

information request collection title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Small Rural Hospital Transition Project (SRHT), OMB No. 0906-0026—Extension.

*Abstract:* Under Section 330A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c), the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) funds grant programs supporting expanding access to, coordinating, restraining the cost of, and improving the quality of essential health care services in rural and frontier communities. Small rural hospitals are facing many challenges in the new health care environment including the concurrent need to better measure and account for quality of care in all settings, improve transitions of care as patients move from one care setting to another, the evolution of new payment approaches such as value-based purchasing, and new approaches to care delivery such as accountable care organizations (ACO) and patient-centered medical homes. Success in this new environment will require bridging the gaps between the current system and the newly emerging system of healthcare delivery and payment. Because little is known about how these new models might impact rural communities, there is a need to help hospitals understand and consider those factors that would make them logical

participants in health care systems that focus on quality, rather than the quantity of care provided to patients. The Small Rural Hospital Transition (SRHT), also funded by Section 330A, assists small rural hospitals facing these challenges. The purpose of the project is to provide on-site technical assistance to nine small rural hospitals residing in persistent poverty counties. Technical assistance is provided in the areas of: (1) Conducting financial assessments, (2) creating a quality-focused environment, (3) aligning services to community need, and (4) to the extent that financial and quality core areas have been stabilized, providing assistance to help recipients of technical assistance consider factors that would make them logical participants in health care systems that focus on value (e.g., ACOs, shared savings programs, and primary care medical homes).

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* This information collection request consists of two forms: The SRHT Online Application and the Assessment. The application form is designed to solicit information that will be scored and ranked to aid in the selection of nine small rural hospitals to receive on-site technical assistance. The assessment determines applicant capacity in specific key areas leading to performance excellence across the

organization (e.g., leadership, strategic planning, operations, and processes).

*Likely Respondents:* The likely respondents are small rural hospitals located in a rural community. Hospitals must be (1) rural, as defined by FORHP and reside in a persistent poverty county or (2) reside in the rural census tract of a metro county (non-rural county) that is also a persistent poverty county and have 49 staffed beds or less as reported on the hospital's most recently filed Medicare Cost Report. Hospitals may be for-profit or not-for-profit.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total
SRHT Online Application .....	30	1	30	.50	15.0
Assessment: Performance Excellence for Rural Hospitals	30	1	30	.25	7.5
Total .....	* 30	.....	60	.....	22.5

\* The same individuals complete the SRHT Online Application and the Assessment for a total of 30 respondents.

*HRSA 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Solicitation of Nominations for Membership To Serve on the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT). ACOT shall:

- (1) Advise the Secretary, acting through the HRSA Administrator, on all aspects of organ donation, procurement, allocation, and transplantation, and on such other matters that the Secretary determines;
- (2) advise the Secretary on federal efforts to maximize the number of deceased donor organs made available for transplantation and to support the safety of living organ donation;
- (3) at the request of the Secretary, review significant proposed Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) policies submitted for the Secretary's approval to recommend whether they should be made enforceable; and
- (4) provide expert input to the Secretary on the latest advances in the science of

transplantation, the OPTN's system of collecting, disseminating, and ensuring the validity, accuracy, timeliness, and usefulness of data, and additional medical, public health, patient safety, ethical, legal, financial coverage, social science, and socioeconomic issues that are relevant to transplantation.

**Authority:** As provided by 42 CFR 121.12, the Secretary established ACOT. ACOT is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

**DATES:** Written nominations for membership on the ACOT will be received continuously.

**ADDRESSES:** Nomination packages must be submitted to the Executive Secretary, ACOT, Healthcare Systems Bureau, HRSA, Room 08W60, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Federal Express, Airborne, UPS, etc., mail delivery should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation, Healthcare Systems Bureau, HRSA, at the above address, or sent via email to: [ACOTHRSA@hrsa.gov](mailto:ACOTHRSA@hrsa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Walsh, Executive Secretary, ACOT, at (301) 443-6839 or email [rwalsh@hrsa.gov](mailto:rwalsh@hrsa.gov). A copy of the ACOT charter and list of current membership may be accessed through the ACOT website at <https://www.organdonor.gov/about-dot/acot.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ACOT was established by the Amended Final Rule of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) (42 CFR part 121) and, by Public Law 92-463, was chartered on September 1, 2000. ACOT meets up to three times during the fiscal year.

**Nominations:** HRSA is requesting nominations for voting members to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) on ACOT. The Secretary appoints ACOT SGEs with the expertise needed to fulfill the duties of the committee. HRSA is seeking nominees knowledgeable in such fields as deceased and living organ donation, health care public policy, transplantation medicine and surgery, critical care medicine and other medical specialties involved in the identification and referral of donors, non-physician transplant professions, nursing, epidemiology, immunology, law and bioethics, behavioral sciences, economics, and statistics. HRSA is also seeking transplant candidates, transplant recipients, living organ donors, and family members of deceased and living organ donors to

serve as members. SGEs shall not serve while they are also serving on the OPTN Board of Directors. Interested applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by another individual or organization.

Individuals selected for appointment to ACOT will be invited to serve for up to 4 years. Members appointed as SGEs receive a stipend and reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses incurred for attending ACOT meetings and/or conducting other business on behalf of ACOT, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703 of the Federal Travel Regulation for persons employed intermittently in government service.

The following information must be included in the package of materials submitted for each individual being nominated for consideration: (1) A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, what specific attributes, perspectives, and/or skills does the individual possess that would benefit the workings of ACOT), and the nominee's field(s) of expertise; (2) a biographical sketch of the nominee; (3) the name, address, daytime telephone number, and email address at which the nominator can be contacted; and (4) a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Nomination packages may be submitted directly by the individual being nominated or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

HRSA will try to ensure that ACOT membership of is balanced in terms of points of view represented. Accordingly, the Agency will consider for membership individuals from broad and diverse backgrounds, representing various geographic areas, gender, ethnic, and minority groups, as well as individuals with disabilities. Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

Individuals selected to be considered for appointment will be required to provide detailed information regarding their financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts. Disclosure of this information is required for HRSA ethics officials to determine whether there is a conflict between the SGE's public duties as a member of ACOT and their private interests, including an appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by federal laws and regulations, and to identify

any required remedial action needed to address the potential conflict.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), is providing notice of a re-established matching program between HHS/ACF/OCSE and state agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The matching program compares state SNAP agency records with new hire, quarterly wage, and unemployment insurance information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). The outcomes of the comparisons help state agencies with establishing or verifying eligibility for applicants and recipients of SNAP benefits; reducing SNAP benefit errors; and, maintaining program integrity.

**DATES:** The deadline for comments on this notice is July 22, 2019. The re-established matching program will commence not sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice, provided no comments are received that warrant a change to this notice. The matching program will be conducted for an initial term of 18 months (from approximately August 16, 2019 through February 15, 2021) and, within three months of expiration, may be renewed for one additional year if the parties make no change to the matching program and certify that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit written comments on this notice to Linda Boyer, Director, Division of Federal Systems, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, by email at [linda.boyer@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:linda.boyer@acf.hhs.gov), or by mail at Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C St. SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20201. Comments received will be available for