

compliance with the matching agreement.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments on this notice to the CMS Privacy Act Officer by mail at: Division of Security, Privacy Policy & Governance, Information Security & Privacy Group, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Location: N1-14-56, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 or by email at Barbara.Demopolos@cms.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the matching program, you may contact Anne Pesto, Senior Advisor, Marketplace Eligibility and Enrollment Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, at 443-955-9966, by email at anne.pesto@cms.hhs.gov, or by mail at 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records (meaning, Federal agency records about individuals retrieved by name or other personal identifier) are matched with records of other Federal or non-Federal agencies. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in a matching program to:

1. Enter into a written agreement, which must be prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, approved by the Data Integrity Board of each source and recipient Federal agency, provided to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and made available to the public, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (u)(3)(A), and (u)(4).

2. Notify the individuals whose information will be used in the matching program that the information they provide is subject to verification through matching, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(D).

3. Verify match findings before suspending, terminating, reducing, or making a final denial of an individual's benefits or payments or taking other adverse action against the individual, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(p).

4. Report the matching program to Congress and the OMB, in advance and annually, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(A)(i), (r), and (u)(3)(D).

5. Publish advance notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12).

This matching program meets these requirements.

Barbara Demopolos,

Privacy Act Officer, Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the recipient agency, and the Peace Corps is the source agency.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The principal authority for the matching program is 42 U.S.C. 18001, *et seq.*

PURPOSE(S):

The purpose of the matching program is to assist CMS in determining individuals' eligibility for financial assistance in paying for private health insurance coverage. In this matching program, the Peace Corps provides CMS with daily files, identifying all Peace Corps volunteers and the dates when each volunteer was eligible for coverage under a Peace Corps health benefit plan, which CMS makes available to state administering entities (AEs) through a data services hub, under a separate matching agreement. CMS and AEs use the Peace Corps data to verify whether an individual who is applying for or is enrolled in private health insurance coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange is eligible for coverage under a Peace Corps health benefit plan, for the purpose of determining the individual's eligibility for financial assistance (including an advance tax credit and cost sharing reduction, which are types of insurance affordability programs) in paying for private health insurance coverage. Peace Corps health benefit plans provide minimum essential coverage, and eligibility for such plans precludes eligibility for financial assistance in paying for private coverage. The data provided by the Peace Corps under this matching program will be used by CMS and AEs to authenticate identity, determine eligibility for financial assistance, and determine the amount of any financial assistance.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS:

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program are: (1) active and recently separated Peace Corps volunteers, identified in data CMS receives from the

Peace Corps, and (2) consumers who apply for or are enrolled in private insurance coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange (and other relevant individuals, such as applicants' and enrollees' household members), whose records are matched against the data CMS receives from the Peace Corps.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS:

The categories of records which will be provided by the Peace Corps to CMS in this matching program are identity records and minimum essential coverage period records, consisting of these data elements: last name, middle initial, first name, and date of birth. CMS will not send any data about individual applicants/enrollees to the Peace Corps in order to receive this data about Peace Corps volunteers.

SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:

A. System of Records Maintained by CMS

The applicable CMS system of records is CMS Health Insurance Exchanges System (HIX), CMS System No. 09-70-0560, last published in full at 78 FR 63211 (Oct. 23, 2013), as amended at 83 FR 6591 (Feb. 14, 2018).

B. System of Records Maintained by the Peace Corps

The applicable Peace Corps system of records is PC-17 Peace Corps, Volunteer Applicant and Service Records System, last published in full at 50 FR 1950 (Jan. 14, 1985) and partially amended at 65 FR 63641 (Oct. 24, 2000), 72 FR 44878 (Aug. 9, 2007), 75 FR 53000 (Aug. 30, 2010), and 79 FR 41599 (July 16, 2014). Routine use (i) published at 50 FR 1950 (Jan. 14, 1985), which permits disclosures "to verify active or former volunteer service," authorizes the Peace Corps' disclosures to CMS.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Tribal Early Childhood Facilities Combined Application Guide (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Early Childhood Development (ECD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the Tribal Early Childhood Facilities Combined Application Guide for joint applications for construction and major renovation projects using both Head Start and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) resources.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Funding for facilities under the CCDF is authorized by section

658O(c)(6) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act, 42 U.S.C. 9858(c)(6), and is managed by the Office of Child Care (OCC). Funding for Head Start facilities projects is authorized by 45 CFR part 1303 (subpart E) Head Start Program Performance Standards and is managed by the Office of Head Start (OHS). The guide streamlines the process for Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies and American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Head Start programs submitting collaborative, joint applications to use federal CCDF and Head Start funds for facilities projects where funds can be used for reasonable costs and fees related to planning for a facilities project and to support the application development in tribal communities. Both funds aim to construct or improve early childhood facilities, often serving the same children, but application submission and review processes are currently unique to each respective funding stream. The proposed information collection will provide instructions to Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies and AI/AN

Head Start programs on submitting joint plans for how proposed facilities projects will enable the programs to better serve current AI/AN families or increase enrollment currently limited by inadequate facilities. The guide will provide critical information and resources, so recipients understand the requirements of each program and develop plans that reflect the needs of their communities. Reducing and streamlining administrative burdens for tribal constituents follows policy priorities laid out in the 2022 HHS Equity Action Plan and is in alignment with Executive Order 14095—Executive Order on Increasing Access to High-Quality Care and Supporting Caregivers.

Respondents: AI/AN Head Start Facilities and Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies (information collection does not include direct interaction with individuals or families that receive the services).

Annual Burden Estimates: We estimate at most 10 applications per year and have estimated burden based on this maximum number.

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Tribal Early Childhood Facilities Application Guide	10	1	100	1,000

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9858(c)(6); 45 CFR part 1303 subpart E.

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ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Survey of Staff Recruitment, Training, and Professional Development in Early Head Start (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children & Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks approval to conduct a nationally representative survey of Early Head Start (EHS) grant recipients regarding their recruitment, hiring, and professional development practices.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the ACF is soliciting public comment on the

specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The *Survey of Staff Recruitment, Training, and Professional Development in EHS* is a nationally representative survey that will describe how EHS programs ensure staff have the qualifications and competencies to deliver high-quality services to infants, toddlers, and their families. The information collection will examine how EHS grant recipients search for and hire qualified teaching and home visiting staff and support staff in their ongoing professional development and career advancement. The information collection aims to identify successful strategies or approaches as well as challenges faced as EHS programs search for, hire, and train teaching and home visiting staff. Findings are intended to inform program planning, training and technical assistance, and research.