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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Nurse Faculty Loan Program, Annual Performance Report Financial Data Form**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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 ICR should be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, 14N39, 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, in compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Information Collection Request Title: Nurse Faculty Loan Program, Annual Performance Report  
Financial Data Form

OMB No. 0915- 0314 – Revision

Abstract: This collection request is for continued approval of the Nurse Faculty Loan Program’s revised Annual Performance Report (NFLP-APR) Financial Data Form. The form was previously titled as the Nurse Faculty Loan Program, Annual Operating Report (NFLP-AOR). Section 846A of the Public Health Service Act provides the Secretary of HHS with the authority to enter into an agreement with schools of nursing for the establishment and operation of a student loan fund to increase the number of qualified nurse faculty. Under the agreement, HRSA

makes awards to schools for the NFLP loan fund, which must be maintained in a distinct account. A school of nursing makes loans from the NFLP account to students enrolled full-time or, at the discretion of the Secretary, part-time in a master's or doctoral nursing education program that will prepare them to become qualified nursing faculty. Following graduation from the NFLP lending school, loan recipients may receive up to 85 percent NFLP loan cancellation over a consecutive 4-year period in exchange for service as full-time faculty at a school of nursing. The NFLP lending school collects any portion of the loan that is not cancelled and any loans that go into repayment due to default, and deposits these monies into the NFLP loan fund to make additional NFLP loans.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The online NFLP-APR Financial Data Form is an online form in the HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) Performance Report module as part of the NFLP, Bureau of Health Workforce performance report (OMB No: 0915-0061, expiration date of 6/30/2019). The revised NFLP-APR financial data form will collect less data from applicants and will no longer include nursing student demographic data. The nursing student demographic data is currently collected under OMB approval number No: 0915-0061. The revised NFLP-APR form will only collect financial data to capture the NFLP loan fund account activity related to financial receivables, disbursements, and borrower account data related to employment status, loan cancellation, loan repayment, and collections. Participating schools will provide HRSA with current and cumulative information on: (1) NFLP loan funds received, (2) number and amount of NFLP loans made, (3) number and amount of loans cancelled, (4) number and amount of loans in repayment, (5) loan default rate percent, (6) number of NFLP graduates

employed as nurse faculty, and (7) other related loan fund costs and activities.

The school of nursing must keep records of all NFLP loan fund transactions. The NFLP-APR financial data form is used to monitor grantee performance by collecting information related to the NFLP loan fund operations and financial activities for a specified reporting period (July 1 through June 30 of the academic year). Participating schools are required to complete and submit the NFLP-APR financial data form annually. The revised NFLP-APR financial data form will allow HRSA to better determine future awards to nursing schools.

Likely Respondents: Participating NFLP schools are required to adhere to reporting requirements.

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 ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Respondents per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Nurse Faculty Loan Program - Annual Performance Report Financial Data Form	260	1	260	6	1560
Total Burden	260		260		1560

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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