

++ Establish AAAHC's ability to provide CMS with electronic data and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization's survey process.

++ Determine the adequacy of AAAHC's staff and other resources.

++ Confirm AAAHC's ability to provide adequate funding for performing required surveys.

++ Confirm AAAHC's policies with respect to surveys being unannounced.

++ Obtain AAAHC's agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require, including corrective action plans.

In accordance with section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the July 26, 2018 proposed notice also solicited public comments regarding whether AAAHC's requirements met or exceeded the Medicare CfCs for ASCs. We received no comments in response to our proposed notice.

IV. Provisions of the Final Notice

A. Differences Between AAAHC's Standards and Requirements for Accreditation and Medicare Conditions and Survey Requirements

We compared AAAHC's ASC accreditation program requirements and survey process with the Medicare CfCs at part 416, and the survey and certification process requirements of parts 488 and 489. Our review and evaluation of AAAHC's ASC application, which were conducted as described in section III of this final notice, yielded the following areas where, as of the date of this notice, AAAHC has revised its standards and certification processes in order to meet the requirements at:

- § 416.44(b)(1), to ensure its standards appropriately reference Life Safety Code requirements;
- § 416.44(c), to ensure its standards appropriately reference Life Safety Code requirements;
- § 416.44(c)(1)(iv), to ensure its standards appropriately reference Life Safety Code requirements;

- § 488.5(a)(4)(ii), to ensure comparability of AAAHC's survey process and surveyor guidance to those required for state survey agencies conducting federal Medicare surveys for the same provider or supplier type;

- § 488.5(a)(4)(iv), to ensure all identified areas of non-compliance are clearly documented and cited appropriately in the final survey report.
- § 488.5(a)(7) through (9), to ensure its surveyors are appropriately qualified, trained and maintain competence during extended periods of time without conducting a survey;

- § 488.5(a)(11)(ii), to ensure accurate survey findings are reported to CMS;
- § 488.5(a)(12), to ensure complaints are triaged appropriately and surveyed within the required timeframes;
- § 488.18(a), to ensure that the findings are documented and written within the principles of documentation.

- § 488.26(b), to ensure deficiencies are cited at the appropriate level based on manner and degree of findings; and
- § 488.28(d), to ensure that its policies for correction of deficiencies in ASCs is comparable to CMS requirements, requiring that deficiencies normally must be corrected within 60 days.

- § 489.13(c), to ensure that all accreditation requirements have been met before granting accreditation and making a recommendation for participation or continued participation in the Medicare program comparable to CMS requirements, requiring that deficiencies normally must be corrected within 60 days.

B. Term of Approval

Based on our review and observations described in section III of this final notice, we approve AAAHC as a national accreditation organization for ASCs that request participation in the Medicare program, effective December 20, 2018 through December 20, 2024.

V. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements.

Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 14, 2018.

Seema Verma,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Head Start Program Information Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0427.

Description: The Office of Head Start within the Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing to renew, with changes, authority to collect information using the Head Start Program Information Report (PIR), monthly enrollment, contacts, and center locations. All information is collected electronically through the Head Start Enterprise System (HSES). The PIR provides information about Head Start and Early Head Start services received by the children and families enrolled in Head Start programs. The information collected in the PIR is used to inform the public about these programs, to make periodic reports to Congress about the status of children in Head Start programs as required by the Head Start Act, and to assist the administration and training/technical assistance of Head Start programs. Other program data is used to track enrollment, contact the program, provide a locator for parents to find a nearby program, and for oversight.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start program grant recipients.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Head Start Program Information Report	3,449	1	4	13,796
Grantee Monthly Enrollment Reporting	2,066	12	0.05	1,240
Contacts, Center Locations	3,449	1	0.25	862

Estimated Total Annual BurdenHours: 15,898.

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chap 35), the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201. Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Head Start Eligibility Verification.

OMB No.: 0970–0374.

Description: The Office of Head Start (OHS) within the Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human

Services, proposes to renew, with changes, its authority for record keeping requirements associated with Head Start eligibility verification. OHS revised the Head Start Eligibility Verification form to reflect changes in the eligibility final rule published on February 10, 2015 (80 FR 7368). OHS initially developed the form to help programs determine eligibility. However, Head Start programs are not required to use this specific form. Programs may either adopt the form or design a new form to meet the eligibility requirements.

The Office of Head Start published a final rule on eligibility under the authority granted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Head Start Act (Act) at sections 644(c), 645(a)(1)(A), and 645A(c). The final rule clarifies Head Start's eligibility procedures and enrollment requirements, and reinforces Head Start's overall mission to support low-income families and early learning. A program must maintain records as specified in sections 1305.4(d)(2), 1305.4(l), and 1305.4(h) through (j) of the final rule.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start program grant recipients.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instruments	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
§ 1305.4(l) Eligibility determination records (<i>sample form</i>)	1,600	478	.10	76,480
§ 1305.4(d)(2)	20	1	2	40
§ 1305.4(h),(i), and (j)	1,600	1	15	24,000
§ 1305.4(l) Other Record Keeping	1,600	1	15	24,000

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 124,520.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, Washington, DC 20447. Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
OMB No.: 0970–0145.

Description: The State plan is a mandatory statement submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by the State. It