



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Information Collection Request Title: Updates to Uniform Standard for Waiver of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Core Medical Services Expenditure Requirement, OMB No. 0906 – XXXX – NEW

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 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, Room 14N39, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 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 Lisa Wright-Solomon, 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.

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Abstract: In accordance with sections 2604(c), 2612(b), and 2651(c) of the Public Health Service Act, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients are required to spend not less than 75 percent of grant funds on core medical services for individuals with HIV identified and eligible under the statute, after reserving statutory permissible amounts for administrative and clinical quality management costs. The RWHAP statute also grants the Secretary authority to waive this requirement for RWHAP Parts A, B, or C recipients if a number of requirements are met and a waiver request is submitted to HRSA for approval. RWHAP Part A, B, and C core medical services waiver requests – if approved – are effective for a 1-year budget period, and apply to funds awarded under the Minority AIDS Initiative.

Currently, for a core medical services waiver request to be approved, (1) core medical services must be available and accessible to all individuals identified and eligible for the RWHAP in the recipient's service area within 30 days, without regard to payer source; (2) there cannot be any AIDS Drug Assistance Program waiting lists in the recipient's service area; and (3) a public process to obtain input on the waiver request from impacted communities, including clients and RWHAP-funded core medical services providers, on the availability of core medical services and the decision to request the waiver must have occurred. The public process may be a part of the same one used to seek input on community needs as part of the annual priority setting and resource allocation, comprehensive planning, statewide coordinated statement of need (SCSN), public planning, and/or needs assessment processes.

HRSA is proposing to simplify the waiver request process for RWHAP Parts A, B, and C recipients by revising Policy Number 13-07: Uniform Standard for Waiver of Core Medical Services Requirement for Grantees Under Part, A, B, and C. The proposed changes would reduce the administrative burden for recipients by lessening the documentation they must submit

to HRSA when requesting a waiver. Under the proposed policy, recipients would be required to submit a one-page “HRSA RWHAP Core Medical Services Waiver Request Attestation Form” to HRSA in lieu of the multiple documents currently required to submit a waiver request.

Waiver request submission deadlines would also be revised. When finalized, the policy would replace HAB Policy Number 13-07 effective October 1, 2021, and would be named “Waiver of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Core Medical Services Expenditure Requirement.” HRSA is inviting comments on the proposed policy change under a separate policy notice titled, *Updates to Uniform Standard for Waiver of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Core Medical Services Expenditure Requirement.*

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: HRSA uses the documentation submitted in core medical services waiver requests to determine if the grant applicant or recipient meets the statutory requirements for waiver eligibility outlined in Sections 2604(c), 2612(b), and 2651(c) of the Public Health Service Act.

Likely Respondents: HRSA expects responses from RWHAP Parts A, B, and C grant applicants and recipients. The number of grant recipients requesting waivers has fluctuated annually and has ranged from 15 to up to 22 per year since the Program’s implementation in FY 2007. Given the changes in the health care environment, HRSA anticipates receiving possibly up to 22 applications in a given year.

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. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average four hours per response,

including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and completing and reviewing the collection of 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 Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Waiver Request	22	1	22	4	88
Total	22		22		88

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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