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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Request for Public Comment: 30-Day

**Proposed Information Collection: Addendum to Declaration for Federal
Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions**

(OMB NO. 0917-0028)

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13 [44 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 3507(a)(1)(D)], the Indian Health Service (IHS) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of a previously approved collection of information titled, “Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions,” Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917–0028, which expires November 30, 2015.

This previously approved information collection project was last published in the **Federal Register** (80 Fed. Reg. 43100) on July 21, 2015, and allowed 60 days for public comment, as required by 44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A). The IHS received no comments regarding this collection. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public

comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection, which are to be submitted directly to OMB for a 30 day period.

A copy of the supporting statement is available at www.regulations.gov (see Docket ID IHS-2015-0004).

Proposed Collection: Title: Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions (OMB No. 0917-0028). *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, without revision, of currently approved information collection, 0917-0028, Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions. There are no program changes or adjustments in burden hours. *Form(s):* Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This is a request for approval of the collection of information as required by section 408 of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. 101-630, 104 Stat. 4544, and 25 U.S.C. §§ 3201-3211.

The IHS is required to compile a list of all authorized positions within the IHS where the duties and responsibilities involve regular contact with, or control over, Indian children; and to conduct an investigation of the character of each individual who is employed, or is being considered for employment in a position having regular contact with, or control over, Indian children [25 U.S.C. § 3207(a)(1) and (2)]. Title 25 U.S.C. § 3207(b) requires regulations prescribing the minimum standards of character to ensure that none of the individuals appointed to positions involving regular contact with, or control over, Indian children have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to any felonious offense, or any of two or more misdemeanor

offenses under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children.

In addition, 42 U.S.C. § 13041 requires each agency of the Federal Government, and every facility operated by the Federal Government (or operated under contract with the Federal Government), that hires (or contracts for hire) individuals involved with the provision of child care services to children under the age of 18 to assure that all existing and newly hired employees undergo a criminal history background check. The background investigation is to be initiated through the personnel program of the applicable Federal agency. This section requires employment applications for individuals who are seeking work for an agency of the Federal Government, or for a facility or program operated by (or through contract with) the Federal Government, in positions involved with the provision of child care services to children under the age of 18, to contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child. *Affected Public:* Individuals and households. *Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour(s).

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden responses (in hours)
Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OMB 0917-0028)	3000	1	12/60	600
Total.....	3000			600
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There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Requests for Comments: Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points:

- (a) whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function;
- (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion;
- (c) the accuracy of the public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information);
- (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates are logical;

- (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and
- (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO OMB: Send your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Tamara Clay by one of the following methods:

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Comment Due Date: [Federal Register insert 30 days after date of publication].

Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Date

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