

## II. Information Request

The OPHS, on behalf of the HHS Interagency Workgroup on Multiple Chronic Conditions, requests input on the draft "HHS Strategic Framework on Multiple Chronic Conditions." In addition to general comments, the Workgroup is seeking input on any additional gaps not addressed in the draft document.

## III. Potential Responders

HHS invites input from a broad range of individuals and organizations that have interests in MCC and persons with such conditions. Some examples of these organizations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- General public
- Health care, professional, and educational organizations
- Physicians, nurses, hospitals, and other health-care system providers
- State and local public health agencies
- Public health organizations
- Foundations
- Disease groups
- Chronic care and advocacy groups
- Aging-related organizations
- Medicaid- and Medicare-related organizations
- Pharmacy groups
- Insurers and business groups
- Collaboratives and consortia.

When responding, please self-identify with any of the above or other categories (include all that apply) and your name. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

The submission of written materials in response to the RFI should not exceed 5 pages, not including appendices and supplemental documents. Responders may submit other forms of electronic materials to demonstrate or exhibit concepts of their written responses.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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) ways to enhance 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.

#### Proposed Project: Registration for Behavioral Health Web Site and Resources—NEW

SAMHSA is authorized under section 501(d)(16) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)(16)) to develop and distribute materials for the prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance abuse and mental health disorders. To improve the way the public locates and obtains these materials, SAMHSA uses its Web site as an online resource for behavioral health information. A part of this Web site is SAMHSA's development of a voluntary registration process that will allow customers to create accounts that will save their order histories and shipping addresses. During the Web site registration process, SAMHSA will also ask customers for optional demographic information that will include organization affiliation, SAMHSA

grantee identification information, and reasons for interest in behavioral health information. SAMHSA will use this information to conduct customer analyses that will inform materials development, assist in forecasting inventory needs, and identify ways that SAMHSA can improve its customer service. SAMHSA will request the same optional demographic information and state of residency when customers subscribe to its email update service, for the purpose of assessing information needs and better targeting email messages to appropriate audiences.

SAMHSA is employing a Web-based form for information collection to avoid duplication and unnecessary burden on customers who register both for an account on the Web site and for email updates. The Web technology allows SAMHSA to integrate the email update subscription process into the Web site account registration process. Customers who register for an account on the Web site will be given the option of being enrolled automatically to receive SAMHSA email updates. Any optional questions answered by the customer during the Web site registration process will automatically be mapped to the profile generated for the email update system, thereby reducing the collection of duplicate information.

SAMHSA will collect all customer information submitted for Web site registration and email update subscriptions electronically via a series of Web forms on the [samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov) domain. Customers can submit the Web forms at their leisure, or call SAMHSA's toll-free Call Center and an information specialist will submit the forms on their behalf. The electronic collection of information will reduce the burden on the respondent and streamline the data-capturing process. SAMHSA will place Web site registration information into a Knowledge Management database and will place email subscription information into a database maintained by a third-party vendor that serves multiple Federal agencies and the White House. Customers can change, add, or delete their information from either system at any time.

The respondents will be behavioral health professionals, researchers, parents, caregivers, and the general public.

SAMHSA estimates the burden of this information collection as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

	Number of respondents	Annual frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Web Site Registration .....	41,200	1	41,200	.033 (2 min.)	1,360
E-mail Update Subscription .....	24,000	1	24,000	.017 (1 min.)	480
Total .....	65,200	.....	65,200	.....	1,840

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 7-1044, One Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857 and e-mail a copy to [summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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#### Project: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Uniform Application Guidance and Instructions FY 2011-2013 and Regulations (OMB No. 0930-0080)—Revision

Sections 1921 through 1935 of the Public Health Service Act (U.S.C. 300x-21 to 300x-35) provide for annual allotments to assist States to plan, carry out and evaluate activities to prevent and treat substance abuse and for related activities. Under the provisions of the law, States may receive allotments only after an application is submitted and approved by the Secretary, DHHS. For the Federal fiscal years (FY) 2011-FY 2013 Substance

Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant application cycles, SAMHSA will provide States with revised application guidance and instructions to implement changes made in accordance with recommendations from the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and their member States in the revisions and clarification of data reporting requirements and instructions.

During negotiations with the States resulting in agreement on the National Outcome Measures (NOMs) for substance abuse treatment and prevention, SAMHSA pledged to the States to:

1. Reduce respondent burden;
2. Work with the States to improve performance management of the SAPT Block Grant;
3. Improve the availability, timeliness, and quality of data available to Federal, State, and provider administrators of block grant funded programs.

This revision of the Uniform Application and Regulation for the SAPT Block Grant takes additional steps toward implementing these commitments. SAMHSA, in consultation with NASADAD, has provided States the ability to reduce their application burden by consolidating the FY 2011-FY 2013 State Plan into a 3-year plan. With the exception of the projected annual budget form, States only would be expected to submit any proposed revisions to its approved three year plan but would otherwise not have to resubmit a State Plan during FY 2012 and FY 2013. Individual States may reduce their respondent burden further by selecting the option of using SAMHSA pre-populated tables for Section IVa and IVb. The data for these tables would be drawn from SAMHSA data sets known as Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS) Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) and National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) by SAMHSA and provided to the States. In addition, the web-based Block Grant Application System now facilitates completion of the provider entity table through added

pre-populated data items. The data for this table would be drawn from SAMHSA data set known as DASIS National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) SAMHSA will continue to work with NASADAD and the States to assess the feasibility and usefulness of pre-populating additional sections of the application with data extracted from SAMHSA data sets to further reduce respondent burden.

SAMHSA continues to provide the States with the option of reporting on prevention expenditures utilizing the six primary prevention strategies or utilizing the Institute of Medicine classification of Universal, Selective or Indicated. SAMHSA has designed the State Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) competitive program and funded contracts in States without a SPF SIG to support data driven prevention planning by the Single State Agencies for Substance Abuse. States are expected to use the State level data collected with support from these programs in the planning in section II of the Uniform Application.

The Uniform Application has been modified to move needs assessment, planning narrative and future year budget forms into Section II, the FY 2011-FY 2013 Plan section.

In December 2004, SAMHSA and the States agreed on the goal of having all States reporting the NOMs measures as defined at the meeting by the end of a 3-year implementation period starting in FY 2005 and concluding at the end of FY 2007. By January 2006, supportive technical assistance on information technology design and payment for data submitted became available by the State Outcomes Measurement and Management System (SOMMS) program. States who have participated in the SOMMS/NOMs subcontracts may choose to have their data pre-populated which would significantly reduce their reporting burden for this application. During the subsequent three years, SAMHSA in partnership with the States and all other SAPT Block Grant stakeholders have continued to work towards improving standards for