AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule (PDF file, 450 KB. PDF Help) relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of federally approved PSOs. AHRQ has accepted a notification from The Patient Safety Group, PSO number P0016, to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, The Patient Safety Group was delisted effective at 12 Midnight ET (2400) on September 7, 2011.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ’s PSO Web site at http://www.pso.AHRQ.gov/index.html.

Dated: September 19, 2011.
Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.

Proposed Project
EOICPA Dose Reconstruction Interviews and Forms—Extension—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description
On October 30, 2000, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384–7385) was enacted. This Act established a federal compensation program for employees of the Department of Energy (DOE) and certain of its contractors, subcontractors and vendors, who have suffered cancers and other designated illnesses as a result of exposures sustained in the production and testing of nuclear weapons. Executive Order 13179, issued on December 7, 2000, delegated authorities assigned to “the President” under the Act to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Energy and Justice. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was delegated the responsibility of establishing methods for estimating radiation doses received by eligible claimants with cancer applying for compensation. NIOSH is applying the following methods to estimate the radiation doses of individuals applying for compensation.

In performance of its dose reconstruction responsibilities, under the Act, NIOSH is providing voluntary interview opportunities to claimants (or their survivors) individually and providing them with the opportunity to assist NIOSH in documenting the work history of the employee by characterizing the actual work tasks performed. In addition, NIOSH and the claimant may identify incidents that may have resulted in undocumented radiation exposures, characterizing radiological protection and monitoring practices, and identify co-workers and other witnesses as may be necessary to confirm undocumented information. In this process, NIOSH uses a computer assisted telephone interview (CATTI) system, which allows interviews to be conducted more efficiently and quickly as opposed to a paper-based interview instrument. Both interviews are voluntary and failure to participate in either or both interviews will not have a negative effect on the claim, although voluntary participation may assist the claimant by adding important information that may not be otherwise available.

NIOSH uses the data collected in this process to complete an individual dose reconstruction that accounts, as fully as possible, for the radiation dose incurred by the employee in the line of duty for DOE nuclear weapons production programs. After dose reconstruction, NIOSH also performs a brief, voluntary final interview with the claimant to explain the results and to allow the claimant to confirm or question the records NIOSH has compiled. This will also be the final opportunity for the claimant to supplement the dose reconstruction record.

At the conclusion of the dose reconstruction process, the claimant submits a form to confirm that the claimant has no further information to provide to NIOSH about the claim at this time. The form notifies the claimant that signing the form allows NIOSH to forward a dose reconstruction report to DOL and to the claimant, and closes the record on data used for the dose reconstruction. Signing this form does not indicate that the claimant agrees with the outcome of the dose reconstruction. The dose reconstruction results will be supplied to the claimant and to the DOL, the agency that will utilize them as one part of its determination of whether the claimant is eligible for compensation under the Act.

There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–5960 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Measuring Preferences for Quality of Life for Child Maltreatment—New—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Child maltreatment (CM) is a major public health problem in the United States, causing substantial morbidity and mortality (DHHS, 2010), and the prevalence for any of the three major types of CM (physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect) is estimated at approximately 28% (Hussey et al., 2006). Additionally, the annual incidence of any type of CM among children and adolescents 0–17 has been estimated at nearly 14%, while physical and sexual abuse are estimated at 3.7% and 0.6%, respectively (Finkelhor et al., 2005). CM has been shown to have lifelong adverse physical and mental health consequences for victims (Felitti et al., 1998), including behavioral problems (Felitti et al. 1998; Repetti et al. 2002), mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (Browne and Finkelhor, 1986; Holmes and Sammel, 2005; Moeller and Bachman, 1993), increased trouble with interpersonal relationships (Fang and Corso, 2007), increased risk of chronic diseases (Browne and Finkelhor, 1986), and lasting impacts or disability from physical injury (Domínguez et al. 2001). The consequences of CM have both a direct impact, through reduced health, as well as an indirect impact, through reduced health-related quality of life (HRQoL, or simply QoL), the state of “utility” or satisfaction that a person experiences as a result of their health (Drummond et al. 1997).

The CDC requests approval of a survey-based study to measure the Health-Related Quality-of-Life (HRQoL) impacts resulting from child maltreatment (CM) using a quantitative, preference-based approach. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, among many others, has identified child maltreatment as a serious U.S. public health problem with substantial long-term physical and psychological consequences. Despite considerable research on the consequences of CM in adults, few studies have utilized standard HRQoL techniques and none have quantified childhood HRQoL impacts. This gap in the literature means the full burden of CM on HRQoL has not been measured, inhibiting the evaluation and comparison of CM intervention programs. This study will improve public health knowledge and economic evaluation of the HRQoL impacts of CM, including effects specific to juvenile and adolescent victims, through the development and fielding a preference-based survey instrument.

CDC has developed an exploratory survey instrument to quantify the HRQoL impacts of child maltreatment following standardized HRQoL methods. The survey was developed based on findings from a literature review of CM outcomes, focus groups with adult CM victims, and expert review of outcomes by clinician consultants who work with children and/or adults who were victims of CM or who are researchers in the field of CM. The survey is designed to quantify two types of data. The main objective is the HRQoL decrement attributable to CM, measured as the difference in HRQoL scores by CM victimization history. A secondary objective is a statistical evaluation of these decrements, based on respondent preferences over a series of comparisons that will be shown to survey respondents.

The online survey will be fielded to a nationally-representative sample of 750 adults ages 18–29 and 1100 adults ages 18 and up, for a total of 1850 U.S. adults. The survey will include HRQoL questions to capture the two types of data above, as well as select items on sociodemographics. Past exposure to CM will be measured using the Child Trauma Questionnaire (CTQ), the briefest and most nonintrusive set of scientifically validated questions to identify 5 types of past child abuse and neglect.

Final results will provide an estimate of the HRQoL burden of child maltreatment in the United States. Analysis and results of the survey data may provide suggestive information on the impacts of CM to the scientific and public health communities to help determine whether future studies using similar methods should be conducted after this exploratory study. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 771.