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SUBJECT: Ensure a Strong Public Health Supply Chain Through Streamlined Oversight and
American Priorities Agency Information Collection Request 30-Day Federal
Register Notice and Office of Management and Budget Submission Package –
DECISION

ISSUE

The purpose of this decision memo is to request your approval of a Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the submission of a package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting a three-year extension of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Generic Clearance on the topic of the U.S. Public Health Supply Chain. The extension requires a 30-day comment period and would enable ASPR and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to work in support of the August 13, 2025, Executive Order “Ensuring American Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Resilience by Filling the Strategic Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients Reserve”. This package follows the previously approved and posted 60-day FRN for which ASPR received no public comments.

BACKGROUND

This FRN announces the submission of the extension request package to OMB, and includes the purpose, scope, methodology, and use of information collected under this proposed extended PRA clearance package. The extension of ASPR’s existing PRA package enables the strategic goals outlined in the ASPR Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, as well as many other activities supporting ASPR and HHS missions. Such activities include the identification and coordination of measurable activities across the United States Government, State, Local, Tribal,

and Territorial (SLTT) jurisdictions, and private sector partners. Cross-sectoral engagement is the underpinning of many of the interdependent implementation activities.

- Information collection may include data from SLTT partners on facility, local, and state stockpiling plans to ensure coordinated plans are in place for a future public health emergency.
- Potential engagements include surveys, stakeholder meetings, Requests for Information (RFI's), town hall meetings, and workshops. With each of these different mechanisms of engagement, there is a varied frequency ranging from single engagements to regularly recurring meetings.
- In addition to ASPR's planned activities, HHS agencies outside of ASPR may submit PRA requests under this generic package clearance with ASPR's facilitation and guidance for expedient approval. These coordinated activities further the administration's goals of efficiency, reduced duplication, and reduced burden on the taxpayer's dollar.
- These coordinated efforts reflect a broader federal strategy to increase the resilience, agility, and visibility of the public health supply chain in support of future emergency response operations.
- Efforts within the described scope of this PRA generic package continue to be in demand by the White House, HHS, and lawmakers, e.g., Secretary Kennedy received a letter from the Senate Special Committee on Aging on supply chain related priorities.
- These estimated labor hours were revised to reflect the previously approved estimate by OMB in March 2023. ASPR was advised this may improve the likelihood of successful extension.

The greater OMB package includes the following documents and their purpose:

- Supporting Statement A – Foundational scope, purpose, and use intended by this information collection request required by OMB. Content developed in 2023 has been updated for accuracy and alignment.
- Supporting Statement B – Foundational methodology as it may apply to individual information collection requests submitted under the approved generic package including sampling strategies, instrument types, and best practices, as required by OMB. Content developed in 2023 has been updated for accuracy and alignment.
- Attachment A – Executive Order 14001 On a Sustainable Public Health Supply Chain
- Attachment B – Executive Order 14336 Ensuring American Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Resilience by Filling the Strategic Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients Reserve
- Attachment C – ASPR FY 2026-2029 Strategic Plan
- Attachment D – 60-Day Federal Register Notice
- Attachment E – genIC Template for ASPR Generic Clearance

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve and transmit the FRN and package intended for OMB by HHS/ASPR/IBMSC.

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DECISION

Approved

John Knox
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Disapproved

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Need More Information

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Attachments:

- 0990-0488 Updated ASPR Father Generic Statement A
- 0990-0488 ASPR Father Generic Statement B Statistical Methods
- 0990-0488 Attachment A - E.O. 14001
- 0990-0488 Attachment B - E.O. 14336
- 0990-0488 Attachment C - ASPR FY 2026-2029 Strategic Plan
- 0990-0488 Attachment D - 60-Day FRN
- 0990-0488 Attachment E - genIC Template for ASPR Generic Clearance
- 0990-0488 30-Day FRN ASPR Public Health Supply Chain