



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Release of Unaccompanied Alien Children from ORR Custody (OMB #0970-0552)

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement; Administration for Children and Families; Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is inviting public comments on revisions to an approved information collection. The request consists of several forms that allow the Unaccompanied Children (UC) Program to process release of unaccompanied children from ORR custody and provide services after release.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30

days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: ORR is proposing revisions to four forms (Forms R-1, R-2, R-4, and R-6), the addition of one new form (Form R-9), removal of one form (Form R-3), continued use of the current version of one form (Form R-6), and alternate versions of two forms (R-2 and R-4). See below for a detailed description of the proposed revisions for each instrument.

Verification of Release (Form R-1)

There are two currently approved versions of this form under this information collection - one for UC Portal and one for UC Path. ORR proposes discontinuing the UC Portal version, incorporating the UC Path version into the UC Portal system, and making the below-listed revisions. ORR also updated the burden estimates for this form to account for an increase in the number care provider facilities and in the number of children placed in ORR care. The annual number of respondents increased from 216 to 300 and the annual number of responses per respondent increased from 253 to 428.

Proposed Revisions:

- Child's Information
 - Retitle section from *Minor's Information* to *Child's Information*
 - Remove the term "minor" from the *Name, Date of Birth,* and *A#* fields.
 - Remove the *Height, Weight,* and *Hair Color* fields. ORR determined that these fields are not a good fit for this form given that height and weight will change quickly as the child grows and hair color is often altered.
 - Add fields for *Primary Language* and *Country of Birth.* These fields will be auto-populated.
- Sponsor Information
 - Rephrase *Name of Sponsor* to *Name*
 - Rephrase *Telephone #* to *Primary Phone #*
 - Remove *Alias (if any)* field
- Acknowledgement of the Sponsor Care Agreement
 - Rephrase *Name of ORR Care Provider* to *ORR Care Provider Name*
 - Rephrase *Date* to *Discharge Date*
 - Add the following statement: *In agreeing to these provisions, the sponsor holds authority to consent to medical and mental health care on behalf of the child.*

Discharge Notification (Form R-2)

There are two currently approved versions of this form under this information collection - one for UC Portal and one for UC Path. ORR proposes discontinuing the UC Path version and revising the UC Portal version.

To support making iterative improvements, ORR proposes two versions of the form. The first version will be rolled out in the current UC Portal system. The second version will be rolled out in a modernized version of UC Portal. ORR expects to begin rolling out features in the new modernized system in 2024. Once the second version is rolled out, ORR will submit a nonsubstantive change request to remove the first version from the information collection.

ORR also updated the burden estimates for this form to reflect the revisions and to account for an increase in the number of care provider facilities and in the number of children placed in ORR care. For both versions, the annual number of respondents increased from 216 to 300 and the annual number of responses per respondent increased from 290 to 487. For the modernized UC Portal version, the average burden hours per response increased from 0.17 to 0.25.

Proposed Revisions - Current UC Portal Version:

- Discharge Notification
 - Remove *Proof of Relationship* field
 - Rephrase Type of Discharge field to *Discharge Type* and update dropdown options to account for all types of discharge from an ORR care provider facility.
- ORR Decision from Latest Release Request
 - Remove the following fields: *DHS Family Shelter, Local Law Enforcement, and Specify, if Other is Selected*
 - Move the following fields into a new Transfer of Placement Section: *UC Legal Status* (rephrased from *Legal Status of Minor*), *Address, City, State, Zip Code, and Phone*
- Create a new Other Type of Discharge section that contains the following fields: *Discharge into the Custody of* (options = Individual and Program/Facility), *Individual or Program/Facility Name, Address, City, State, and Zip Code*

Proposed Revisions – Modernized UC Portal Version:

In general, the purpose of the proposed revisions is to make the form more useful for processing the physical discharge of a child from a care provider program. To that end, ORR proposes adding several new fields, many of which are intended to support internal operations only and are

not appropriate to share with stakeholders when notifying them of a child's discharge. To ensure that only information necessary to provide notification of a child's discharge is shared with stakeholders, ORR proposes making this form internal to the ORR care provider network and ORR staff. To more accurately capture the purpose of the form and to distinguish it from previous versions, ORR proposes renaming the form "Program Exit Processing" and assigning it a new internal control number, "Form R-10." The UC Portal system will generate a separate report (i.e., an auto-populated document requiring no data entry) which will only contain the basic information necessary to notify stakeholders of the child's discharge. ORR will continue to use the title and internal control number of "Discharge Notification (Form R-2)" for the report since it will be used for the same purpose as the previous version of the form.

- UC Basic Information
 - Remove *Age* field and add *Portal ID* field (auto-populated system-generated number).
- Discharge Basic Information
 - Retitle section from *Discharge Notification* to *Discharge Basic Information*.
 - Update the dropdown options for the *Discharge Type* field to be inclusive of all types of discharge scenarios and add an *If Other, specify*

text box field.

- o Add the following fields from the UC Path version:
 - *Status*
 - *Scheduled Date of Discharge* (rephrase from *Release Scheduled Date/Time*)
 - *Discharge Delay* (also expand dropdown options and add an *If Other, specify* text box field)
 - *UC Parent Name*
 - *Parent/Legal Guardian Separation*
 - *MPP Case*
 - *Next Immigration Hearing Date*
- o Add the following new fields:
 - *UC Parent Discharge Type*
 - *UC Parent A#*
 - *Did the medical coordinator certify that the child is medically fit to travel?*
- o Move the field *Legal Status of Child* (rephrase from *Legal Status of Minor*) under this section and add an *If Other, specify* text box field.
- Discharge Details
 - o Retitle section from *ORR Decision from Latest Release Request to Discharge Details*.
 - o Employ progressive disclosure for this section so that only fields relevant to the selected

Discharge Type (and where applicable *UC Parent Discharge Type*) are displayed.

- o Rephrase field label to *Receiving Program Name* (currently *Program Minor was Transferred to*).
- o Remove the following fields:
 - *DHS Family Shelter*
 - *Local Law Enforcement*
- o Add the following fields from the UC Path version:
 - *Government Agency Name* (rephrase from *Name of Government Agency*)
 - *Government Agency Type* (rephrase from *Government Agency* and update dropdown options to add *ICE ERO* and remove *State/Local Facility*)
 - *Date Granted Voluntary Departure*
 - *Date Travel Document Requested*
 - *Date Travel Document Issued*
 - *Referral to Services in Country of Origin* (update dropdown options to rephrase *KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)* to *KIND CMRRP* and add *Other Services*)
 - *Completed Referral to Services in Country of Origin*
 - *DHS Age Out/Age Redetermination Plan* (rephrase from *DHS Age Out Plan*)

- o Add the following new fields:
 - *Type of Post-18 Discharge Plan*
 - *Discharged into Custody of*
 - *UC Parent Discharged into Custody of*
- Transportation Details
 - o Transfer this section and all fields contained within from the UC Path version without further revisions.

ORR Release Notification - ORR Notification to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Chief Counsel - Release of Unaccompanied Child to Sponsor and Request to Change Address (Form R-3)

ORR proposes removing this instrument from the information collection. No information is requested specifically for this auto-populated document, instead this a document that is auto-populated with information ORR collects in other OMB-approved forms. The use of information consolidated on this notification document is consistent with the purpose for which ORR originally collects the information in its other forms and with ORR's system of records notice (81 FR 46682). This form simply compiles and presents approved information collections in a different format and is therefore not subject to PRA.

The fields in this form are auto-populated from the following instruments:

- Discharge Notification (Form R-2, approved under this information collection)
- Release Request (Form R-4, approved under this information collection)
- Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5) (approved under OMB# 0970-0553)
- Care provider program user profile (not subject to PRA per OMB's April 7, 2010 memorandum *Social Media, Web-Based Interactive Technologies, and the Paperwork Reduction Act*)

Release Request (Form R-4)

There are two currently approved versions of this form under this information collection - one for UC Portal and one for UC Path. ORR proposes discontinuing the UC Path version and revising the UC Portal version.

To support making iterative improvements, ORR proposes two versions of the form. The first version will be rolled out in the current UC Portal system. The second version will be rolled out in a modernized version of UC Portal. ORR expects to begin rolling out features in the new modernized system in 2024. Once the second version is rolled out, ORR will submit a nonsubstantive change request to remove the first version from the information collection.

ORR also updated the burden estimates for this form to reflect the revisions and to account for an increase in the number of care provider facilities and in the number of children placed in ORR care. For both versions, the annual number of respondents increased from 216 to 300 for care providers; the annual number of responses per respondent increased from 254 to 430 for care providers and 321 to 756 for case coordinators. For the modernized UC Portal version, the average burden hours per response increased from 0.42 to 0.58 for care providers and 0.33 to 0.50 for case coordinators.

Proposed Revisions - Current UC Portal Version:

- Release Request Details
 - Replace the current *Requester Information* section with this section.
 - Auto-populate all fields in this section based on information captured in other sections of the form, information collected in the Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5, approved under OMB# 0970-0553), and system user information.
 - Add the following new fields: *Case Category* and *Relationship*.
 - Replace the fields *Requester Name* and *Requester Title* with the following auto-populated fields:

Case Manager Name, Case Coordinator Name, and Local Federal Field Staff Name.

- Sponsor Information
 - Remove the following fields: *Legal Status, If other Non-Immigrant Visa, Specify, If Other Immigrant Visa, Specify, SSN, A Number, Sponsor Email, Sponsor's Relationship to Minor, Is there proof of relationship?, Provide Details on Relationship Including Official Documentation, Sponsor Household Occupants, and Affidavits of Support.*
- OTIP Eligibility
 - This new section requests information related to referrals made to the Office of Trafficking in Persons, where applicable.
 - Add the following new fields: *Is the unaccompanied child a material witness?, Outcome of OTIP Referral, OTIP Referral, Date of OTIP Referral, Date OTIP Eligibility Begins, and Date OTIP Eligibility Expires.*
- Program Information
 - Add the following new fields: *URM Program Requirement Eligibility and Date the URM Eligibility was Obtained*
- Case Manager Recommendation

- o Reorganize the section to contain three subsections: Home Study, Release Recommendation, and Release Cancellation
- o Replace the fields *Case Manager Recommendation*, *Case Manager Recommendation after Home Study*, and *If Applicable, Cancellation Reason* with three new fields: *Case Manager Home Study Recommendation*, *Case Manager Release Recommendation*, and *Case Manager Cancellation Reason*
- o Add the following new fields: *Explain your rationale for recommending or not recommending a Home Study*, *Describe case factors that contribute positively to your release recommendation*, *Describe case factors that contribute negatively to your release recommendation*, *List all documents used as evidence to support your recommendation to deny release ("evidentiary record")*, and *Describe circumstances of release cancellation*
- Case Coordinator Recommendation
 - o Reorganize the section to contain three subsections: Home Study, Release Recommendation, and Release Cancellation
 - o Replace the fields *Recommendation*, *Recommendation after Home Study*, and *If Applicable, Cancellation Reason* with three new fields: *Case Coordinator*

Home Study Recommendation, Case Coordinator Release Recommendation, and Case Coordinator Cancellation Reason

- o Add the following new fields: *Explain your rationale for recommending or not recommending a Home Study, Case Coordinator Pending Information, Other, Describe case factors that contribute positively to your release recommendation, Describe case factors that contribute negatively to your release recommendation, List all documents used as evidence to support your recommendation to deny release ("evidentiary record"), and Describe circumstances of release cancellation*
- ORR Decision
 - o Replace the fields *ORR Decision, ORR Decision after Home Study, and If Applicable, Cancellation Reason* with three new fields: *ORR Home Study Decision, ORR Release Decision, and ORR Cancellation Reason*
 - o Move the fields *Release Approved Date* and *Release Approved by* up from the Program Release Dates section and rephrase as follows: *ORR Decision Date* and *ORR Decisionmaker Name*
 - o Add the following new fields: *ORR Hold Reason, Explain your rationale for recommending or not*

recommending a Home Study, Please summarize the results of the home study including any recommendations made by the Home Study provider, if there are any concerns, and how they were mitigated, Describe case factors that contribute positively to your release recommendation, Describe case factors that contribute negatively to your release recommendation, List all documents used as evidence to support your recommendation to deny release ("evidentiary record"), and Describe circumstances of release cancellation

Proposed Revisions - Modernized UC Portal Version:

- Case Details - Retitle section from *UC Basic Information* to *Case Details*.
- Release Request Details
 - Replace the current *Requester Information* section with this section.
 - Auto-populate all fields in this section based on information captured in other sections of the form, information collected in the Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5, approved under OMB# 0970-0553), and system user information.
 - Add the following new fields: *Case Category, Relationship, Process* and *Release Status*.

- o Replace the fields *Requester Name* and *Requester Title* with the following auto-populated fields: *Case Manager Name, Case Coordinator Name, Local Federal Field Staff Name, and Box Federal Field Staff Name (if Applicable)*.
- Sponsor Information
 - o Add the following new fields that will auto-populate based on information entered in the Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5, approved under OMB# 0970-0553): *Evidence gathered to support sponsor/child relationship, Birth Certificate Trail, Concurrent and Prior Sponsorships, Sponsor's Previous Address(es), Sponsor's Current Address, and Flags Associated with Sponsors*.
 - o Add the following new fields that will be completed by the user: *Other (in response to What evidence has been gathered to support sponsor/child relationship), Does sponsor birth certificate match official sponsor ID?, If no, please note discrepancies between sponsor birth certificate and official sponsor ID, Was birth certificate verified by the consulate, If unable to conclusively prove relationship, please explain, and Concurrent and Prior Sponsorships Evaluation*.

- o Remove the following fields: *Legal Status, If other Non-Immigrant Visa, Specify, If Other Immigrant Visa, Specify, SSN, Provide Details on Relationship Including Official Documentation, Sponsor Household Occupants, and Affidavits of Support.*
- Family Reunification Packet & Supporting Documents
 - o Add this new section which will reference all supporting documentation relevant for release recommendations to minimize the amount of cross-referencing system users typically do to complete this form.
 - o Unification Documentation Subsection
 - Add the following new fields that will auto-populate based on information enter in the Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5, approved under OMB# 0970-0553): *Sponsor, Sponsor Identification, Was the sponsor address validated through SmartyStreets?, Choose to link google maps and google earth screenshots, What documentation was provided as proof of address, Household Member Name, Household Member Identification, ID Expiration Date, Alternate Caregiver Name, Alternate Caregiver Identification, and ID Expiration Date.*

- Add the following new fields that will be completed by the user: *Date FRP Received by Case Manager, Describe the sponsor's ability to provide housing, food, and education to the child, On what date was the Letter of Designation received, Not Collected (checkbox), and On what date was the Legal Orientation Program for Custodians Packet sent to the Sponsor?*
- o Child-Level Events Subsection
 - Hyperlink to information collected in the Child-Level Event (Form A-9, approved under OMB# 0970-0547), when applicable. This section is proposed purely to assist users in having all case information in one place. Child-Level Events in and of themselves are not the sole basis of release decisions but can inform whether a Home Study recommendation is made, what level of post-release services (PRS) is recommended for release, or what type of program would be best suited to a child released to program rather than a sponsor.
- o Legal Representation Subsection
 - Add the following new fields: *Does the child have an attorney of record?* and *Date*

Attorney Appointed, Is this a Migrant Protection Protocol case?, Is there a removal order for the unaccompanied child?, and Is this a Parental/Legal Guardian separation case?.

o Child Advocate Subsection

- Add the following new fields: *Does the child have a Child Advocate appointed?, Date Child Advocate Appointed.*
- Add a hyperlink to the Child Advocate Best Interest Determination (which is uploaded into UC Portal) upon completion, is proposed to be added into this form for the user's ease of reference.

o OTIP Eligibility Subsection

- This subsection requests information related to referrals made to the Office of Trafficking in Persons, where applicable.
- Add the following new fields: *Is the unaccompanied child a material witness?, Outcome of OTIP Referral, OTIP Status, Date of OTIP Referral, Date OTIP Eligibility Begins, and Date OTIP Eligibility Expires.*
- Add a hyperlink to the OTIP Eligibility Letter (if applicable) which is uploaded into UC Portal, upon completion, will be

added into this form for the user's ease of reference.

- o Release to Program (URM, State, Local Social Service Agency, Other) Subsection
 - Add the following new fields: *URM Program Requirement Eligibility, Date the URM Eligibility was Obtained, Program Accepts Guardianship, Program Agreed to Condition of Release, How/Why Program was identified, Date of Referral to the Program, Date of Acceptance, Program Comment, and Program License Type, Program Type, Facility Name, Program Address, and Other.*
 - Add a hyperlink to the Discharge Plan (Form R-9), which is a new instrument proposed under this request.
- Criminal Investigations
 - o Auto-populate information on background check results from the Sponsor Assessment (Form S-5, approved under OMB# 0970-0553).
 - o Employ progressive disclosure to limit or expand each subsection based on the facts of the case.
 - o Criminal Investigations: Sponsor Subsection
 - Add the following new fields that will be completed by the user: *Has the sponsor self-disclosed any criminal history? Please*

Explain., Is there evidence of rehabilitation? Please Explain., FFS requested the following additional information to adjudicate CA/N Results:, FFS adjudicated referred CA/N Check Results, FFS Requested the following information to adjudicate Fingerprints Results:, FFS adjudicated Fingerprints Results, and Did the FFS instruct that it is safe to move forward with the sponsor given the Fingerprint and CA/N Results? Please Explain:.

o Criminal Investigations: Household Member (HHM)
Subsection

- Add the following new fields that will be completed by the user: *Has the household member self-disclosed any criminal history? Please Explain., Is there evidence of rehabilitation? Please Explain., FFS requested the following additional information to adjudicate CA/N Results:, FFS adjudicated referred CA/N Check Results, FFS Requested the following information to adjudicate Fingerprints Results:, FFS adjudicated Fingerprints Results, and Did the FFS instruct that it is safe to move*

forward with the sponsor given the HHM's Fingerprint and CA/N Results? Please Explain:.

- o Criminal Investigations: Alternate Caregiver (ACG) Subsection
 - Add the following new fields that will be completed by the user: *Has the alternate caregiver self-disclosed any criminal history? Please Explain., Is there evidence of rehabilitation? Please Explain., FFS requested the following additional information to adjudicate CA/N Results:, FFS adjudicated referred CA/N Check Results, FFS Requested the following information to adjudicate Fingerprints Results:, FFS adjudicated Fingerprints Results, and Did the FFS instruct that it is safe to move forward with the sponsor given the alternate caregiver's Fingerprint and CA/N Results? Please Explain:*
- Home Study Recommendation Section
 - o Move all fields related to home study recommendations into this new section. Currently, the Case Manager Recommendation, Case Coordinator Recommendation, and ORR Decision sections contain fields related to home study

recommendations, release recommendations, and cancellation reasons. Moving fields related to home study recommendations here will distinguish the home study decision from the release decision and cancellation reasons. This section will contain subsections for each party involved in the home study recommendation and decision process - Case Manager Recommendation, Case Coordinator Recommendation, and ORR Decision.

- o Add a new dropdown option, *Do Not Recommend Home Study*, to the case manager and case coordination recommendation fields and the decision field (current dropdown options are *Home Study - TVPRA*, *Home Study - Discretionary*, and *Home Study - ORR Mandated*).
- o Add a new field, *Explain your rationale for recommending or not recommending a Home Study*, to all three subsections.
- o Add the following new fields that will appear if a home study is approved: *Date Home Study Referral Sent*, *Date Home Study Referral Accepted*, and *Date Home Study Completed*. These fields will auto-populated based on UC Portal system data.
- o Add a hyperlink to the Home Study Report will appear after it is uploaded into UC Portal, as well as a new field: *Please summarize the results*

of the home study including any recommendations made by the Home Study provider. If there are any concerns and how they were mitigated.

- Release Recommendation
 - Bundle the Case Manager Recommendation, Case Coordinator Recommendation, and ORR Decision sections together as subsections under this new section. Fields related to home study recommendations will be moved into the Home Study Recommendation section (as discussed above) and fields related to cancellation reasons will be moved into the Release Cancellation section (as discussed below).
 - Add three checkboxes to assist in routing for this form: *Submitted on Weekend or Holiday?*, *ICF or Casa Padre?*, and *Certified Medically Fit for Travel* (a field that can only be completed by ORR federal staff).
 - Update the dropdown options for the following fields to reflect that all children released from ORR care will receive PRS beginning January 1, 2024: *Case Manager Release Recommendation*, *Case Coordinator Release Recommendation*, and *ORR Release Decision*.

- o Add the following fields to direct case routing:
Case Manager Routing, Case Coordinator Routing, ORR Routing (if applicable).
- o Add the following new fields to each subsection:
Describe case factors that contribute positively to your release recommendation, Describe case factors that contribute negatively to your release recommendation, and List all documents used as evidence to support your recommendation to deny release (will only appear if the recommendation is to deny release).
- o Case Manager Recommendation Subsection
 - Add checkboxes for the types of documents the user reviewed to inform their recommendation as well as an *Other* text box to describe any documents reviewed that are not included in the checklist.
- o Case Coordinator Recommendation Subsection
 - Add a new field, *Case Coordinator Pending Information* as well as an *Other* text box to capture additional information if the user selects *Other*.
- o ORR Decision Subsection
 - Add the following new fields: ORR Decisionmaker Role, *ORR Remand Reason* (along

with a corresponding *Other* text field), and *ORR HOLD Reason*.

- Add a hyperlink to the final Notification of Denial Letter signed by the ORR Director that will appear if *Deny Release* is selected for a Cat 1, Cat 2A, or Cat 2B sponsor.
- Release Cancellation
 - Move fields related to release cancellation into this new section to distinguish cancellations from home study and release recommendations. This section will contain subsections for each party involved in cancellations - Case Manager Recommendation, Case Coordinator Recommendation, and ORR Decision.
 - Add the following new fields to each subsection: *Cancellation Reason* and *Describe circumstances of release cancellation*.
 - Add the following fields that will prompt the user to select a more specific reason for cancellation: *Specific Sponsor Withdrawal Reason*, *Specific Reason for Child Discharge (Non-unification or Program)*, and *Specific Administrative Closure Reason*.

Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (Form R-6) (formerly titled Safety and Well-Being Call)

There are two currently approved versions of this form under this information collection - one in Excel and one for UC Path. ORR proposes the below-listed revisions to the current UC Path version and plans to incorporate the revised version into the UC Portal system.

In addition, ORR is requesting continued use of the current Excel version of this instrument to support a phased rollout of improvements to the UC Portal system.

ORR updated the burden estimates for this form to reflect form revisions, to account for an increase in the number of care provider facilities and in the number of children placed in ORR care, and to improve burden accuracy. The burden estimate was split into three separate line items for each respondent. The annual number of respondents changed from 216 care providers to 40 PRS providers, 128,487 sponsors, and 128,487 children; the annual number of responses per respondent increased from 253 to 19,273 for PRS providers, 3 for sponsors, and 3 for children; and the average burden hours per response increased from 0.42 to 0.58 for PRS providers, 0.17 to 0.25 for sponsors, and 0.17 to 0.25 for children.

ORR plans to shift responsibility for conducting safety and well-being calls from care provider facilities to PRS

providers. Moving forward these calls will be called virtual check-ins. All children released to a sponsor and their sponsors will continue to receive calls, however, the frequency of the calls will increase from one to three calls - conducted at seven business days, 14 business days, and 30 business days after the child's release from ORR custody.

ORR proposes the following revisions to the UC Path version of Form R-6 to support this change in process:

- Change the title to "Virtual Check-In Questionnaire."
- **Pre-Call Information** - This section will replace the UAC Basic Information and Case Information sections. The new section retains the child and sponsor information and adds fields to capture phone numbers for contacts in the care plan and in home country. All information in this section will be auto-populated.
- **Questions for the Sponsor** - This section will replace the Sponsor Address Confirmation and Sponsor Questions sections. The new section will include subsections for Location & Contact Information, Child's School, Child's Medical & Mental Health, Legal Services & Child's Immigration Court Dates, Safety & Well-Being, and Child's Work. This section adds 16 new questions. The section also retains, and in some cases adds

additional follow-up questions for, the questions confirming the address, whether the child still lives with the sponsor, whether the child is registered for school, whether the child is having any behavioral or health issues, whether the sponsor has attended the Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children (LOPC) presentation, whether the sponsor is aware of, and notified the child of, the child's next immigration court date, whether the child has attended their scheduled court hearing, whether the sponsor still has the child's *Verification of Release* form, and whether the sponsor has been asked to pay for the release of the child.

- **Questions for the Child** - This section will replace the UAC Address Confirmation and UAC Questions sections. The new section will include subsections for Location, School, Medical & Mental Health, Immigration & Legal Services, and Safety & Well-Being (to include subsections for Post-Release, Work, and In-Care). The new section adds 34 new questions. The section also retains, and in some cases adds additional follow-up questions for, the questions confirming the address, whether the child still lives with the sponsor, whether the child is attending school, whether the child feels safe, whether the child has been adequately provided for, whether anyone has been asked

to pay for the release of the child, whether the child is being forced to work or pay money, and whether the child is aware of their next immigration court date.

- **Post-Call Assessment and Outcomes** - This section will replace the following sections: Sponsor Interview, UAC Interview, Case Manager Observation and Action Follow-Up, UAC May be in Immediate Danger, UAC May be Unsafe, UAC May Have Been Sexually Abused or Harassed While in ORR Care, Additional Support Services or LOPC Appointment, and Case Manager Certification. The new section adds 5 new questions. The section also retains, and in some cases builds on, questions on whether the phone was disconnected, sponsor participation, whether the child appears to be in immediate danger, whether the child or sponsor should be assessed for additional PRS, post-call actions taken, and reasons for elevation (if applicable).

Discharge Plan (Form R-9)

ORR care providers are required to conduct discharge planning for children who are not likely to be released to a sponsor, may obtain a form of lawful immigration relief, are projected to have a prolonged stay in ORR care, and/or will soon turn age 18 and age out of ORR care. Discharge planning is a participatory process that takes into consideration the wishes and goals of the child and

includes consultation with the child's legal services provider, attorney of record, child advocate, and other stakeholders (e.g., parents, legal guardian in home country) as applicable. Case managers engage in concurrent planning, whenever possible, to ensure there are multiple options included in the child's discharge plan.

ORR developed this instrument to improve and standardize the process for discharge planning across its national network of care providers. The new instrument will collect information on the following topics:

- Child's Basic Information
- Placement Information After Release
- Financial Plan
- Education and Career Plan
- Community Resources Plan
- Residential Plan
- UC Program Family Group
- Case Management Needs
- Family Unification Plan
- Legal Services Plan
- Voluntary Departure Plan
- Release to DHS ICE Field Office Juvenile Coordinator
Upon Age Out
- Transportation Plan

- Health Discharge Safety Plan
- Behavioral Health Support Summary
- Summary of Strengths and Life Skills

The Legal Services Plan section of this instrument will replace Post Legal Status Plan (Form L-8), which is currently approved under OMB# 0970-0565. ORR plans to submit a nonsubstantive change request to discontinue Form L-8 soon.

Respondents: ORR grantee and contractor staff; and released children and sponsors.

Annual Burden Estimates

Information Collection Title	Annual Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Annual Total Burden Hours
Verification of Release (Form R-1)	300	428	0.17	21,828
Discharge Notification (Form R-2)- Current UC Portal	300	487	0.17	24,837
Release Request (Form R-4)- Current UC Portal - Care Provider	300	430	0.42	54,180
Release Request (Form R-4)-Current UC Portal - Case Coordinator	170	756	0.33	42,412
Release Request (Form R-4)- Modernized UC Portal - Care Provider	300	430	0.58	74,820
Release Request (Form R-4)-Modernized UC Portal - Case Coordinator	170	756	0.50	64,260
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) - Current Excel - Sponsor	128,487	1	0.25	32,122
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) - Current Excel - Child	128,487	1	0.25	32,122
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) -	40	19,273	0.75	578,190

Current Excel - PRS Provider				
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) - Sponsor	128,487	3	0.25	96,365
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) - Child	128,487	3	0.25	96,365
Virtual Check-In Questionnaire (R-6) - PRS Provider	40	19,273	0.58	447,134
Discharge Plan (Form R-9)	300	11	2.00	6,600
Program Exit Processing (Form R-10) - Modernized UC Portal	300	487	0.25	36,525
			Estimated Annual Burden Hours Total:	1,607,760

Authority: 6 U.S.C. 279; 8 U.S.C. 1232; Flores v. Reno Settlement Agreement, No. CV85-4544-RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996)

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