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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (Section 3506(c)(2) (A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received no later than February 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft

instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Bureau of Health Workforce Performance Data Collection OMB No. 0915-0061—Revision

Abstract: Over 40 Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) programs award grants to health professions schools and training programs across the United States to develop, expand, and enhance training, and to strengthen the distribution of the health workforce.

These programs are authorized by the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*), specifically Titles III, VII, and VIII. Performance information regarding these programs is collected in the HRSA Performance Report for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (PRGCA). Data collection activities consisting of an annual progress and annual performance report satisfy statutory and programmatic requirements for performance measurement and evaluation (including specific Title III, VII and VIII requirements), as well as Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements. The performance measures were last revised in 2013 to ensure they addressed programmatic changes, met evolving program management needs, and responded to emerging workforce concerns—especially as a result of the changes in the Affordable Care Act (Pub.

L. 111-148). As these revisions were successful, BHW will continue with its current performance management strategy and measures and require annual progress and performance reporting.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The purpose of the proposed data collection is to analyze and report grantee training activities and education, identify intended practice locations and report outcomes of funded initiatives. Data collected from these grant programs will also provide a description of the program activities of approximately 1,700 reporting grantees to better inform policymakers on the barriers, opportunities, and outcomes involved in health care workforce development. The proposed measures focus on five key outcomes: (1) Increasing the workforce supply of diverse well-educated practitioners, (2) increasing the number of practitioners that practice in underserved and rural areas, (3) enhancing the quality of education, (4) increasing the recruitment, training, and placement of under-represented groups in the health workforce, and (5) supporting educational infrastructure to increase the capacity to train more health professionals.

Likely Respondents: Respondents are awardees of BHW health professions grant programs.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

| Form name | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Total responses | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
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| Program Aggregate Data Collection* | 600 | 1 | 600 | 6 | 3,600 |
| Individual-level Data Collection | 1,100 | 1 | 1,100 | 2 | 2,200 |
| Total | 1,700 | | 1,700 | | 5,800 |

* Program aggregate data collection will only be required for programs that do not provide direct financial support to all trainees.

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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