

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Title VI Program Performance Report (OMB Control Number 0985–0007)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on a proposed extension without change information collection and solicits comments on the information collection requirements related to the Title VI Program Performance Report (OMB Control Number 0985–0007).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by December 26, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: evaluation@acl.hhs.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Public Comment OMB Control Number 0985–0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Cash@acl.hhs.gov at 202–795–7369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of

information they conduct or sponsor. A Collection of information includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. The PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of ACL’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including using automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

A Program Performance Report on activities under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA) is necessary for the Administration of Community Living (ACL) to monitor federal funds effectively and to be informed as to the progress of the programs. Grantees are required to submit an annual Program Performance Report to allow for efficient federal monitoring.

The OAA states that an applicant for a grant under Title VI Part A, Indian Program, shall “provide that the tribal organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary

may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to assure the correctness of such reports.” The OAA also states that an applicant for a grant under Title VI Part B, Native Hawaiian Program, shall “provide that the organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to ensure the correctness of such reports.” An applicant for a grant under Title VI Part C, Native American Caregiver Support Program must also prepare and submit reports on the data and records, including information on the services funded by ACL. A combined Program Performance Report form is used for reporting by grantees under Parts A, B and C. The regulations at 45 CFR 92.40(b)(1) provide that “grantees shall submit annual performance reports unless the awarding agency requires quarterly or semiannual reports.”

The Program Performance Report provides a data base for ACL to: (1) monitor program achievement of performance objectives; (2) establish program policy and direction; and (3) prepare responses to Congress, the OMB, other federal departments, and public and private agencies as required by the OAA. If ACL did not collect the program data herein requested, it would not be able to monitor and manage total program progress as expected, nor develop program policy options directed toward assuring the most effective use of limited Title VI funds.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL website for review at <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

Estimated Program Burden: The burden estimate is specific to the type of work done by the grantees that use this reporting format; ACL estimates it takes 20 hours to complete the Title VI PPR.

With 282 respondents taking 20 hours per performance report, annual burden hour totals 5,640 hours.

Respondent/data collection activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
Title VI PPR	282	1	20	5,640
Total	5,640

Dated: October 20, 2023.

Alison Barkoff,

Senior official performing the duties of the Administrator and the Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Client Contact Forms OMB Control Number 0985–0040

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the proposed Revision for the information collection requirements related to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Client Contact Forms OMB Control Number 0985–0040.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by December 26, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: Katherine.Glendenning@acl.hhs.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Katherine Glendenning.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Glendenning at Katherine.Glendenning@acl.hhs.gov, or (202) 795–7350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined as and includes agency requests or

requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. The PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(3) Accuracy of ACL’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine burden estimates; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The purpose of this data collection is to collect performance data from grantees, grantee team members and partners. Congress requires this data collection for program monitoring and Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) purposes. This data collection allows ACL to communicate with Congress and the public on the SHIP, the SMP program, and the Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act (MIPPA) program. The SHIP, SMP, and MIPPA programs are located in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In order to ensure that grantees report activity accurately and consistently, it is imperative that these data collection tools remain active. The respondents for this data collection are grantees, grantee team members, and partners who meet with Medicare beneficiaries and older adults’ in-group settings and in one-on-one sessions to educate them on Medicare enrollment, Medicare benefits and subsidy programs, the importance of being aware of Medicare fraud, error and abuse, and having the knowledge to protect the Medicare system.

Authorizing Legislation

Section 4360(f) of OBRA 1990 created the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and requires the Secretary to provide a series of reports to the U.S. Congress on the performance of the SHIP program annually. The law also requires ACL to report on the program’s impact on beneficiaries and to obtain important feedback from beneficiaries. This tool captures the information and data necessary for ACL to meet these Congressional requirements, as well as, capturing performance data on individual grantees providing ACL essential insight for monitoring and technical assistance purposes. In addition, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), initially passed in 2008, provided targeted funding for the SHIPs, area agencies on aging (AAAs), and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) to conduct re enrollment assistance to Medicare beneficiaries for the Limited Income Subsidy (LIS) and Medicare Savings Program (MSP). These activities, collectively known as the MIPPA Program, have been funded nearly annually through a series of funding or extenders bills (Pub. L. 110–275 as amended by Pub. L. 111–148; Pub. L. 113–67; Pub. L. 113–93; Pub. L. 114–10; Pub. L. 115–123; and Pub. L. 116–59). Public Law 116–136, div. A, title III, section 3803(a), Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 428, extended funding for MIPPA through November 30, 2020. This tool also collects performance and outcome data on the MIPPA Program providing ACL necessary information for monitoring and oversight.

Under Public Law 104–208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, Congress established the Senior Medicare Patrol Projects in order to further curb losses to the Medicare program.

The Senate Committee noted that retired professionals, with appropriate training, could serve as educators and resources to assist Medicare beneficiaries and others to detect and report errors, fraud and abuse.

Among other requirements, it directed the ACL to work with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to assess the performance of the program. The ACL employs this tool to collect performance and outcome data on the SMP Program necessary information for monitoring and oversight. ACL has shared this data and worked with HHS/OIG to develop SMP performance measures.