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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Health Professions Student Loan Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, Primary Care Loan Program, and Nursing Student Loan Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0906-0088 - Extension

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. 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 or call (301) 443-9094.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information Collection Request Title: Health Professions Student Loan Program, Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, Primary Care Loan Program, and Nursing Student Loan Program Administrative Requirements, OMB No. 0906-0088 **-** Extension

Abstract: The Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program**,** authorized by Public Health Service (PHS) Act sections 721-722 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low-interest loans to students attending schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, and pharmacy. The Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS) Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 721-722 and 724-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to certain students attending schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. The Primary Care Loan (PCL), authorized by PHS Act sections 721-723 and 725-735, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low interest loans to students attending schools of allopathic medicine and osteopathic medicine to practice primary health care. The Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program, authorized by PHS Act sections 835-842, is a grant program where recipients provide long-term, low-interest loans to students who attend eligible schools of nursing in programs leading to a diploma degree, an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree in nursing. These programs have a number of recordkeeping and reporting requirements for academic institutions and loan applicants. The applicable program regulations are found in 42 C.F.R. §§ 57.201-218 and 57.301-318.

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2026, vol. 91, No. 101; pp. 31465-67. There was one public comment from the American Pharmacists Association

(APhA) that was largely supportive of the HPSL and LDS programs, the two programs listed in this ICR that support pharmacy education. APhA described challenges facing pharmacy students, especially in light of predicted pharmacist shortages in various regions. APhA encouraged HRSA to create pathways such as the HPSL program to help pharmacy students access federal loans given the important role pharmacists play related to the nation's public health efforts.

HRSA appreciates APhA's comments and continued support for the HPSL and LDS program objectives. HPSL and LDS program recipients with active revolving loan programs continue to issue loans to students, including pharmacy students, even in years when HRSA is not accepting applications for new grant awards. As the comment did not address any technical or burden-related aspects of this information collection; no changes were made to the information collection tool, methodology, or burden calculations.

The burden table listing estimated burden for reporting requirements (see Table 3) has been updated, estimating 10 burden hours each for record retention and reporting requirements associated with administrative hearings, as well as 10 hours for administrative hearings. The 60-day *Federal Register* notice estimated no respondents or burden hours associated with administrative hearings. This was modified for the 30-day *Federal Register* notice because it is not consistent with the currently approved ICR. As a result, the total administrative burden associated with reporting requirements increased by 30 hours compared to the 60-day *Federal Register* notice but not compared to the currently approved collection.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Participating HPSL, LDS, PCL, and NSL schools are responsible for determining the eligibility of applicants, making loans, and collecting monies owed by borrowers on their outstanding loans. Participating schools include schools that are no longer disbursing loans but are required to report and maintain program records, student records, and repayment records until all student loans are repaid in full, and all monies due to the federal government are returned.

Likely Respondents: Institutions who have received HPSL, LDS, PCL, and/or NSL Program awards.

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.

Table 1: Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Instrument (HPSL, LDS, PCL, & NSL)	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Deferment - HRSA Form 519	2,060	1	2,060	0.500	1,030
AOR-HRSA-Form 501	726	1	726	12.000	8,712
Total	2,786		2,786		9,742

Table 2 shows the estimated burden for schools to maintain required records on the history and status for each loan account, which are necessary to complete the forms listed in Table 1 above.

Table 2: Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours for Recordkeeping Requirements

Data Required to be Submitted	Number of record keepers	Hours per year	Total burden hours
HPSL, LDS, and PCL Program:			
Documentation of Cost of Attendance	432	1.050	454
Promissory Note	432	1.250	540
Documentation of Entrance Interview	432	1.250	540
Documentation of Exit Interview	*475	0.370	176
Program Records	*475	10.000	4,750
Student Records	*475	10.000	4,750
Repayment Records	*475	19.550	9,286
HPSL/LDS/PCL Subtotal	**475**		**20,496**
NSL Program:			
Documentation of Cost of Attendance	304	0.250	76
Promissory Note	304	0.500	152
Documentation of Entrance Interview	304	0.500	152
Documentation of Exit Interview	*486	0.140	68
Program Records	*486	5.000	2,430
Student Records	*486	1.000	486
Repayment Records	*486	2.510	1,220
NSL Subtotal	**486**		**4,584**

*Includes active and closing schools

Table 3 shows the estimated burden for schools to complete reporting requirements for loan records, which are necessary to complete the forms listed in Table 1 above.

Table 3: Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours for Reporting Requirements

	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
HPSL, LDS, and PCL Program:					
Student Financial Aid Transcript	4,600	1.0	4,600	0.250	1,150
Loan Information Disclosure	325	299.5	97,338	0.630	61,323
Entrance Interview	325	139.5	45,338	0.500	22,669
Exit Interview	*334	113.5	37,909	1.000	37,909
Notification of Repayment	*334	862.5	288,075	0.380	109,469
Notification During Deferment	*333	17.0	5,661	0.630	3,566
Notification of Delinquent Accounts	334	172.5	57,615	1.250	72,019
Credit Bureau Notification	334	6.0	2,004	0.500	1,002
Write-off of Uncollectable Loans	520	1.0	520	3.000	1560
Disability Cancellation	3	1.0	3	1.000	3
Administrative Hearings record retention	10	1.0	10	10.000	10
Administrative Hearings reporting requirements	10	1.0	10	10.000	10
HPSL Subtotal					**310,690**
NSL Program:					
Student Financial Aid Transcript	4,100	1.0	4,100	0.250	1,025
Entrance Interview	282	17.5	4,935	0.420	2,073
Exit Interview	348	9.0	3,132	0.420	1,315
Notification of Repayment	348	9.0	3,132	0.270	846
Notification During Deferment	348	1.5	522	0.290	151
Notification of Delinquent Accounts	348	42.5	14,790	0.040	592
Credit Bureau Notification	348	709.0	246,732	0.006	1,480
Write-off of Uncollectable Loans	23	1.0	23	3.000	69
Disability Cancellation	16	1.0	16	1.000	16
Administrative Hearings	10	1.0	10	10.000	10
NSL Subtotal					**7,577**

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