



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, 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 ASTP_Data@hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990-New-60D and project title for reference to ASTP_Data@hhs.gov and Meghan Gabriel at Meghan.Gabriel@hhs.gov, PRA@hhs.gov or call 202-465-0597.

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 Digital Health Companies

Type of Collection: New Data Collection

OMB No.

Abstract:

The 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) aimed to advance the exchange of electronic health information by promoting patient access through standardized application programming interfaces (APIs). Digital health companies develop apps and health IT tools that enable human interaction with APIs to exchange electronic health information. Prior studies indicate widespread adoption of standardized APIs for interoperability with electronic health records (EHRs). Ongoing assessment of these technologies is crucial to examining the impacts of the Cures Act’s health IT provisions and is critical to informing the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT’s (ASTP/ONC’s) policy efforts. With ASTP/ONC’s support, the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) conducted a 2022 survey of digital health companies assessing implementation of and experiences with healthcare APIs; findings from this survey work are published in the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. ASTP/ONC finds it essential to continue efforts to survey digital health companies to assess ASTP/ONC’s implementation of statutorily mandated information blocking (42 U.S.C. 300jj-52) and APIs “without special effort” policies (42 U.S.C. 300jj-11) under the Cures Act. Information gathered from this effort will help inform ongoing ASTP/ONC efforts to help nurture an ecosystem of innovation and transparency in health care.

Annualized Burden Hour Table

Forms (If necessary)	Respondents (If necessary)	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondents	Average Burden per Response	Total Burden Hours
Total	U.S. based Digital Health Companies	282	1	60 minutes	282
Total					282

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