comparable to the State agencies' survey processes and the AO can adequately assess whether a provider or supplier, meets or exceeds the Medicare program requirements.
- The composition of the survey team.
- Procedures for monitoring accredited HHAs that have been found to be out of compliance with the AO's program requirements.
- The AO's ability to report deficiencies to the surveyed HHA and respond to the HHA's plan of correction in a timely manner.
- Verification of the AO's agreement to provide us 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. Analysis of and Responses to Public Comments on the Proposed Notice

In accordance with section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the April 3, 2026, proposed notice solicited public comments regarding whether The Joint Commission's requirements met or exceeded the Medicare conditions of participation (CoPs) for HHAs. No comments were received in response to our proposed notice.

V. Provisions of the Final Notice

A. Differences Between The Joint Commission's Standards and Requirements for Accreditation and Medicare Conditions and Survey Requirements

We assessed The Joint Commission's HHA accreditation requirements and survey process in comparison to the Medicare CoPs in part 484, and the survey and certification process requirements in parts 488 and 489 of our rules. Our review and evaluation of The Joint Commission's HHA application, which was conducted as described in section III. of this final notice, yielded no findings, as of the date of this notice, that required The Joint Commission to revise their application.

B. Term of Approval

Based on our review and observations described in sections III., IV., and V. of this final notice, we approve The Joint

Commission as a national accreditation organization for HHAs that request participation in the Medicare program. The decision announced in this final notice is effective March 31, 2026 through March 31, 2032 (6 years). In accordance with § 488.5(e)(2)(i), the term of the approval will not exceed 6 years.

VI. Collection of Information and Regulatory Impact Statement

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.*).

The Administrator of CMS, Mehmet Oz, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Chyana Woodyard, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Chyana Woodyard,
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 #:0970–0154]

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; 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* August 10, 2026.
ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202607-0970-002. 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: 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 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	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Income withholding order/notice (Courts, private attorneys, custodial parties or their representatives)	3,439,580	1	0.083	285,485

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Income withholding orders/termination of employment/income status (Employers and other income withholders)	1,214,289	5.23	0.033	209,574
Electronic income withholding orders/termination of employment/income status (Employers and other income withholders)	48,978	41.56	0.008	16,284
State Programming	18	1	534	9,612
Estimated Annual Burden Total				520,955

We are also requesting to extend approval of the currently approved IWO for one additional year to allow states to program their systems to accommodate the proposed changes to the form, sample form, instructions, and e-IWO Record Layout. Once the system is programmed, states will then be required to use the revised version of the IWO and e-IWO.

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

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 #: 0970-0519]

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center Evaluation Package

AGENCY: Office on Trafficking in Persons, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting to reinstate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an information collection, with proposed changes: National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) Evaluation Package (OMB #: 0970-

0519). The OMB number was discontinued due to delays in publishing the first **Federal Register** Notice. Data collection has been put on hold until this information collection is reinstated.

DATES: *Comments due* August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202607-0970-003. 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: OTIP's NHTTAC delivers training and technical assistance (T/TA) to inform and deliver a public health response to trafficking. In applying a public health approach, NHTTAC builds the capacity of professionals, organizations, and communities to identify and respond to the complex needs of all individuals who have experienced trafficking or who have increased risk for trafficking and address the root causes that put individuals, families, and communities at risk of trafficking. These efforts ultimately help improve the availability and delivery of coordinated and trauma-informed services before, during, and after an individual's trafficking exploitation.

NHTTAC hosts a variety of services, programs, and facilitated T/TA sessions to improve service provision to people who have experienced trafficking or who have increased risk factors for trafficking, including the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness training; specialized T/TA; NHTTAC Customer Support; and information through resources and materials about trafficking. This

information collection is intended to collect feedback from participants to assess a diverse range of T/TA provided by NHTTAC. Revisions have been made in order to reduce respondent burden where applicable. Additionally, since this collection was last renewed, the SOAR Demonstration Grant Program went into effect. The program's goal is to fund the implementation of SOAR trainings and related capacity building efforts to identify, treat, and respond to clients who have experienced human trafficking in healthcare settings. Feedback from SOAR Demonstration Grant Program recipients who participate in NHTTAC SOAR offerings is obtained through instruments approved within this NHTTAC Evaluation Package (0970-0519). Burden estimates have been adjusted to account for these SOAR Demonstration Grant Program participants where applicable.

Respondents: NHTTAC T/TA participants include OTIP grant recipients, including SOAR Demonstration Grant program recipients, individuals with lived experience, professionals who interact with and provide services to individuals who have experienced trafficking or are at risk of trafficking, including healthcare, behavioral health, public health, and human service practitioners, organizations, and communities.

Respondents: NHTTAC T/TA participants include OTIP grant recipients, including SOAR Demonstration Grant program recipients, individuals with lived experience, professionals who interact with and provide services to individuals who have experienced trafficking or are at risk of trafficking, including healthcare, behavioral health, public health, and human service practitioners, organizations, and communities.