DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

30-Day Submission Period for Requests for ONC-Approved Accreditor (ONC-AA) Status

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 30-day period for submission of requests for ONC-Approved Accreditor (ONC-AA) status.

DATES: The 30-day submission period begins February 7, 2017 and will end on March 9, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Morton, Director, ONC Health IT Certification Program, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), 202–690–7151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 45 CFR 170.503(f)(2), an ONC-Approved Accreditor’s (ONC-AA’s) status will expire not later than 3 years from the date its status was granted by the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (National Coordinator), The American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI’s) status as the ONC-AA for certifying bodies under the ONC Health IT Certification Program will expire on June 6, 2017. To ensure the continuity of the accreditation process and the ongoing responsibilities of the ONC-AA under the ONC Health IT Certification Program, we are seeking requests for ONC-AA status for the 3-year term that would follow the term of the current ONC-AA (ANSI). Accordingly, this notice is issued pursuant to § 170.503(b), which requires the National Coordinator to publish a notice in the Federal Register to announce the 30-day period during which requests for ONC-AA status may be submitted. In order to be considered for ONC-AA status, an accreditation organization must submit a written request to the National Coordinator that includes the information required by § 170.503(b) within the 30-day period specified in this notice. Section 170.503(b) requires an accreditation organization to submit the following information to demonstrate its ability to serve as an ONC-AA:

(1) A detailed description of the accreditation organization’s conformance to ISO/IEC17011:2004 (incorporated by reference in § 170.599) and experience evaluating the conformance of certification bodies to ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 (incorporated by reference in § 170.599);

(2) A detailed description of the accreditation organization’s accreditation requirements, as well as how those requirements would complement the Principles of Proper Conduct for ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies (ONC-ACBs) and ensure the surveillance approaches used by ONC-ACBs include the use of consistent, objective, valid, and reliable methods;

(3) Detailed information on the accreditation organization’s procedures that would be used to monitor ONC-ACBs;

(4) Detailed information, including education and experience, about the key personnel who review organizations for accreditation; and

(5) Procedures for responding to, and investigating, complaints against ONC-ACBs.

Requests for ONC-AA status may be submitted by email to ONC-AA@hhs.gov and should include “Request for ONC-AA Status” in the subject line. Alternatively, requests for ONC-AA status may be submitted by regular or express mail to: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Attention: ONC Health IT Certification Program—Request for ONC-AA Status, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201. In accordance with § 170.505, the official date of receipt of an email submission will be the date on which it was sent, and the official date of a submission by regular or express mail will be the date of the delivery confirmation. To clarify, email submissions may be sent up to and through 11:59 p.m. EST on the last day of the submission period. Additional information about requesting ONC-AA status and the ONC Health IT Certification Program can be found on the ONC Web site at: http://healthit.gov/certification.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 300jj–11.

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Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is for a new collection. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public on this ICR during the review and approval period.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before March 9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information Collection Clearance staff, Information Collection Clearance@hhs.gov or (202) 690–5683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the Information Collection Request Title and document identifier 0990–New–30D for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Evaluating Supporting Nursing Moms at Work.

Abstract: The HHS Office on Women’s Health (OWH) is seeking approval by OMB on a new Information Collection Request. A Section of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires employers to provide basic breastfeeding accommodations for nursing mothers at work. These include a functional space, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and intrusion from coworkers and reasonable break time for women to express milk. OWH implemented outreach to businesses and industries across the nation to determine perceived barriers to compliance to this requirement, and became acutely aware of the sparse amount of information and resources that target worksite lactation needs and challenges of these employers.

Based upon these findings, in June, 2014, the HHS Office on Women’s
Health (OWH) launched a national initiative to provide information, education and resources to employers on how to best support the needs of their nursing employees upon their return to the workplace. OWH particularly targeted challenging work environments. Supporting Nursing Moms at Work: Employer Solutions was developed as an on-line, searchable, solutions-oriented resource, housed on the OWH Web site, (www.womenshealth.gov). This resource features over 200 individual business profiles from companies in more than 34 U.S. States and demonstrates use of innovative methods and strategies to overcome time and space challenges.

OWH has contracted with LTG Associates to conduct formative research to evaluate the effectiveness, utility and impact of this on-line lactation worksite resource and to heighten visibility and identify opportunities for effective dissemination.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Information from the data collection will be used to update, integrate current issues and expand the on-line resource, “Supporting Nursing Mothers at Work: Employer Solutions,” housed on www.womenshealth.gov. Content to this on-line resource will be adjusted as necessary.

Likely Respondents: There are three primary audiences: Human resources managers, employers/supervisors of women who expressed breast milk at work; and employees—women who currently express or previously expressed milk at work.

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OS specifically requests comments on (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.

Terry S. Clark,
Asst Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Full Committee Meeting.

Dates and times: Wednesday, February 22, 2017: 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 23, 2017: 8:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m.


Status: Open.

Purpose: At the February 22–23, 2017 meeting, the Committee will hear presentations, hold discussions on several health data policy topics, and receive updates from the Department, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the National Center for Health Statistics. On the first day, the Committee will focus on two items ready for action: A recommendation letter that addresses de-identification of protected health information under HIPAA, and “Measuring Health at the Community Level: Data Gaps and Opportunities,” a workshop summary and overview of the NCVHS Measurement Framework for Community Health and Well-Being effort. The Committee will review and discuss draft materials of work in progress including the NCVHS 12th Report to Congress, an analytic review of HealthData.gov, and plans for hearings in June 2017 focused on standards. On the second day, the Committee will continue to focus on planning efforts being organized by the Standards Subcommittee, planning efforts for a Fall 2017 hearing on vital statistics in the U.S., and follow-up items on actions from the previous day. Staff from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will give a briefing on its Social Security Number Removal Initiative, and the Committee will engage in additional strategic discussions regarding its work plan and areas of focus for 2017.

The times and topics are subject to change. Please refer to the posted agenda for any updates.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information may be obtained from Rebecca Hines, MHS, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4715. Summaries of meetings and a roster of Committee members are available on the home page of the NCVHS Web site: http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/, where further information including an agenda and instructions to access the audio broadcast of the meetings will also be posted.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (770) 488–3210 as soon as possible.

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