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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request;

Semiannual Performance Measures for the ACL Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership

Program (ICR New)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish a 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 proposed semiannual performance measures for the ACL Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership program as reauthorized under the Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act of 2014.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: TBI@acl.gov. Submit written comments to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Thom Campbell

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thom Campbell by telephone: (202) 795-7263 or by email: TBI@acl.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval.

To comply with the above requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of a new collection of information as set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility and/or help ACL illustrate the program's return on investment; (2) the accuracy of ACL'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.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Partnership program is to increase access to rehabilitation and other services for individuals with traumatic brain injury. Under the

Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–196), the Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership program transitioned from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Under this law, the Secretary, acting through ACL, was authorized to “make grants to States and American Indian consortia for the purpose of carrying out projects to improve access to rehabilitation and other services regarding traumatic brain injury.” ACL seeks to collect performance measure data from state grantees consistent with the TBI State Partnership program’s purpose and ACL’s mission to “Maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers.”

ACL seeks data on a semi-annual basis on the types of practices, protocols, and activities performed by each grantee, as well as the cost of each activity and the number and types of people they served. ACL also seeks information about the number and types of individuals who receive TBI-related home and community based services. Finally, ACL seeks information regarding the involvement of people with TBI in advisory and program support roles.

The data collected will allow ACL to determine the extent to which the grant program is meeting its goals of expanding and improving services, generating sustainable funding streams, and enriching service systems to better serve individuals with TBI and their families. The data will also help ACL develop and expand baseline information around the nature and scope of the incidence of TBI. Additionally, this data collection will help ACL illustrate the return on investment of the TBI funds in terms of system change (*i.e.*, changes in policies and practices and the development of networks). By matching the project dollars spent against measurable improvements in state systems for delivering services and supports to people living with TBI,

ACL will have a strong indicator of the effect of the TBI program on the quality of services which ultimately impact the lives of people across the country living with TBI.

The proposed data collection forms may be found on the ACL website for review at:

<https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>

ESTIMATED PROGRAM BURDEN: The annual reporting burden estimates are shown below.

Type of Respondent	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
States	State Performance Report	45*	2	16	1,440

*This is the highest number of awards anticipated, but it is possible that there will be less. If less than 45 grants are awarded, the total burden hours will be adjusted proportionally.

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Principal Deputy Administrator.

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