

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program In-School Worksheets (New)

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program was established to help alleviate the geographical and specialty maldistribution of physicians and other health practitioners in the United States. Under this program, health professional students are offered scholarships in return for services in a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). If awarded an NHSC Scholarship, the Program requires the schools and the awardees to review and complete data collection worksheets for each year that the student is a NHSC Scholar.

The Data Sheet requests that the NHSC Scholar review the form for the

accuracy of information such as social security number, contact information, current curriculum, and date of graduation. If the information is inaccurate, the scholar makes the necessary changes directly on the form. If the inaccurate information pertains to the curriculum or date of graduation, the scholar will make changes directly on the form and include written notification from the school.

The Verification Sheet is sent to the school along with a list of the NHSC scholars who are enrolled for the current academic year. The schools verify and/or correct the enrollment status of each of the scholars on the list.

The Contact Sheet requests contact information for pertinent school officials. This information is used by the NHSC Scholarship Program for future contacts with the schools.

The estimated burden is as follows:

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Data Sheet	800	1	10 mins	134
Verification Sheet	300	1	10 mins	50
Contact Sheet	550	1	10 mins	92
Total	1,350			276

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on

proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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) 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: An Evaluation of PASRR and Mental Health Services for Persons in Nursing Facilities—New

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services is sponsoring an assessment of the effectiveness of the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program, which is a required component of every State's Medicaid plan. Data will be collected from administrators and staff in 24 nursing facilities in four states (six facilities per state). In addition, data will be collected from a total of 100 residents of nursing facilities in two of the states. Data collection for this evaluation will be conducted over a 4-month period.

Nursing facility variables of interest include the following: availability of mental health services; change in condition procedures; alternative placement procedures; and experience with PASRR. Variables of interest for the nursing facility residents include: mental health symptomatology, functioning, and mental health service access. Data will be entered and managed electronically. The total estimated respondent burden is summarized in the table below.