

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
RCORP—Northern Border Rural Workforce	8	1	8	1.21	9.68
RCORP—Pathways	12	1	12	2.72	32.64
RCORP—Overdose Response	37	1	37	0.70	25.90
Total	57	.....	57	.....	68.22

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

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Health Professions Student Loan Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, Primary Care Loan Program, and Nursing Student Loan Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0906-0088—Extension

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than July 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 13N82, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443-3983.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Health Professions Student Loan Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, Primary Care Loan Program, and Nursing Student Loan Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0906-0088—Extension.

Abstract: This clearance request is for approval of the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS) Program, Primary Care Loan (PCL) Program, and Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program Administrative Requirements.

The HPSL Program, authorized by Public Health Service (PHS) Act sections 721-722 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low-interest loans to students attending schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, and pharmacy. The LDS Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 721-722 and 724-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to certain students attending schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. The PCL Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 721-723 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to students attending schools of allopathic medicine and osteopathic medicine to

practice primary health care. The NSL Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 835-842, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low-interest loans to students who attend eligible schools of nursing in programs leading to a diploma degree, an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree in nursing. These programs have a number of recordkeeping and reporting requirements for academic institutions and loan applicants. The applicable program regulations are found in 42 CFR 57.201-218 and 57.301-318.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Participating HPSL, LDS, PCL, and NSL schools are responsible for determining the eligibility of applicants, making loans, and collecting monies owed by borrowers on their outstanding loans. Participating schools include schools that are no longer disbursing loans but are required to report and maintain program records, student records, and repayment records until all student loans are repaid in full, and all monies due to the federal government are returned.

Likely Respondents: Institutions who have received HPSL, LDS, PCL, and/or NSL Program awards.

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:

TABLE 1—TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Instrument (HPSL, LDS, PCL, & NSL)	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Deferment—HRSA Form 519	2,060	1	2,060	0.500	1,030
AOR—HRSA—Form 501	726	1	726	12.000	8,712
Total	2,786	.....	2,786	.....	9,742

Table 2 shows the estimated burden for schools to maintain required records on the history and status for each loan account, which is necessary to complete the forms listed in Table 1 above.

TABLE 2—TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS FOR RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Data required to be submitted	Number of record keepers	Hours per year	Total burden hours
<i>HPSL, LDS, and PCL Program:</i>			
Documentation of Cost of Attendance	432	1.050	454
Promissory Note	432	1.250	540
Documentation of Entrance Interview	432	1.250	540
Documentation of Exit Interview	* 475	0.370	176
Program Records	* 475	10.000	4,750
Student Records	* 475	10.000	4,750
Repayment Records	* 475	19.550	9,286
HPSL/LDS/PCL Subtotal	475	.....	20,496
<i>NSL Program:</i>			
Documentation of Cost of Attendance	304	0.250	76
Promissory Note	304	0.500	152
Documentation of Entrance Interview	304	0.500	152
Documentation of Exit Interview	* 486	0.140	68
Program Records	* 486	5.000	2,430
Student Records	* 486	1.000	486
Repayment Records	* 486	2.510	1,220
NSL Subtotal	486	.....	4,584

* Includes active and closing schools.

Table 3 shows the estimated burden for schools to complete reporting requirements for loan records, which is necessary to complete the forms listed in Table 1 above.

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
<i>HPSL, LDS, and PCL Program:</i>					
Student Financial Aid Transcript	4,600	1.0	4,600	0.250	1,150
Loan Information Disclosure	325	299.5	97,338	0.630	61,323
Entrance Interview	325	139.5	45,338	0.500	22,669
Exit Interview	* 334	113.5	37,909	1.000	37,909
Notification of Repayment	* 334	862.5	288,075	0.380	109,469
Notification During Deferment	* 333	17.0	5,661	0.630	3,566
Notification of Delinquent Accounts	334	172.5	57,615	1.250	72,019
Credit Bureau Notification	334	6.0	2,004	0.500	1,002
Write-off of Uncollectable Loans	520	1.0	520	3.000	1,560
Disability Cancellation	3	1.0	3	1.000	3
Administrative Hearings record retention	0	0.0	0	0.000	0
Administrative Hearings reporting requirements	0	0.0	0	0.000	0
HPSL Subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310,670
<i>NSL Program:</i>					
Student Financial Aid Transcript	4,100	1.0	4,100	0.250	1,025
Entrance Interview	282	17.5	4,935	0.420	2,073
Exit Interview	348	9.0	3,132	0.420	1,315
Notification of Repayment	348	9.0	3,132	0.270	846
Notification During Deferment	348	1.5	522	0.290	151
Notification of Delinquent Accounts	348	42.5	14,790	0.040	592

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Credit Bureau Notification	348	709.0	246,732	0.006	1,480
Write-off of Uncollectable Loans	23	1.0	23	3.000	69
Disability Cancellation	16	1.0	16	1.000	16
Administrative Hearings	0	0.0	0	0.000	0
NSL Subtotal					7,567

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against Andes Virus

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of declaration.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is issuing a Declaration pursuant to section 319F–3 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6d) to provide liability protection for activities related to medical countermeasures against Andes virus consistent with the terms of the Declaration.

DATES: This declaration is effective as of the date of signature.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Paige Ezernack, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202–260–0365, paige.ezernack@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to issue a Declaration to provide liability immunity to certain

individuals and entities (Covered Persons) against any claim of loss caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the manufacture, distribution, administration, or use of medical countermeasures (Covered Countermeasures), except for claims involving “willful misconduct” as defined in the PREP Act. Under the PREP Act, a Declaration may be amended as circumstances warrant. The PREP Act also creates a compensation program. Liability immunity is addressed in section 319F–3 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d–6d, and the compensation program is addressed in section 319F–4 of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d–6e.

Andes virus is a type of hantavirus spread by rodents in South America and, less commonly, by other infected people. The rodents that carry Andes virus have not been found in the United States. It can cause a severe respiratory disease in people, called Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS). Andes virus is the only type of hantavirus that is known to spread person-to-person. This spread is usually limited to people who have close contact with a sick person. This includes direct physical contact, prolonged time spent in close or enclosed spaces, and exposure to the sick person’s body fluids.

HPS is a severe and potentially deadly disease that affects the lungs. HPS can be life-threatening. Among patients who have severe respiratory symptoms, the case fatality rate has been estimated at approximately 38%. Symptoms of HPS caused by Andes virus usually appear within 4–42 days after exposure. Early symptoms can include fever, fatigue, and muscle aches, especially in large muscle groups like the thighs, hips, back, or shoulders. Early symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle aches, nausea, and fatigue can be easily confused with influenza or other viral illnesses. About half of all HPS patients have experienced headaches, dizziness, chills, and gastrointestinal symptoms, including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. Late symptoms of HPS appear approximately 4–10 days after the initial phase of illness and can

include coughing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. Individuals are generally only infectious while symptomatic.

Currently, there are no available antiviral treatments or vaccines for HPS that are FDA-approved, or authorized by FDA for investigational or emergency use.

On May 2, 2026, the World Health Organization (WHO) was notified of a cluster of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) among passengers and crew of a cruise ship (the M/V Hondius) in the Atlantic Ocean. The cluster included two deaths and one critically ill passenger, whose laboratory tests confirmed hantavirus. On May 6, 2026, WHO confirmed that the type of hantavirus responsible for this outbreak is the Andes virus. As of May 8, 2026, WHO has reported eight cases (six confirmed and two suspected), including three deaths.

The cruise ship departed from Ushuaia, Argentina, on April 1, 2026, and traveled across the South Atlantic Ocean, stopping at several remote locations, including Antarctica, South Georgia Island, Tristan da Cunha, Saint Helena, and Ascension Island. It carried 147 people (86 passengers and 61 crew) from 23 different countries. The United States government repatriated 18 passengers from the cruise ship to the United States on May 10 and 11, 2026.

Section I, Determination of Public Health Emergency or Credible Risk of Future Public Health Emergency

Before issuing a Declaration under the PREP Act, the Secretary is required to determine that a disease or other health condition or threat to health constitutes a public health emergency or that there is a credible risk that the disease, condition, or threat may constitute such an emergency. Accordingly, in Section I, the Secretary determines that the spread of Andes virus and the resulting disease HPS constitutes a credible risk of a public health emergency for purposes of this Declaration.

Section II, Factors Considered

In deciding whether and under what circumstances to issue a Declaration