



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

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

#### Information Collection Request Title: Rural Communities Opioid Response Program

#### Performance Measures

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**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, below, 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](mailto: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](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Joella Roland, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443-3983.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Performance Measures, OMB No. 0906 – 0044 – Revision

*Abstract:* HRSA administers RCORP, which is authorized by section 711(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 912(b)(5)) and is a multi-initiative program that aims to: (1) support treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD); and (2) reduce morbidity and mortality associated with SUD, including OUD, by improving access to and delivering prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to high-risk rural communities. To support this purpose, RCORP grant initiatives include:

- RCORP-Implementation grants fund established networks and consortia to deliver SUD/OUD prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in high-risk rural communities.
- RCORP-Psychostimulant Support grants aim to strengthen and expand access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals in rural areas who misuse psychostimulants, to enhance their ability to access treatment and move toward recovery.
- RCORP-Medication Assisted Treatment Access grants aim to establish new access points in rural facilities where none currently exist.
- RCORP-Behavioral Health Care support grants aim to expand access to and quality of behavioral health care services at the individual-, provider-, and community-levels.
- RCORP Overdose Response recipients address immediate needs in rural areas through improving access to, capacity for, and sustainability of prevention, treatment, and recovery services for SUD.
- RCORP Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health grants aim to establish and expand sustainable behavioral health care services for children and adolescents aged 5-17 years who live in rural communities.
- RCORP-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome grants aim to reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in rural communities by

improving systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health.

- Note that additional grant initiatives may be added pending fiscal year 2025 and future fiscal year appropriations.

HRSA currently collects information about RCORP grants using approved performance measures. HRSA developed separate performance measures for RCORP's new Overdose Response, Behavioral Health, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome grants and seeks OMB approval for the new performance measures.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Due to the growth in the number of grant initiatives included within RCORP, as well as emerging SUD and other behavioral health trends in rural communities, HRSA is submitting a revised ICR that includes measures for RCORP's new Overdose Response, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome grants.

For this program, performance measures were developed to provide data on each RCORP initiative and to enable HRSA to provide aggregate program data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, including: (a) provision of, and referral to, rural behavioral health care services, including SUD prevention, treatment and recovery support services; (b) behavioral health care, including SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery, process and outcomes; (c) education of health care providers and community members; (d) emerging trends in rural behavioral health care needs and areas of concern; and (e) consortium strength and sustainability. All measures will speak to the progress on meeting the set goals of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

*Likely Respondents:* The respondents will be the recipients of the RCORP grants.

*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. 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
RCORP-Implementation	290	2	580	1.24	719.20
RCORP-Psychostimulant Support	15	1	15	1.30	19.50
RCORP-Medication Assisted Treatment Access	11	1	11	1.95	21.45
RCORP-Behavioral Health Care Support	58	1	58	2.02	117.16
Rural Communities Opioid Response – Overdose Response (NEW)	47	3	141	0.56	78.96
RCORP– Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (NEW)	9	2	18	0.48	8.64
RCORP – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NEW)	41	4	164	2.31	378.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>471</b>		<b>987</b>		<b>1,343.75</b>

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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