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FROM: Reports Clearance Officer, HRSA

TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB  
Through: Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs,  
CMS

SUBJECT: HRSA Request for Formula Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Section 2951 of the Affordable Care Act): NEW Information Collection Request (ICR)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 Formula Funding Opportunity Announcement (the 'FY 2011 Formula FOA') for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148). HRSA is requesting emergency processing procedures for the FY 2011 Formula FOA because the applications for FY 2011 funding must be submitted and reviewed before the expiration of the normal time limits under regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 and to ensure that successful applicants receive funding before the end of the 2011 fiscal year.

Through a provision authorizing the creation of the Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, the Act responds to the diverse needs of children and families in communities at risk and provides an unprecedented opportunity for collaboration and partnership at the Federal, state, and community levels to improve health and development outcomes for at risk children through evidence-based home visiting programs. Section 2951 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, which added Section 511 to Title V of the Social Security Act (SSA), requires states to provide a description of how they intend to address needs identified as a result of their needs assessment.

The FY 2011 Formula FOA must be made available on June 20, 2011, in order to allow 30 days for grantees to prepare the application materials, which are due on July 20, 2011. Emergency processing is needed because of the critical timing of this post-award submission request for grantees and is unavoidable for the following reasons:

- If we were to obtain normal clearance through even an abbreviated public comment period, this would result in a significant delay in publishing the Formula FOA. As a result, states would not have sufficient time to respond to the FOA within a time period that would allow for the appropriate review, ranking, selection, and subsequent award of funding before the end of the FY 2011 fiscal year. This would result in public harm, harm to the program as legislated, and significant difficulty for states seeking to strengthen home visiting programs.
- The development of the Formula FOA has required significant policy

decisions that will have considerable implications for states and the success of this Federal program. Accordingly, various Federal agencies have provided critical review and input to ensure the proper foundation and future direction of this important initiative. As a result, HRSA only recently has been able to send a draft FOA forward for clearance through the Department and now through OMB, and the need for emergency processing of the ICR has been unavoidable.

- Specifically, the development of the Formula FOA has depended on the completion of extensive discussions with OMB regarding the allocation of FY 2011 funds for states/jurisdictions between formula and competitive funding opportunities. This information was required before the state-by-state formula allocations could be calculated and the final requirements could be incorporated into the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Final approval from the Department and OMB is still pending.

The ICR including the Supporting Statement will be submitted through standard processes (via ICRAS) as soon as possible. Attached is the most current draft of the Fiscal Year 2011 Formula FOA.

Thank you.

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