

by calling the OS Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCPR) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection project of "A Survey of Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS)." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Ruth A. Celtnieks, Reports Clearance Officer, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852-4908.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-1406, ext. 1497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

"A Survey of Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS)."

The AHCPR intends to conduct a survey to gather the opinions of front-line physicians, nurses, and medical information systems personnel regarding the use, appropriateness, and effectiveness of clinical decision support systems (CDSS); and to determine how well clinical practice guidelines are integrated into these systems.

This proposed study is part of a larger project to identify and describe CDSS currently available in the health market, and to assess the use of CDSS by health care providers in diagnosing and treating patients as well as identifying barriers to using CDSS. It will assess if, and how, clinical practice guidelines are being successfully integrated into CDSS and will identify any changes needed for guidelines to play a more significant role in future CDSS systems.

The information collected will indicate:

- If, and how, CDSS and clinical practice guidelines impact the treatment and outcome of patient care;
- What, if any, are the barriers to CDSS and guidelines being accepted by health care providers;
- What types of health care personnel are utilizing guidelines in the treatment of their patients and what types of health care personnel could benefit from such products; and
- Assess how successfully guidelines are being integrated into CDSS and their effectiveness when accessed as part of CDSS; and what needs to be modified/changed to facilitate the use of guidelines in CDSS.

The respondents' comments will provide AHCPR with information on (1) if or how CDSS may improve the quality and outcome of care and promote cost-containment, and (2) whether and how to better incorporate guidelines into the development and use of CDSS.

Method of Collection

The survey will be conducted using a computerized telephone interview system (CATI). Burden estimates follow:

Number of Respondents: 80.

Number of Surveys Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Respondent: 25-30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden: 40 hours.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) the necessity of the proposed collection; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the

respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Copies of these proposed collection plans and instruments can be obtained from the AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer (see above).

Dated: June 20, 1997.

John M. Eisenberg, MD.

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research.

Times And Dates: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., July 10, 1997; 9 a.m.-12 noon, July 11, 1997.

Place: The Atlantic Oakes, Route 3, Bar Harbor, Maine 04509, telephone 207/288-5801, FAX 207/288-8402.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; the Director, CDC; and the Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), on establishment of a research agenda and the conduct of a research program pertaining to energy-related analytic epidemiologic studies. The Committee will take into consideration information and proposals provided by the Advisory Committee for Environment, Safety, and Health which was established by the Department of Energy (DOE) under the guidelines of a Memorandum of Understanding between HHS and DOE, and other agencies and organizations, regarding the direction HHS should take in establishing the research agenda and in the development of a research plan.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include: Presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and ATSDR updates on the progress of current studies; a discussion of Work Group recommendations, and public involvement activities.