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**Kerry Weems,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Service Use and Transitions of Private Long-term Care Insurance Claimants—The Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation proposes to conduct a study to better understand the circumstances or factors that motivate elders who have purchased long-term care insurance policies to use services and file claims for benefits. The purpose is to obtain a comprehensive demographic, health and attitudinal profile of individuals with private long term care insurance policies. *Respondents:* Individuals—Burden Information for Baseline Survey—*Number of Respondents:* 1,650; *Burden per Response:* 1.36 hours; *Burden for Baseline Surveys:* 2,251 hours—Burden Information for Follow-up Interview—*Number of Responses:* 5,105; *Burden per Response:* .288 hours; *Burden for Follow-up:* 1469 hours—*Total Burden:* 3,720 hours.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Allison Herron Eyd.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer 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 NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20201.

Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

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**Kerry Weems,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2003 and Friday, January 24, 2003 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will be entirely open to the public.

The title of this meeting will be "Prioritizing Decisions in Transfusion Medicine: Transfusion Transmissible Diseases."

Public comment will be solicited at the meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Those who wish to have printed material distributed to Advisory Committee members should submit thirty (30) copies to the Acting Executive Secretary prior to close of business January 24, 2003. Those who wish to utilize electronic data projection in their presentation to the Committee must submit their material to the Acting Executive Secretary prior to close of business January 17, 2003. In addition, anyone planning to comment is encouraged to contact the Acting Executive Secretary at her/his earliest convenience.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

CAPT Lawrence C. McMurtry, Acting Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science, 200 Independence Ave., SW., Room 736-E, Washington, DC 20201. Phone (202) 690-5558, FAX (202) 260-9372, e-mail [mcmurtry@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:mcmurtry@osophs.dhhs.gov)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60 Day-03-28]

#### 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 Anne O'Connor, 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:* Evaluation of Effectiveness of NIOSH Publications—Extension—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Through the development, organization, and dissemination of information, NIOSH promotes awareness about occupational hazards and their control, and improves the quality of American working life. Although NIOSH uses a variety of media and delivery mechanisms to communicate with its constituents, one of the primary vehicles is through the distribution of NIOSH-numbered publications. The extent to which these publications successfully meet the information needs of their intended audience is not currently known. In a period of diminishing resources and increasing accountability, it is important that NIOSH be able to demonstrate that communications about its research and

service programs are both effective and efficient in influencing workplace change. This requires a social marketing evaluation of NIOSH products to measure the degree of customer satisfaction and their adoption of recommended actions.

The present project proposes to do this by conducting a survey of a primary segment of NIOSH's customer base, the community of occupational safety and health professionals. In collaboration with the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (13,000 members), the American Industrial Hygiene Association (12,400 members),

the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (6,500 members), and the American Society of Safety Engineers (33,000 members), NIOSH will survey a sample of their memberships to ascertain, among other things: (1) Their perceptions and attitudes toward NIOSH as a general information resource; (2) their perceptions and attitudes about specific types of NIOSH publications (e.g., criteria documents, technical reports, alerts); (3) the frequency and nature of referral to NIOSH in affecting occupational safety and health practices and policies; (4) the extent to which

they have implemented NIOSH recommendations; and (5) their recommendations for improving NIOSH products and delivery systems. The results of this survey will provide an empirical assessment of the impact of NIOSH publications on occupational safety and health practice and policy in the United States as well as provide direction for shaping future NIOSH communication efforts. Respondents will have the option of responding by mail or electronically through the NIOSH Web site. There is no costs to respondents for participation.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden in hours
Survey Sample .....	600	1	20/60	200
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses				
American Industrial Hygiene Association				
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine				
American Society of Safety Engineers				
Total .....				200

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60Day-03-30]

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*Proposed Project:* 2004 National Health Interview Survey.(0920-0214)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The annual National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is a basic source of general statistics on the health of the U.S. population. In accordance with the 1995 initiative to increase the integration of surveys within the Department of Health and Human Services, respondents to the NHIS serve as the sampling frame for the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey. This survey is conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The NHIS has long been used by government, university, and private researchers to evaluate both general health and specific issues, such as cancer, AIDS, and childhood immunizations. Journalists use its data

to inform the general public. It will continue to be a leading source of data for the Congressionally mandated "Health US" and related publications, as well as the single most important source of statistics to track progress toward the National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives, "Healthy People 2010."

Because of survey integration and changes in the health and health care of the U.S. population, demands on the NHIS have changed and increased, leading to a major redesign of the annual core questionnaire, or Basic Module, and a shift from paper questionnaires to computer assisted personal interviews (CAPI). These redesigned elements were partially implemented in 1996 and fully implemented in 1997. This clearance is for the eighth full year of data collection using the core questionnaire on CAPI, for the implementation of a supplement on children's mental health, and for a software field test to evaluate a switch from CASES software to Blaise software for the CAPI instrument. The field test for the new software is scheduled for June 2003. The data collection for the full survey is planned for January-December 2004, and will result in publication of new national estimates of health statistics, release of public use micro data files, and a sampling frame for other integrated surveys. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.