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General Comment

I have read this proposed data collections carefully and find several problems with this.

It doesn't really define whether the data collected contains information on individuals or only at an aggregate level. It does not address who has access to this data or much information on how the data will be used. Mental health data is particularly sensitive area and individuals and families need to have a better sense that this information will be protected.

We have a lot of discussion of Medicare / Medicaid reform as well as "remove and replace" of the ACA (Affordable Care Act). Some in Congress (Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House) have discussed publicly the possibility of privatizing the VA, Social Security, and Medicare. I believe our seniors deserve to know that their information is safe from private, for profit, corporations.

Rightly or wrongly in the aftermath of the 2016 elections, some American's are deeply concerned about the database that the Federal Government currently has, being used by an Executive Branch that has very strong opinions that the data that they have given to the Federal Government can no longer be trusted to be used fairly and accurately. Specifically, I believe we need to reference DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) to understand the issues related to Federal Government's data vis-a-vis a partisan change in the Executive or Legislative branches. Rightly or wrongly the feeling of the American public has changed in regard to the peaceful transition of power and that the contracts with the American people regarding their data, and the institutions that we rely upon to be used responsibly.