



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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### Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov) or by calling (202) 264-0041 and [PRA@HHS.GOV](mailto:PRA@HHS.GOV)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0955-0019 and project title for reference, to Sherrette A. Funn, email: [Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov), [PRA@HHS.GOV](mailto:PRA@HHS.GOV) or call (202) 264-0041 the Reports Clearance Officer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (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.

*Title of the Collection:* National Survey of Health Information Exchange Organizations (HIO)

*Type of Collection:* Revision of a previously approved collection

*Abstract:* Under the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of National Coordinator for Health Information and Technology, Electronic health information exchange (HIE) was one of three goals specified by Congress in the 2009 Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to ensure that the \$30 billion federal investment in certified electronic health records (EHRs) resulted in higher-quality, lower-cost care. Subsequent legislation and regulations have continued to prioritize the sharing of data electronically across EHRs and other health information systems. Health information exchange organizations (HIOs) play a pivotal role facilitating health information exchange across disparate providers, labs, pharmacies, public health departments, and others. This information collection request will gather data from HIOs across the nation through the administration of a survey of HIOs to generate the most current national statistics and associated actionable insights to inform policy efforts. The timely collection of national data from our survey will assess current capabilities of HIOs to support effective electronic information sharing within the U.S. healthcare system.

Since prior to HITECH there has been ongoing assessment of trends in the capabilities of HIOs to support clinical exchange through nationwide surveys of HIOs. These prior surveys and studies have collected data on organizational structure, financial viability, geographic coverage, scope of services, scope of participants, perceptions of information blocking, support for public health exchange, and participation in national networks and the Technical Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA). Continuing the ongoing data collection will be useful to construct a current and comprehensive picture of HIOs' role in facilitating exchange and ensuring rapid access to important health care data and information when it matters most, including vital data to address public health emergencies.

The survey will collect data on HIO capabilities to support electronic health information exchange, their maturity, and challenges they face. There are five key areas that require assessment: (1) adoption of technical standards; (2) perceptions related to information blocking;

(3) HIE coordination at the federal level; (4) public health data exchange; and (5) organizational demographics, including technical capabilities offered by HIOs and the challenges they face in supporting electronic health information exchange.

This is a 3-year request for OMB approval.

Annualized Burden Hour Table

<b>Forms (If necessary)</b>	<b>Respondents (If necessary)</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Number of Responses per Respondents</b>	<b>Average Burden per Response</b>	<b>Total Burden Hours</b>
	U.S. based public and private HIOs	100	1	45/60	75
Total			1		75

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