

is a survey of hospitals, physicians and other medical providers. The purpose of this survey is to supplement and verify the information provided by household respondents in the household component of the MEPS (MEPS-HC) about the use of medical services. With the permission of members of the households surveyed in the MEPS-HC, we plan to contact their medical providers to determine the actual dates of service, the diagnoses, the services provided, the amount that was charged the amount that was paid and the source of payment. Thus, the MPC is derived from or is based upon the core survey, the MEPS-HC.

The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS-HC) to be conducted will provide annual, nationally representative estimates of health care use, expenditures, and sources of payment and insurance coverage for the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. MEPS is cosponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

MEPS data confidentially is protected under sections 308(d) and 903(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m and 42 U.S.C. 299a-1).

Data from medial providers linked to household respondents in the MEPS

Household component for calendar year 1998 will be collected beginning in 1999 and continuing into the year 2000, data for calendar year 1999 will be collected beginning in 2000 and continue into the year 2001. Data for calendar year 2000 will be collected beginning in 2001 and continue into the year 2002.

Method of Collection

The medical provider survey will be conducted predominantly by telephone, but may include self-administered mail surveys, if requested by the respondent.

The estimated annual hour burden is as follows:

Type of provider	Number of respondents	Average number of patients/providers	Average number of events/patient	Average burden/event
Hospital	3,500	2	3.2	5 min. (.083 hrs.)
Office-based doctor	8,500	1.3	3.5	5 min.
Separately billing doctor (e.g., radiologists, anesthesiologists or those who bill hospital patients directly).....	800	1	1.3	5 min
Home health	500	1.1	5.8	5 min.
Pharmacy	6,000	1.8	10.3	3 min.

Estimated Annual Burden Total:
11,759 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 of 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 Office (see above).

Dated: May 3, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Hanford Thyroid Morbidity Study Advisory Committee: Cancellation of Meeting.

This notice announces the cancellation of a previously announced advisory committee meeting.

Federal Notice Citation of Previous Announcement: 64 FR 19542-19543, April 21, 1999.

Previously Announced Times and Dates: 1 p.m.-5 p.m., May 6, 1999, and 7 p.m.-9 p.m., May 6, 1999.

Change in the Meeting: This meeting has been cancelled.

Contact Persons for Additional Information: General information may be obtained from Mr. Mike Donnelly, Radiation Studies Branch (RSB), Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects (DEHHE), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F-35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770-488-7040, fax 770-488-7044. Technical information may be obtained from Dr. Paul Garbe, RSB, DEHHE, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F-35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770-488-7040, fax 770-488-7044.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated

the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; 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: Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., June 17, 1999. 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., June 18, 1999.

Place: Holiday Inn, 480 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314.