



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0021]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension of a Previously Approved Collection; Dispensing Records of Individual Practitioners

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Scott A Brinks, Regulatory Drafting and Policy Support Section, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 362-3261; Email: DPW@dea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Abstract: Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 827(c), practitioners who regularly dispense or administer controlled substances to patients and charge them for the substances and those practitioners who administer controlled substances in the course of maintenance or detoxification treatment shall keep records of such activities, and accordingly must comply with the regulations on recordkeeping.

Overview of this information collection:

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. The Title of the Form/Collection: Dispensing Records of Individual Practitioners.
3. The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: No form number is associated with this collection. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond: Affected Public: Private Sector—business or other for-profit. The obligation to respond is mandatory per 21 CFR 1304.
5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The DEA estimates that 72,333 registrants

participate in this information collection. The time per response is 0.5 minutes for Dispensing records of individual practitioners and Recordkeeping requirements of collectors.

6. An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection: DEA estimates that this collection takes 36,197 annual burden hours.
7. An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable: \$0.

Total Burden Hours

Activity	Number of Respondents	Total Annual Responses	Time Per Response (hours)	Total Annual Burden (Hours)
Dispensing records of individual practitioners	62,392	62,392	0.5	31,196 hrs.
Recordkeeping requirements of collectors	9,941	9,941	0.5	4,971 hrs.
Unduplicated Totals	72,333	72,333	N/A	36,167 hrs.

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street, NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

Dated: December 18, 2023.

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