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COMMISSIONER

Date: July 17, 2025  
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Dear Colleagues:

In alignment with President Trump's Executive Order 14168: Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government (January 20, 2025), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved non-substantive change requests to three information collection requests managed by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on June 5, 2025. These changes apply to the annual performance reports for the following RSA formula grant programs:

- Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind;
- Client Assistance Program; and
- Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights

Attached are the details of changes related to the collection and reporting of the sex of individuals served by these programs. Data collection in alignment with these changes will begin October 1, 2025; data reporting in alignment with these changes will occur following the conclusion of Federal fiscal year 2026 (i.e., October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026).

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate RSA Project Officer:

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Thank you for your continued partnership in administering these programs.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pope  
Director, State Monitoring and Program Improvement Division,  
delegated the authority to perform the functions and  
duties of the Commissioner

Attachment I: Description of Changes

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## Attachment I: Description of Changes

These instructions update the collection of data regarding the sex of individuals served, as detailed in the following table:

OMB Control #	RSA Title	Prior ICR Reporting Requirements	ICR Reporting Requirements Effective in FFY 2026
1820-0608	<a href="#">Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind Annual Performance Report (7-OB)</a>	Part III: Data on Individuals Served: C. Gender  1. Individual self-identifies as female 2. Individual self-identifies as male 3. Individuals who did not self-identify gender	Part III: Data on Individuals Served: C. Sex  1. Female 2. Male 3. Unknown
1820-0528	<a href="#">Client Assistance Program Annual Performance Report (RSA-227)</a>	Part III. Program Data B. Gender  1. Females 2. Males 3. Nonbinary or Another Gender 4. Unknown  Instructions  Gender: Enter the number of individuals served according to their gender. Do not count an individual more than once.	Part III. Program Data B. Sex  1. Females 2. Males 3. Unknown  Instructions  Sex: Enter the number of individuals served according to their sex. Do not count an individual more than once.
1820-0627	<a href="#">Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Annual Performance Report (RSA-509)</a>	Part III. Statistical Information of Individuals Served: B. Gender of Individuals Served  1. Females 2. Males 3. Nonbinary or another gender 4. Unknown	Part III. Statistical Information of Individuals Served B. Sex of Individuals Served  1. Females 2. Males 3. Unknown