

0930-0384 SPARS SOR TOR Program Instrument Revisions for Harm Reduction

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No Material or Non-substantive Change Justification

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is requesting a no material or non-substantive change approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for (OMB No. 0930-0384) the SPARS SOR TOR Program Instrument Revisions for Harm Reduction.

SAMHSA is requesting a non-substantive change to revise questions to align with E.O. 14321 “Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets.” We have narrowed definitions, such as replacing "harm reduction organizations" with a strict definition targeting the "consequences associated with drug use, mental illness, and homelessness," which forces groups to define their operations by tangible mitigation rather than harm reduction advocacy. We excluded unaligned groups by removed ambiguous categories like "Other community-based organizations that are not harm reduction organizations" which prevents groups that do not adhere to the new federal guidelines from slipping through reporting loopholes. And we have prioritized traditional civic entities by explicitly adding traditional community support options (such as veteran organizations, libraries, and community coalitions) signals a preference for routing community aid through mainstream civic institutions rather than specialized drug-user advocacy networks. Additionally, items related to drug checking technologies have been removed to ensure alignment with updated program priorities and streamline data collection to focus on overdose prevention and response activities.

SAMHSA is requesting the following changes from the tools in the CSAT SOR/TOR Program Instrument. These changes will not impact the current burden hours:

Please list changes to the tools below

- Replaced “harm reduction organizations” with “community-based overdose and infectious disease prevention organizations,” defined as organizations that address overdose and the infectious disease consequences associated with drug use, mental illness, and homelessness.
- Removed the response option “Other community-based organizations that are not harm reduction organizations.....” from Question A3 to eliminate ambiguity and improve clarity.
- Added a response option to Question A3 specifying “Community-based organizations (e.g., veteran organizations, libraries, community coalitions)” to clearly identify organizations that provide general community support services.

- In Types of Services, replaced “Harm Reduction” with “Overdose Prevention and Response.”
- Conformed supporting definitions/examples in the instrument to ensure activity-based terminology (overdose prevention, infectious disease prevention) is used consistently across the instrument.
- Corrected minor grammatical and typographical errors throughout the document; no substantive content changes were made.

SOR/TOR PROGRAM INSTRUMENT PROTOCOL

- Removed “Distribution of drug checking technologies” as a category under “The SOR/TOR Program Instrument collects the following information”

SECTION A: PROGRAM-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

- Removed question, “How many drug checking technologies, as directed by SAMHSA, has your state/territory/Tribal entity **purchased** since the last reporting period? If reporting either a zero value or information is unavailable, please indicate why:” Along with response options.
- Removed question, “How many drug checking technologies, as directed by SAMHSA, has your state/territory/Tribal entity **distributed** since the last reporting period? If reporting either a zero value or information is unavailable, please indicate why:” Along with response options.

SECTION B: SUB-RECIPIENT ENTITY INVENTORY

- Removed “and drug checking technologies” from question 2 “*Overdose prevention and response:*”