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email to *omb@cdc.gov*. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Data Calls for the Laboratory Response Network—Extension—(OMB No. 0920-0881, expires 3/31/14)—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Laboratory Response Network (LRN) was established by the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 39, which outlined national anti-terrorism policies and assigned specific missions to Federal departments and agencies. The LRN’s mission is to maintain an

integrated national and international network of laboratories that can respond to acts of biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism and other public health emergencies. Federal, State, and local public health laboratories voluntarily join the LRN.

The LRN Program Office maintains a database of information for each member laboratory that includes contact information as well as staff and equipment inventories. 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 emails or by survey tools (i.e. Survey Monkey). This is a request for an extension to this generic clearance. The only cost to respondents is their time to respond to the data call. The total annual burden hours requested is 400 hours.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)
Public Health Laboratorians .....	Special Data Call .....	200	4	30/60

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The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) National Electronic Health Record Survey (NEHRS)—New—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on “utilization of health care” in the United States. NAMCS NEHRS has been conducted annually since 2008 as a mail survey supplement under NAMCS. Questions in NAMCS NEHRS have been asked in NAMCS starting in 2001. NCHS is seeking OMB approval to make NAMCS NEHRS as an independent survey for the next three years.

The purpose of NEHRS is to measure progress toward goals for electronic health records (EHRs) adoption. NAMCS NEHRS target universe consists

of all non-Federal office-based physicians (excluding those in the specialties of anesthesiology, radiology, and pathology) who are engaged in direct patient care.

NAMCS NEHRS was initiated as a mail survey supplement under NAMCS. NAMCS NEHRS is the principal source of data on national and state-level EHR adoption in the United States. In 2008 and 2009, the sample size was 2,000 physicians annually. Starting in 2010, the annual sample size was increased five-fold, from 2,000 physicians to 10,302 physicians. The increased sample size allows for more reliable national estimates as well as state-level estimates on EHR adoption without having to be combined with NAMCS. For these reasons, it is our intent to have NEHRS stand as an independent survey, not as a supplement under NAMCS.

NAMCS NEHRS collects information on characteristics of physician practices, the capabilities of EHRs in those practices, and intent to apply for meaningful use incentive payments. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the adoption of EHR as well as accessing factors associated with EHR adoption.