



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

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

**Information Collection Request Title: Data Collection Tool for State Offices of Rural**

**Health Program, OMB No. 0915-0322 – Revision**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA's ICR only after the 30-day comment period for this notice has closed.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call (301) 443-3983.

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

*Information Collection Request Title:* Data Collection Tool for State Offices of Rural Health Program, OMB No. 0915-0322 – Revision.

*Abstract:* HRSA is requesting OMB approval to continue use of a Technical Assistance (TA) Data Form (Technical Assistance Report) for the State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) program established by section 338J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r). In its authorizing language (sec. 711 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 912]), Congress charged HRSA’s Federal Office of Rural Health Policy with administering grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to provide TA and other activities as necessary to support activities related to improving health care in rural areas. The mission of FORHP is to sustain and improve access to quality health care services for rural communities. This electronic form is used to collect information from SORH grantees on the amount of direct TA they provide to clients within their state.

A 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 2026, vol. 91, No. 19; pp. 3897-3898. There were no public comments.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* FORHP seeks to continue gathering information from grantees on their efforts to provide TA to clients within their states. SORH grantees submit a TA Report that includes: (1) the total number of TA encounters provided directly by the grantee; and, (2) the total number of unduplicated clients that received direct TA from the grantee. These measures will continue in these three categories: (1) information disseminated, (2) information created, and (3) collaborative efforts by (a) topic area and (b) type of audience.

After the 60-day FRN comment period, FORHP made minor revisions to the form to align with administration priorities. FORHP proposes the following minor revisions: removal of "Type of audience collaborated with" section, an edit to response categories under "Topic area collaborations" section, and adding two responses under the "Types of Clients that Received TA" to capture the number of new and returning organizations receiving TA during the reporting period. These measures are used to obtain an accurate depiction of the breadth of SORH work, based on recommendations from the grantees.

Submission of the TA Report is submitted via FORHP's Data Collection Platform no later than 60 days after the end of each 12-month budget period. Grant dollars are awarded annually; therefore, this information is needed annually by the program in order to measure effective use of grant dollars consistently among all the grantees.

*Likely Respondents:* Fifty SORH award recipients.

*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:

<b>Instrument Name</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Number of Responses per Respondent</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Average Burden per Response (in hours)</b>	<b>Total Burden Hours</b>
Technical Assistance Report	50	1	50	13.5	675

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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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