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This is a request to use emergency procedures under 5 CFR Part 1320.13 for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Quarterly Financial Report (ACF-196, OMB Control Number 0970-0247). This has been approved under the Paperwork Reduction Act and used for State financial reporting since 2003.

Authority to require financial reports is contained in section 402 of the social Security Act, as amended by Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5 (ARRA) funds were made available to State TANF grantees. Data elements to capture this information were added in 2009 and inadvertently removed in 2012. It was subsequently learned from the HHS General Council that ARRA TANF funds continue to be available to State TANF agencies until all ARRA funds are expended. Therefore, States need to restore the ARRA data elements to the TANF Quarterly Financial Report for financial reporting.

Under regulatory authority at 45 CFR Parts 265.3 through 265.9 States are required to report quarterly with reports due within 45 days from the end of the quarter.

ACF has consulted with State TANF agencies and they have requested that the currently approved ACF-196 be modified so that the reporting of ARRA funds could be made.

Therefore, it is requested that approval be granted by March 15, 2009 due to the collection of ARRA data is essential to the mission of the agency and the first calendar quarter's data cannot be collected by following normal be acquired by following normal clearance procedures. The March 15 date will allow for the revised TANF financial report to be implemented in the OLDC (On Line Data Collection) tool and States to begin reporting by April 1, 2013.

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