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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MEMORANDUM

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Commissioner

SUBJECT: Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT)
Program Assurances, OMB Number 1820-0658

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval for the above data collection instrument extension request.

BACKGROUND

Public Law 108-364, Section 5, of the *Assistive Technology Act of 1998*, as amended in 2004 (*AT Act*), requires that the secretary make a grant to an entity in each state to support protection and advocacy services through the systems established to provide protection and advocacy (P&A) services under the *Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act)* (42 USC 6041 et seq.), for the purposes of assisting in the acquisition, utilization or maintenance of assistive technology or assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities. The P&A system was created by the *DD Act* to protect the legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities. To apply for PAAT program funds, grantees must sign and submit to RSA a set of assurances that they can and will carry out their statutorily prescribed purposes and functions under the PAAT program. This preprint, which is being submitted for approval, contains the assurances to which the PAAT program grantees must agree.

The current version of the PAAT assurances is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2010. RSA is requesting an extension of the existing forms through August 31, 2013.

ACTION REQUESTED

Attached for your review are the PAAT program assurances. These materials will expire on August 31, 2010. If approved, PAAT programs will use these materials to request funding for fiscal year (FY) 2011, beginning October 1, 2010.

This preprint, which is being submitted for your approval, is without revisions from the previous preprint approved by OMB under number 1820-0658. The attached documents have been reviewed for compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act* and are ready to be transmitted to the Department's Regulatory Information Management Services Team for clearance and submission to OMB, pending your approval.

Attachments:

1. IC Data Part I and Part II
2. Supporting Statement
3. Applicable Statutory Language, 29 USC 3001, Sec. 5
4. PAAT Assurances (OMB Form 1820-0658)
5. Certification Statement

DECISION

Approve Signature  Date 5/11/10
Disapprove Signature _____ Date _____

Other/Comments:
