

## **Approval and Termination Waiver Notices for Posting**

Pursuant to the authority under subsection 319(f) of the PHS Act, Secretary Alex M. Azar II has determined after consultation with public health officials as necessary that the circumstances of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) declared by the Secretary pursuant to section 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act on January 24, 2018 for opioid epidemic, including the specific preparation for and response to the emergency or threat necessitates a waiver from the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, subchapter I. The waiver is justified to collect information to support the Department's investigation of and response to the opioid epidemic, and the Department's assistance in the United States to recover from opioid epidemic. This waiver applies to information collected from selected health care providers who provide medication-assisted treatment, specifically those who are eligible to prescribe buprenorphine.

Pursuant to the waiver, the requirements of 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, subchapter I shall not be applicable with respect to voluntary collection of information during the effective time period.

The Paperwork Reduction Act waiver is effective as of March 16, 2018 and is anticipated to remain in effect throughout the time period of the immediate investigation of and response to the emergency declared pursuant to section 319(a) of the PHS Act, including any renewals of the declarations determined in accordance with the requirements of section 319(a) of the PHS Act.

As of June 4, 2018 the Paperwork Reduction Act waiver for opioid epidemic is terminated.

Any initiative subject to this waiver that is ongoing after the termination of the effective period shall be subject to the requirements of 44, U.S.C. chapter 35, subchapter I within 30 days of expiration of the waiver.

The waiver applies to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

This notice will be updated as needed.