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The public is invited to submit comments on ACL reporting systems collecting data on the Long-term Care Ombudsman and Adult Protective Services (APS) programs.

National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System

ACL has working with federal and state administrators, researchers, service providers and others since 2013 to design, develop, and pilot the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS). NAMRS seeks to provide consistent and accurate national data on the exploitation and abuse of older adults and adults with disabilities, as reported to state APS agencies.

The proposed collection of information for NAMRS was recently [published in the Federal Register](#). We encourage the public to [submit comments on the proposed data elements, values, and definitions](#) thru September 7, 2016.

National Ombudsman Reporting System

Since 1995, state Ombudsman programs have used the National Ombudsman Reporting System (NORS) to record their advocacy, education, and complaint-resolution services to individuals in long-term care facilities. ACL is proposing revisions to NORS to improve the reliability of data and the clarity of instructions and definitions.

ACL invites comments thru October 7, 2016 on [the proposed data collection](#), including whether the information will have practical utility; accuracy of ACL's estimate of burden hours; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize burden.

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