Health Resources and Services Administration

PUBLIC COMMENTS REMEDIATIONS

COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting Activities

OMB No. 0906-0068-Revision

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is submitting an explanation of remediations to issues raised previously in the 2022 package that has been fixed with the latest revisions in the 2023 package. Details on the remediation enhancements are provided in the "PRF Reporting Activities 6 PRF Portal Enhancements" document and included in the tables listed below.



Public Comments to FRN (2021 Package)

Date	From	Organization	Inquiry/	Response	Remediation
Received			Comment		
07/26/2021	Claire Ernst, Director Government Affairs	Medical Group Management Association	I'm writing to inquire further about the COVID–19 Provider Relief Fund Reporting Activities ICR. Specifically, I would like clarification on whether the "total estimated annualized burden hours" table represents total burden hours for PRF recipients or for HRSA staff? The notice states that HRSA is seeking comments from the public regarding the	Thank you for your inquiry regarding the COVID–19 Provider Relief Fund Reporting Activities Federal Register Notice. The "total estimated annualized burden hours" table represents total average burden hours for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) recipients (providers).	Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/

			burden estimate,		
			but it is unclear		
			who these		
			questions are		
			geared towards.		
			Any input is		
			appreciated.		
			You can also		
			call me at (410)		
			7075524.		
			Thanks!		
8/12/2021	Taylor	Ernst & Young	Pursuant to	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
0/12/2021	Salmon,	LLP	Public Comment	email. Please see our	response, in addition updated,
	Manager	LLI	Request and	responses below.	data, portal enhancements and
	Assurance		Information	responses colow.	Post Payment Notice of
	Services		Collection	• More information on	Reporting Requirements
	301.1000		Request	the proposed project	October – 2022 and resources.
			"COVID-19	- FF-22- P23Jeec	Also See:
			Provider Relief	The Provider Relief Fund	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			Fund Reporting	supports American	-relief/reporting-
			Activities, OMB	families, workers, and the	auditing/reporting-resources
			No. 0906-	heroic healthcare	and
			XXXX New", I	providers in the battle	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			would like to	against the COVID-19	
			request:	outbreak. HHS is	
			•	distributing \$178 billion	
			1. More	to hospitals and	
			information on	healthcare providers on	
			the proposed	the front lines of the	
			project	coronavirus response.	
			2. A copy of the		
			data collection	All recipients of Provider	
			plans	Relief Fund payments are	
			3. A copy of the	required to comply with	
			draft instruments	the reporting	
				requirements described in	
			Comments and	the Terms and Conditions	
			Questions	and specified in future	
			4 777	directions issued by the	
			1. What type of	HHS Secretary. The	
			documentation is	report mechanism, as	
			being requested?	written in the Federal	
			Is data outside of	Register Notice, is the	
			the PRF	mechanism for which	
			Reporting portal	HRSA will collect this	
			being requested?	information.	
			2. How will the information	• A convert the data	
			collected assist	• A copy of the data	
				collection plans	
			with conducting audits?	Data collection plans are	
			auuits:	Data Conceiton plans are	

- 3. Does the average burden per response (in hours) represent the amount of time HRSA will review each respondent's PRF Report? Does this include potentials audits? 4. Will the information collected impact future PRF distributions for respondents? 5. Will the information collected in the first PRF Reporting Portal period be used or saved for the respondents' second PRF Reporting period?
- outlined in the June 11 Notice of Post-Payment Reporting Requirements at https://www.hrsa.gov/site s/default/files/hrsa/provid er-relief/provider-postpayment-notice-ofreporting-requirementsjune-2021.pdf.
- A copy of the draft instruments

There are various resources available online that outlines and thoroughly describes the report instrument. They can be found here under the resources section.

1. What type of documentation is being requested? Is data outside of the PRF Reporting portal being requested?

Documentation requested is outlined in the June 11 Post-Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements. There is no data collection outside the PRF Reporting Portal.

2. How will the information collected assist with conducting audits?

HRSA's audit strategies use data collected from the PRF report to assess and ensure compliance with payment Terms and Conditions.

3. Does the average

burden per response (in hours) represent the amount of time HRSA will review each respondent's PRF Report? Does this include potentials audits

The average burden per response represents the amount of time Provider Relief Fund recipients will need to complete and submit the report as required by the Terms and Conditions. These numbers take into account the amount of PRF funding received, hours required by size of funding and number of providers estimated to report by reporting period.

4. Will the information collected impact future PRF distributions for respondents?

At this time, we do not have information to share regarding any future PRF distributions.

5. Will the information collected in the first PRF Reporting Portal period be used or saved for the respondents' second PRF Reporting period?

HRSA is currently assessing and developing the report portal for the second PRF reporting period. Where possible, we will consider your suggestion to save previously entered provider data in the

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			portal.	

8/18/2021	Meredith	American	Attached please	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
0/10/2021	Yinger, Senior	Academy of	find comments	feedback regarding the	response, in addition updated,
	Regulatory	Family	from the	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	Strategist	Physicians	American	Relief Fund Reporting	Post Payment Notice of
	Strategist	1 Hysicians	Academy of	Activities as published in	Reporting Requirements
			Family	the Federal Register on	October – 2022 and resources.
			Physicians in	July 26, 2021. HRSA	Also See:
			response to the	seeks to be as helpful as	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			information	possible in supporting	-relief/reporting-
			collection on	providers as they	auditing/reporting-resources
			COVID-19	complete their reporting	and
			Provider Relief	obligations. We will	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			Fund Reporting	continue to share	nttps://princporting.insa.gov/s/
			Activities (OMB	resources and additional	
			No. 0906-	guidance as they become	
			XXXX New).	available.	
			We appreciate	a ranaoio.	
			the opportunity	You raise a number of	
			to provide	important considerations	
			feedback on	and suggestions related to	
			family	the reporting	
			physicians'	requirements, burden,	
			experience with	resources, and customer	
			PRF reporting	support. At this time we	
			requirements.	are actively reviewing	
			Please don't	these considerations as	
			hesitate to	we refine our reporting	
			contact me if	strategy and plans for	
			you have any	additional guidance and	
			questions or	resources.	
			would like to		
			discuss this letter	Specifically, you asked	
			further.	for clarity on the term	
				"due to COVID". The	
				PRF, has disbursed funds	
			PDF	to eligible health care	
			AAFP Letter to HRSA	providers to support	
			on PRF Reporting Bur	health care-related	
				expenses or lost revenues	
				attributable to the	
				COVID-19 pandemic.	
				Included below is an	
				updated Frequently	
				Asked Question (FAQs)	
				that may be helpful to	
				reference.	
				How does a Reporting	
				Entity determine whether	
				an expense is eligible for	
				reimbursement through	

the Provider Relief Fund? (Modified 7/1/2021)

To be considered an allowable expense under the PRF, the expense must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. PRF payments may also be used for lost revenues attributable to the coronavirus. Reporting Entities are required to maintain adequate documentation to substantiate that these funds were used for health care-related expenses or lost revenues attributable to coronavirus and that those expenses or losses were not reimbursed from other sources and other sources were not obligated to reimburse them. Reporting Entities are not required to submit that documentation when reporting. Providers are required to maintain supporting documentation which demonstrates that costs were incurred during the Period of Availability. The Reporting Entity is responsible for ensuring that adequate documentation is maintained. See https://www.hrsa.gov/pro vider-relief/faq/reporting

As we refine our reporting strategy, please look for current, new, and updated resources including reporting requirements, FAQs, and

	opportunities for future funding, on HRSA's PRF webpage at www.hrsa.gov/provider- relief.	

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9/3/2021	Dawn Ksepka,	Fairview	In response to	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
	Vice President	Health Services	the HRSA	comments on the	response, in addition updated,
	of Finance and		request for	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	System		comment	Relief Fund (PRF)	Post Payment Notice of
	Controller		https://public-	reporting activities as	Reporting Requirements
			inspection.federa	requested in the Federal	October – 2022 and resources.
			lregister.gov/202	Register on July 26,	Also See:
			1-15885.pdf	2021. As we continue	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			regarding the	navigating this pandemic,	-relief/reporting-
			estimated burden	the Health Resources and	auditing/reporting-resources
			for submitting	Services Administration	and
			information	(HRSA) appreciates	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			through the PRF	opportunities for greater	integrating in sail go 4757
			Reporting Portal,	transparency and	
			please find our	proactive communication	
			^	about the PRF.	
			response.	about the FKF.	
			HRSA	You raise a number of	
			specifically	important considerations	
			requests	and suggestions related to	
			comments on:	the reporting	
			1. The necessity	requirements, data	
			and utility of the		
			•	collection, and system	
			proposed information	functionality. At this	
				time we are actively	
			collection;	reviewing these	
			2. The accuracy	considerations as we	
			of the estimated	refine our reporting	
			burden;	strategy and plans for	
			3. Ways to	additional guidance and	
			enhance quality,	resources.	
			utility, and		
			clarity of the	Regarding your concern	
			information	on the estimated burden	
			collected; and	hours, the average burden	
			4. The use of	per response represents	
			automated	the amount of time	
			collection	Provider Relief Fund	
			techniques or	recipients will need to	
			other forms of	complete and submit the	
			information	report as required by the	
			technology to	Terms and Conditions.	
			minimize the	These calculations take	
			information	into account averages in	
			collection	the amounts of PRF	
			burden.	funding received, hours	
				required by size of	
			Fairview Health	funding, and the number	
			Services has	of providers estimated to	
			prepared the	report by reporting	
			following	period. We appreciate	
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information in response to your request for comment on COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund Reporting Activities, OMB No. 0906-XXXX New.

- 1.) The data request would be significantly simplified by the following:
- a.) Information could be presented for the health system instead of entities receiving target funds being required to report, even if those funds are transferred to the Parent entity. Under the current requirements, Fairview Health Services was required to submit 7 registrations and will submit 13 reports over the three required reporting periods. b.) Expenses were not required to be reported before lost revenue when lost revenue alone would be sufficient to

your feedback and will continue to assess the burden on providers and where possible, streamline the reporting portal and eliminate any unnecessary burden.

As we continue to evaluate our processes and resources, feedback from you and other stakeholders informs our ability to administer the PRF in a manner that bolsters the health care system and helps providers experiencing COVID-related financial hardships during this crisis.

Please visit HHS's PRF webpage at https://www.hrsa.gov/pro vider-relief/ for frequently updated information, including reporting requirements, frequently asked questions, and opportunities for future funding.

support
utilization of the
grant award.
c.) Lost revenue
reporting would
be significantly
simplified if it
did not require
reporting by
payor category.
This information
is not available
out of our
accounting
system and
requires data to
be extracted and
combined from a
variety of
revenue cycle
billing systems.
onning systems.
2.) Fairview
Health Services
was required to submit 7
registrations and will submit 13
reports over the
three required
reporting
periods. We
estimate that the
average response
per report will
be 40 hours for a
total reporting
burden to our
Health System
of 520 hours.
3.) Ways to
enhance the
quality, utility
and clarity of the
information
collected
a. Personnel
information
should not
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	require inclusion
	of contractor
	resources which
	are not included
	in our human
	resources
	subsystem and
	cannot be easily
	combined with
	employee data
	b. Interest rate
	calculation
	should occur at
	the end of the
	process after the
	utilization of
	funds are
	reported
	c. Calculation
	within the portal
	included funds
	that were
	transferred from
	other
	registrations
	4.) The
	registration
	process and
	portal are easy to
	utilize but could
	be enhanced by
	the following
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	a.) Ability to
	move forward,
	backward, and
	save information
	entered without
	submitted all
	required
	information

9/15/2021	Jenna Stern, Sr Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy Director	Vizient	My organization may comment on the PRF reporting requirements (86 FR 40064). I am interested in learning if you can share the data collection plans and draft instruments?	Thank you for contacting the Provider Relief Fund. In response to your email, data collection plans are outlined in the June 11 Notice of Post-Payment Reporting Requirements. There are various resources available online that summarizes and thoroughly describes the report instrument. They can be found at prfreporting.hrsa.gov under the resources section.	Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
9/21/2021	Jennifer Nading Director, Medicare and Medicaid Policy and Regulatory Affairs	Trinity Health	Trinity Health appreciates the support the Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration have provided to hospitals and physicians who are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Attached are comments on the questions posed by HRSA, please let me know if you have any questions. Trinity Health Comments COVID19 F	Thank you for your comments on the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting activities as requested in the Federal Register on July 26, 2021. As we continue navigating this pandemic, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) appreciates opportunities for greater transparency and proactive communication about the PRF. You raise a number of important considerations and suggestions related to the reporting requirements, data collection, and system functionality. At this time we are actively reviewing these considerations as we refine our reporting strategy and plans for additional guidance and resources. As we continue to evaluate feedback from you and other stakeholders to inform	Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider -relief/reporting- auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/

				our ability to administer	
				the PRF in a manner that	
				bolsters the health care	
				system and helps	
				providers experiencing COVID-related financial	
				hardships during this crisis.	
				Please visit HHS's PRF	
				webpage at	
				https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/ for	
				frequently updated	
				information, including	
				reporting requirements,	
				frequently asked	
				questions, and	
				opportunities for future	
				funding.	
9/22/2021	Alexandra	Henry Ford	On behalf of the	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
	Donnelly,	Health System	Henry Ford	comments on the	response, in addition updated,
	MPH		Health System, I	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	Health Policy		want to thank	Relief Fund (PRF)	Post Payment Notice of
	Advisor		you for the	reporting activities as	Reporting Requirements
	Center for		opportunity to	requested in the Federal	October – 2022 and resources.
	Health Policy		comment on	Register on July 26,	Also See:
	& Health		"COVID-19	2021. As we continue	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
	Services		Provider Relief	navigating this pandemic,	-relief/reporting-
	Research		Fund Reporting	the Health Resources and	auditing/reporting-resources
			Activities, OMB	Services Administration	and
			No. 0906-	(HRSA) appreciates	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			XXXX New."	opportunities for greater	
				transparency and	
			This letter is	proactive communication	
			submitted on	about the PRF.	
			behalf of James		
			Douglas Clark,	You raise a number of	
			Senior Vice	important considerations	
			President of	and suggestions related to	
			Corporate	the reporting	
			Financial	requirements and data	
			Services at	collection. At this time	
			Henry Ford	we are actively reviewing	
			Health System.	these considerations as	
			Questions or	we refine our reporting	
			comments for	strategy and plans for	
			Mr. Clark can be	additional guidance and	
			sent to	resources.	
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			20miony, at	on the estimated burden	
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hours, the average burden per response represents the amount of time Provider Relief Fund recipients will need to complete and submit the report as required by the Terms and Conditions. These calculations take into account averages in the amounts of PRF funding received, hours required by size of funding, and the number of providers estimated to report by reporting period. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to assess the burden on providers and where possible, streamline the reporting portal and eliminate any unnecessary burden.

As we continue to evaluate our processes and resources, feedback from you and other stakeholders informs our ability to administer the PRF in a manner that bolsters the health care system and helps providers experiencing COVID-related financial hardships during this crisis.

Please visit HHS's PRF webpage at https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/ for frequently updated information, including reporting requirements, frequently asked questions, and opportunities for future funding.

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9/23/2021	Chad Mulvany	California	Please find the	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
	Vice	Hospital	attached	comments on the	response, in addition updated,
	President,	Association	comments	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	Federal Policy		submitted on	Relief Fund (PRF)	Post Payment Notice of
			behalf of the	reporting activities as	Reporting Requirements
			California	requested in the Federal	October – 2022 and resources.
			Hospital	Register on July 26,	Also See:
			Association	2021. As we continue	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			(CHA) in	navigating this pandemic,	-relief/reporting-
			response to the	the Health Resources and	auditing/reporting-resources
			request for	Services Administration	and
			information on	(HRSA) appreciates	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			the burden	opportunities for greater	
			associated with	transparency and	
			COVID-19	proactive communication	
			Provider Relief	about the PRF.	
			Fund (PRF)	X7 . 1 . 0	
			reporting. CHA	You raise a number of	
			appreciates the	important considerations	
			opportunity to offer comments	and suggestions related to	
				the reporting	
			on necessary	requirements, data	
			clarifications to	collection, provider	
			the PRF	burden, and system	
			reporting	functionality. At this	
			instructions. If	time we are actively	
			you have any	reviewing these considerations as we	
			questions, please do not hesitate to		
				refine our reporting	
			contact me at	strategy and plans for	
			(202) 270-2143	additional guidance and	
			or cmulvany@calh	resources.	
			ospital.org.	Regarding your concern	
			ospitai.org.	on the estimated burden	
				hours, the average burden	
				per response represents	
				the amount of time	
			PDF	Provider Relief Fund	
			CHA HRSA Reporting	recipients will need to	
			Requirements RFI Con	complete and submit the	
				report as required by the	
				Terms and Conditions.	
				These calculations take	
				into account averages in	
				the amounts of PRF	
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				funding, and the number	
				of providers estimated to	
				report by reporting	
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9/24/2021	Candice	American	Please see	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
	Dailey	Hospital	attached letter	comments on the	response, in addition updated,
	American	Association	from the	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	Hospital		American	Relief Fund (PRF)	Post Payment Notice of
	Association,		Hospital	reporting activities as	Reporting Requirements
	Policy Dept.		Association Re:	described in the Federal	October – 2022 and resources.
			Agency	Register on July 26,	Also See:
			Information	2021. As we continue	https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			Collection	navigating this pandemic,	-relief/reporting-
			Activities:	the Health Resources and	auditing/reporting-resources
			Proposed	Services Administration	and
			Collection:	(HRSA) appreciates	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			Public Comment	opportunities for greater	
			Request;	transparency and	
			Information	proactive communication	
			Collection	about the PRF.	
			Request Title:	T7	
			COVID-19	You raise a number of	
			Provider Relief	important considerations	
			Fund Reporting	and suggestions related to	
			Activities, OMB	the Provider Relief Fund	
			No. 0906–	program, program	
			XXXX New	eligibility, reporting	
			(Vol. 86, No.	requirements, and data	
			140), July 26,	collection. At this time	
			2021.	we are actively reviewing	
				these considerations as	
			POF	we refine our program,	
				reporting strategy, and	
			2021-09-24-LTR-HRS APRFPRA.pdf	plans for additional	
			, a	guidance and resources.	
				As we continue to	
				evaluate our processes	
				and resources, feedback	
				from you and other	
				stakeholders informs our	
				ability to administer the	
				PRF in a manner that	
				bolsters the health care	
				system and helps	
				providers experiencing	
				COVID-related financial	
				hardships during this	
				crisis.	
				Please visit HHS's PRF	
				webpage at	
				https://www.hrsa.gov/pro	
				vider-relief/ for	
				frequently updated	
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				information, including reporting requirements, frequently asked questions, and information on opportunities for future funding.	
9/24/2021	Anthony Curry, Director, Federal Government Affairs	Advocate Aurora Health	Attached please find Advocate Aurora Health's comments in response to the Health Resources and Services and Administration's request for comments on the COVID-10 Provider Relief Fund Reporting Activities. We appreciate the agency's	Thank you for your comments on the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting activities as requested in the Federal Register on July 26, 2021. As we continue navigating this pandemic, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) appreciates opportunities for greater transparency and proactive communication about the PRF.	Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/

			consideration of	You raise a number of	
			our comments.	important considerations	
				and suggestions related to	
			PDF	the reporting	
			AAH HRSA 86 FR	requirements and data	
			40064.pdf	collection. At this time	
				we are actively reviewing	
				these considerations as	
				we refine our reporting	
				strategy and plans for	
				additional guidance and	
				resources.	
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				As we continue to	
				evaluate our processes	
				and resources, feedback	
				from you and other	
				stakeholders informs our	
				ability to administer the PRF in a manner that	
				bolsters the health care	
				system and helps	
				providers experiencing	
				COVID-related financial	
				hardships during this	
				crisis.	
				Please visit HHS's PRF	
				webpage at	
				https://www.hrsa.gov/pro	
				vider-relief/ for	
				frequently updated	
				information, including	
				_	
				reporting requirements,	
				frequently asked	
				questions, and	
				opportunities for future funding.	
9/24/2021	Jenna Stern	Vizient	Please accept the	Thank you for your	Addressed in previous
)12-T12U21	Sr Regulatory	V IZICIII	following	comments on the	response, in addition updated,
	Affairs &		comments	COVID-19 Provider	data, portal enhancements and
	Public Policy		regarding	Relief Fund (PRF)	Post Payment Notice of
	Director		HRSA's notice,	reporting activities as	Reporting Requirements
	Director		"Agency	requested in the Federal	October – 2022 and resources.
			Information		Also See:
				Register on July 26, 2021. As we continue	
			Collection		https://www.hrsa.gov/provider
			Activities:	navigating this pandemic,	-relief/reporting-
			Proposed	the Health Resources and	auditing/reporting-resources
			Collection:	Services Administration	and
			Public Comment	(HRSA) appreciates	https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			Request;	opportunities for greater	

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Collection
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Provider Relief
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Activities, OMB
No. 0906XXXX New".



transparency and proactive communication about the PRF.

You raise a number of important considerations related to the reporting requirements and data collection. At this time we are actively reviewing these considerations as we refine our reporting strategy and plans for additional guidance and resources.

Regarding your concern on the estimated burden hours, the average burden per response represents the amount of time Provider Relief Fund recipients will need to complete and submit the report as required by the Terms and Conditions. These calculations take into account averages in the amounts of PRF funding received, hours required by size of funding, and the number of providers estimated to report by reporting period. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to assess the burden on providers, including with any future distributions, and where possible, streamline the reporting portal and eliminate any unnecessary burden.

As we continue to evaluate our processes and resources, feedback from you and other stakeholders informs our ability to administer the

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				opportunities for future funding.	
11/8/2021	Kara Webb, Chief Strategy Officer	American Optometric Association	Attached are comments on the HRSA submission to OMB for Review and Approval: COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting Activities. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. HRSA PRF Burden Estimate.pdf	Thank you for your comments on the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting activities as requested in the Federal Register on July 26, 2021. As we continue navigating this pandemic, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) appreciates opportunities for greater transparency and proactive communication about the PRF. Regarding your feedback on the estimated burden hours, the average burden per response represents the amount of time Provider Relief Fund recipients will need to complete and submit the report as required by the Terms and Conditions. These calculations take into account averages in the amounts of PRF funding received, hours required by size of funding, and the number of providers estimated to report by reporting period. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to assess the	Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/

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We thank you for providing additional resources to your members and helping to guide doctors of optometry through the Provider Relief Fund reporting process.

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As we continue to evaluate our processes and resources, feedback from you and other stakeholders informs our ability to administer the PRF in a manner that bolsters the health care system and helps providers experiencing COVID-related financial hardships during this crisis.

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Public Comments to FRN (2022 Package)

Date	From	Organizati	Inquiry/ Comment	Response	Remediation
Date Received 4/28/2022	From Carrie Cochran - McClain	Organizati on National Rural Health Association	Inquiry/ Comment I'm writing regarding the following FR notice about the PRF information collection request, https://www.federalre gister.gov/documents /2022/04/07/2022-07408/agency-information-collection-activities-proposed-collection-public-comment-request-covid-19 I'd like to received a	Response Thank you for your email. Please see the information provided below. All recipients of Provider Relief Fund payments are required to comply with the reporting requirements described in the Terms and Conditions and specified in future directions issued by the HHS Secretary. The Terms and Conditions are located at https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/past-	Remediation Addressed in previous response, in addition updated, data, portal enhancements and Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements October – 2022 and resources. Also See: https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/reporting-auditing/reporting-resources and https://prfreporting.hrsa.gov/s/
			I'd like to received a copy of the proposed information collection document revisions to review. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Appreciate the consideration.	der-relief/past-payments/terms-conditions. Data collection plans are outlined in the June 11, 2021 Notice of Post-Payment Reporting Requirements at https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/provider-relief/provider-post-payment-notice-of-reporting-requirements-june-2021.pdf. HRSA will be publishing an	
				updated Notice of Post-Payment Reporting Requirements in the coming weeks. This update will include ARP funding requirements and the 5th reporting period details for the associated payments and will be available on the Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements and Auditing webpage: https://www.hrsa.gov/provi der-relief/reporting- auditing.	

Various resources are available online that outline and thoroughly describe the reporting instrument. Resources are located under the resources section of the PRF Website https://www.hrsa.gov/provi der-relief/reportingauditing/reportingresources. Please visit HHS's PRF webpage at https://www.hrsa.gov/provi der-relief/ for frequently updated information, including reporting requirements, frequently asked questions, and opportunities for future funding. If you have any further questions, please reach out to Sharon Loper, Director of the Customer Support Division, at SLoper@hrsa.gov.