

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* Assessment of Surveillance Projects, Educational Materials, Adverse Outcome Alerts, and Information Distribution Systems—New—National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), NCID, CDC, provides surveillance methods, notices about adverse outcomes, and educational products and materials to assist healthcare personnel in monitoring and preventing infections, antimicrobial resistance, and other adverse events.

The surveillance project methods include definitions, data collection forms, and computer programs. The educational materials include slides sets, web-based information and instruction, posters, video conferences,

and workbooks. The surveillance and educational materials may be distributed via the Internet, postal mail, or electronic mail. The notices include important alerts about healthcare-associated disease outbreaks and clusters that may be of national importance. These notices are delivered through a voluntary Rapid Notification System e-mail subscriber list that can also rapidly gather information to assess the scope of these problems in U.S. healthcare facilities and target corrective actions or educational strategies.

To ensure that these important functions are performed efficiently and provide the strongest public health benefit possible, DHQP needs to assess their usability and develop strategies to improve their quality. In addition, DHQP needs to assess the DHQP website and other distribution systems (e.g., electronic mail, postal mail). DHQP will seek to do this through a series of surveys. The number of questions in each survey will range from five to 25. These assessments will enable DHQP to better assist healthcare personnel in preventing infections, antimicrobial resistance, and other adverse events. Data will be collected using the Internet or printed forms. There are no costs to respondents.

Title	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Assessment of Surveillance Methods .....	1000	1	1	1000
Assessment of Educational Materials .....	12,500	1	10/60	2,083
Assessment of Scope of Healthcare-associated adverse outcomes .....	47,200	1	10/60	7,867
Assessment of Distribution Systems .....	105,900	1	10/60	17,650
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	28,600

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**State Children's Health Insurance Program; Final Allotments to States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories and Commonwealths for Fiscal Year 2003**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Title XXI of the Social Security Act (the Act) authorizes payment of Federal matching funds to States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories and Commonwealths to

initiate and expand health insurance coverage to uninsured, low-income children under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). This notice sets forth the final allotments of Federal funding available to each State, the District of Columbia, and each U.S. Territory and Commonwealth for fiscal year 2003. States may implement SCHIP through a separate State program under title XXI of the Act, an expansion of a State Medicaid program under title XIX of the Act, or a combination of both.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice is effective on October 31, 2002. Final allotments are available for expenditures after October 1, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Strauss, (410) 786-2019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**