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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; State Annual Long-Term Care Ombudsman Report Revised Data Collection to the National Ombudsman Reporting System

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Community Living, Administration on Aging (ACL/AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the National Ombudsman Reporting System per 45 CFR part 1324.21 and Older Americans Act Title VII.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by October 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: louise.ryan@acl.hhs.gov.

Submit written comments on the collection of information to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Community Living 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600 M/S RX-33, Seattle, WA 98104, Attention: Louise Ryan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louise Ryan by telephone: (206) 615-2514 or by email: louise.ryan@acl.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Administration for Community Living (ACL, formerly the Administration for Aging) has submitted

the following proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance. The Administration for Community Living/ Administration on Aging (ACL/AoA) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for data collection associated with the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS).

The report form and instructions have been in continuous use, with minor modifications, since they were first approved by OMB for the FY 1995 reporting period. This request is for approval to revise the data collection tool to enhance ACL's ability to understand and report on: LTCO program operations, experience of long-term care facility residents and to update to reflect changes in: LTC Ombudsman program operations and long-term supports and services policies, research, and practices. States will continue to provide the following data and narrative information in the report:

1. Numbers and descriptions of cases filed and complaints made on behalf of long-term care facility residents to the statewide ombudsman program;
 2. Major issues identified impacting on the quality of care and life of long-term care facility residents;
 3. Statewide program operations; and
 4. Ombudsman activities in addition to complaint investigation.
5. Organizational conflict of interest reporting as required by 45 CFR part 1324.21.

With respect to the following collection of information, ACL/AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL/AoA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACL/AoA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL/AoA Web site at: http://www.aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/Elder_Rights/Ombudsman/index.aspx.

AoA estimates the burden of this additional collection of information as follows: Approximately 7780 hours,

with 52 state Ombudsman programs responding annually.

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Edwin L. Walker,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; the National Maltreatment Reporting System

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (formerly the Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment on the information collection requirements relating to the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). The proposed collection of information tools may be found in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by September 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office for Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for ACL by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax: 202.395.6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Whittier Eliason, Administration for Community Living, 330 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20201; email: stephanie.whittiereliason@acl.hhs.gov; telephone: 202.795.7467.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Whittier Eliason.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Administration for Community Living (ACL, formerly the Administration for Aging) has submitted the following proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and clearance. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 22, 2016.

Authority: This data collection effort is in response to the Elder Justice Act of 2009, which amended title XX of the Social Security Act (42.U.S.C. 13976 *et seq.*). These provisions require that the Secretary of HHS “collects and disseminates data annually relating to the abuse, exploitation, and neglect of elders in coordination with the Department of Justice” (Sec. 2041(a)(1)(B)), and “conducts research related to the provision of adult protective services” (Sec. 2041(a)(1)(D)). Furthermore, the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (EJCC) included as its third recommendation for increasing federal involvement in addressing elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation: Develop a national adult protective services (APS) system based upon standardized data collection and a core set of service provision standards and best practices.

Background: From 2013–2015, ACL, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), developed and pilot

tested NAMRS. When implemented, NAMRS will be the first comprehensive, national reporting system for APS programs. NAMRS is intended to collect quantitative and qualitative data on the practices and policies of adult protective services (APS) agencies, as well as the outcomes of investigations into the maltreatment of older adults and adults with disabilities. In developing NAMRS, ACL and ASPE convened key stakeholders to identify data elements that are the most critical for a national system. More than 40 state administrators, researchers, service providers, and other stakeholders provided input in focus group conference calls. Additionally, more than 30 state representatives from 25 different states met in three in-person working sessions to discuss the uses of collected data and the key functionalities. A pilot version of NAMRS was tested in nine (9) diverse states, and refined based on feedback from the pilot and additional stakeholder engagement. A full discussion on the background of NAMRS, including the development of the system, the public engagement process, and the pilot testing can be found in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site.

Proposed Collection Effort: NAMRS has been developed as a voluntary system to collect annually both summary and de-identified case-level data on APS investigations. NAMRS consists of three components:

- (1) ACL proposes to collect descriptive data on state agency policies and practices from all states through the “Agency Component,” and
- (2) Case-level, non-identifiable data on persons who receive an investigation by APS in response to an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation through the “Case Component.”
- (3) For states that are unable to submit a case-level file through the “Case Component,” a “Key Indicators Component” will be available for them to submit data on a smaller set of core items.

ACL will provide technical assistance to states to assist in the preparation of their data submissions. Respondents will be state APS agencies and APS agencies in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. No personally identifiable information will be collected. ACL has calculated the following burden estimates (information on how the estimates were calculated is available in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site):

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Agency Component	56	1	13	728
Key Indicators Component	31	1	40	1,240
Case Component	25	1	150	3,750
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours	5,718

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this announcement. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following address: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, email: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV; Attention: Desk Officer for the Administration for Community Living.

With respect to the collection of information via NAMRS, ACL specifically requests comments on:

- (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency,

including whether the information shall have practical utility;

- (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

- (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 30 days of this publication. The proposed collection of information tools may be found in the NAMRS section of the ACL Web site.

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Edwin L. Walker,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2016–N–0566]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Survey of Alumni Commissioner’s Fellowship Program Fellows

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget