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Request: The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce requests approval for non-substantive changes to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Attestation of Reports by Hospitals, Medical Malpractice Payers, Health Plans, and Certain Other Health Care Entities (OMB #0906-0028, expires 05/31/2020). This package consists of two documents: 1) Health Center Attestation Form, and 2) Generic Attestation Form.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed changes is to streamline the workflow for our system users. *We did not make any changes to the forms.*

Entities renew their registration with the NPDB every two years. Some entities, such as hospitals, also need to complete an entity profile. Both the registration renewal and profile forms are part of a separate OMB package (OMB #0915-0126, expires 3/31/2018). It is important to make the transition smooth between the separate OMB packages to reduce burden on the NPDB stakeholders (e.g., Hospitals, Health Plans, Medical Malpractice Payers).

In August 2017, the NPDB implemented community health center attestation, evaluated the effectiveness of our process, and identified areas for improvement. The program wants to apply lessons learned by revising the language and changing the text sequence to reduce confusion and improve the workflow for future audiences that need to complete their attestation every two years during registration renewal.

Time Sensitivity: The NPDB plans to launch hospital attestation on January 2, 2018.

Burden: The NPDB anticipates that the revisions included herein will reduce confusion and reporting burden for NPDB system users.

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE FORMS:

1. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FORM -

2. GENERIC FORM (APPLICABLE TO HOSPITALS, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PAYERS, HEALTH PLANS, ETC.)

Attachments:

All proposed changes are indicated with tracked changes in the attached documents. Also, the before and after side-by-side comparison document is attached for additional reference.