

The LRN Program Office maintains a database of information through a restricted Web site available only to member laboratories that include contact information (*i.e.* phone numbers, e-mail address) as well as staff and equipment inventories. The collection of personal identifiable information for the purpose of communication with members was approved under OMB 0920-0850. However, semiannually or during

emergency response the LRN Program Office may conduct a Special Data Call to obtain additional information from LRN Member Laboratories in regards to biological or chemical terrorism preparedness. Special Data Calls may be conducted via queries that are distributed by broadcast e-mails or by survey tools (*i.e.* Survey Monkey). These special data calls vary in nature. Some requested information may be the number of surge staff available to

support an emerging threat like H1N1. As technology changes, LRN may also query laboratories to see if they have already purchased equipment to support this new technology.

There will be no cost to respondents other than their time to respond to the data call. The total annualized burden for this information collection request is 400 hours.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Type of respondents | Forms | Number of respondents | Average number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (hours) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Public Health Laboratorians | Special Data Call | 200 | 4 | 30/60 |

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Carol Walker,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of*

Information Collection: Consumer Research on Public Reporting of Hospital Outpatient Measures; *Use:* One of the primary missions of CMS is to improve the quality and efficiency of care in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) program. One of the several vehicles used for this mission is the public reporting of quality, efficiency and cost information about hospital care on the *Hospital Compare* Web site. This vehicle also serves to provide Medicare beneficiaries and other consumers with the type of data needed to make informed decisions about which providers to use for their care.

In 2001, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced the *Quality Initiative* to ensure the quality of health care for all Americans through accountability and public disclosure. The goals of the initiative are to empower consumers with quality-of-care information so they can make more informed decisions about their health care and to stimulate and support providers and clinicians to improve the quality of health care. As part of the DHHS Transparency Initiative on Quality Reporting, CMS plans to add new patient safety measures in the areas of hospital acquired conditions and healthcare associated infections, to the Hospital Compare Web site in 2011. CMS also intends to begin utilizing displays of composite measures summarizing both process and outcome measures. This information collection request covers consumer research on displays, labels, and explanatory language to insure that the Web site is understood by viewers in a manner consistent with CMS's intended communication message. *Form Number:* CMS-10360 (OMB#: 0938-New); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:*

Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents:* 248; *Total Annual Responses:* 248; *Total Annual Hours:* 241. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact David Miranda at 410-786-7819. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information; *Use:* Unless permitted or required by law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits Medicare (a HIPAA covered entity) from disclosing an individual's protected health information without a valid authorization. In order to be valid, an authorization must include specified core elements and statements. Medicare will make available to Medicare beneficiaries a standard, valid authorization to enable beneficiaries to request the disclosure of their protected health information. This standard authorization will simplify the process of requesting information disclosure for beneficiaries and minimize the response time for Medicare. The completed authorization will allow Medicare to disclose an individual's personal health information to a third party at the individual's request. *Form Number:* CMS-10106 (OMB#: 0938-0930); *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 1,004,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,004,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 251,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lindsay Dixon-Brown at 410-786-1178. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the

proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by *January 18, 2011*:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, *Attention:* Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Evaluation of Head Start Early Learning Mentor Coach Initiative.
OMB No.: New Collection.
Billing Accounting Code (BAC): 418422 (CAN G994426).

Description: The Administration for Children and Families is requesting comments on plans to collect information as part of an implementation evaluation of the Head Start Early Learning Mentor-Coach Initiative. The study will collect information necessary for understanding the methods and approaches being used by Head Start grantees who were awarded funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009—Early Learning Mentor Coach funding announcement (Funding

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The study will describe the range of approaches being used by the grantees, including descriptions of the role of the mentor coach within the grantee agency; the types of teachers and caregivers with whom the mentor coaches are working; the quality, frequency and content of interactions between the mentor coaches and teachers and caregivers; and the types of approaches and resources used by the mentor coaches. The study will also examine the characteristics of the settings and the systems in which the mentor coaching is embedded. Finally the study will examine the degree to which the approach used by grantees and mentor coaches and the fit between the two—relate to factors likely to affect the success of the mentor coach's efforts, such as the quality of relationships with teachers and caregivers or changes in teacher or caregiver approaches and attitudes about caring for young children over time.

The data collection will include a survey of the grantees, telephone interviews with mentor coaches and teachers, and the collection of monthly tracking data indicating the frequency and content of mentors' contact with each teacher.

Respondents: Individuals or Households, Grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Annual number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grantee Survey | 131 | 1 | .5 | 66 |
| Mentor Coach Interview | 131 | 2 | .5 | 131 |
| Teacher Interview | 262 | 2 | .5 | 262 |
| Mentor Coach Contact Tracking sheet | 131 | 12 | .2 | 314 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 773.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, *Attn:* OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. *E-mail address:* OPREinfoco11ection@acf.hhs.gov. All

requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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) 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. Consideration will be given to

comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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Steven M. Hanmer,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects: