

#### IV. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of public comments, we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

#### V. Regulatory Impact Analysis

We have examined the impacts of this notice with comment period as required by Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review"; Executive Order 13132, "Federalism"; Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review"; Executive Order 14192, "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation"; the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (Pub. L. 96-354); section 1102(b) of the Social Security Act; and section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4).

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select those regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts). Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 defines a "significant regulatory action" as any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, or the President's priorities.

The RFA requires agencies to analyze options for regulatory relief of small entities, if a rule has a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. We are not preparing an analysis for the RFA because we have determined, and the Secretary certifies, that this notice with comment period is not subject to the RFA.

In addition, section 1102(b) of the Act requires us to prepare an RIA if a rule

may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. We are not preparing an analysis for section 1102(b) of the Act because we have determined, and the Secretary certifies, that this notice with comment period is not subject to section 1102(b).

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule whose mandates require spending in any 1 year of \$100 million in 1995 dollars, updated annually for inflation. In 2026, that threshold is approximately \$193 million. This notice with comment period does not mandate any requirements for State, local, or tribal governments, or for the private sector. Accordingly, the requirements of section 202 of UMRA do not apply.

Executive Order 13132 establishes certain requirements that an agency must meet when it promulgates a proposed rule (and subsequent final rule) that imposes substantial direct requirement costs on State and local governments, preempts State law, or otherwise has Federalism implications. This notice with comment period does not have a substantial direct effect on State or local governments, preempt States, or otherwise have a Federalism implication.

Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, approved this document on April 14, 2026.

**Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,**

*Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration for Children and Families

[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0618]

##### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Chafee Strengthening Outcomes for Transition to Adulthood Project Overarching Generic (Extension)

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office of

Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a revision of a previously approved overarching generic clearance to collect data on programs serving youth transitioning out of foster care as part of the Chafee Strengthening Outcomes for Transition to Adulthood Project. The generic mechanism will allow ACF to conduct rapid-cycle evaluations that would not otherwise be feasible under the timelines associated with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. The purpose of these data collections submitted under the generic will be to inform ACF programming by building evidence about what works to improve outcomes for the target population and to identify innovative learning methods that address common evaluation challenges. Revisions are proposed to focus this generic on a subset of types of requests that had been originally proposed.

**DATES:** *Comments due June 29, 2026.*

**ADDRESSES:** In compliance with the requirements of PRA, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing [opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Description:* To continue activities begun under the previously approved umbrella generic ([https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref\\_nbr=202502-0970-044](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202502-0970-044)), OPRE intends to conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of program services and components in improving outcomes for youth and young adults transitioning out of foster care. To address challenges identified in previous studies, the ongoing evaluations use innovative methods tailored to each participating program, including rapid cycle learning techniques that require an iterative approach. Due to the rapid and iterative nature of this work, OPRE requested and received approval in 2023 for a generic clearance to conduct this research. Intended use of the resulting data is to identify practices and program components that have the potential to improve the delivery and/or quality of services administered by human service programs and agencies in the areas of child welfare and independent living services for youth and young adults with foster care experience. Potential data collection efforts include conducting interviews, focus groups,

and surveys with current, past, or potential participants in programs serving youth with foster care experience (e.g., including potential participants who are included in comparison groups).

Under this generic clearance, information is meant to inform ACF activities and may be incorporated into documents or presentations that are made public such as through conference presentations, websites, or social media. The following are some examples of ways in which we may share information resulting from these data collections: Technical assistance (TA) plans, webinars, presentations, infographics, issue briefs/reports, project specific reports, or other documents relevant to the field, such as

federal leadership and staff, grantees, local implementing agencies, researchers, and/or training/TA providers. We may also request information for the sole purpose of publication in cases where we are working to create a single source for users (clients, programs, researchers) to find information about resources such as services in their area, TA materials, different types of programs or systems available, or research using ACF data. In sharing findings, we will describe the study methods and limitations regarding generalizability and as a basis for policy.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit an individual request for each specific data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the

individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents.

*Respondents:* Current, former, or potential participants in programs serving youth; and young adults with foster care experience.

**Annual Burden Estimates**

This request will reduce the scope of the previously approved generic to only focus on two types of information collections. This request is for 3 years of approval and burden estimates are calculated to show the total burden over the 3-year period and an average annual burden estimate based on that calculation.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
Youth Discussions and Focus Groups .....	200	2	1.5	600	200
Youth Surveys .....	1,200	3	0.5	1,800	600
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....					800

*Comments:* The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is 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) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

*Authority:* Title IV–E of the Social Security Act, IV–E § 477(g)(1–2), as amended by the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

**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 #: 0970–0548]

**Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Tribal Budget and Narrative Justification Template**

**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), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing to renew the collection of expenditure estimate forms for the tribal child support program through an optional financial reporting form, Tribal Budget and Narrative Justification Template (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–0548; expiration date May 31, 2026). Minor changes are proposed. OCSE does not plan to renew either the Word version or the Excel 1115 Waiver version of the Tribal Budget and Narrative Justification Template.

**DATES:** *Comments due* May 28, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The public may view and comment on this information collection

request at: [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=202604-0970-007](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202604-0970-007). You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* To receive child support funding under 45 CFR part 309, tribes and tribal organizations must submit the financial forms described in 45 CFR 309.130(b) and other forms as the Secretary may designate, due no later than August 1 annually. This optional template is designed for tribes operating an approved tribal child support program to use in preparing their annual budget and narrative justification estimates in accordance with the tribal child support enforcement regulations. The optional Tribal Budget and Narrative Justification Template helps improve efficiency and establish uniformity and consistency in the annual budget submission and review process. Tribes may use the Excel template or their own format to submit the required financial information. OCSE has made minor revisions to the Excel template by updating citations and hyperlinks from 45 CFR part 75 to 2 CFR part 200. Other changes include edits to examples in the Excel sample budget to reflect the adoption of 2 CFR part 200 and updated formula errors in