

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs)	Total burden (in hrs)
	PRAMS Core and Standard Phase 8 Questions (Spanish).	6,054	1	34/60	3,431
	PRAMS Point in Time Core and Standard Phase 8 Questions.	5,200	1	24/60	2,080
	PRAMS Supplemental Questions on Family History of Breast and Ovarian Cancer.	8,000	1	15/60	2,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,407

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60 Day-16-0853; Docket No. CDC-2016-0007]

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on the revision of the “Asthma Information Reporting System (AIRS)” information collection plan. The purpose of AIRS is to collect performance measure and surveillance data spreadsheets designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of state asthma programs and to monitor the impact of the state and national programs.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2016-0007 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** *Regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to *Regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *Regulations.gov*.

**Please note:** All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*Regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information

collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

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; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Proposed Project**

Asthma Information and Reporting System (AIRS)—(OMB Control No. 0920-0853; exp. 05/31/2016)—Revision—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

In 1999, the CDC began its National Asthma Control Program (NACP), a population-based public health approach to address the burden of asthma. The program supports the goals and objectives of “Healthy People 2010” for asthma and is based on the public health principles of surveillance, partnerships, interventions, and evaluation. The CDC requests to revise the “Asthma Information and Reporting System (AIRS)” (OMB Control No. 0920–0853; expiration date 5/31/2016). The goal of this data collection is to provide NCEH with routine information about the activities and performance of the state and territorial awardees funded under the NACP through an annual reporting system. As regular reporting of this information is a requirement of the cooperative agreement mechanism utilized to fund state asthma control programs, a three-year extension for PRA clearance is requested.

This data collection was first approved by OMB in 2010 to collect data in a Web-based system to monitor and guide participating state health departments. Since implementation in 2010, AIRS and the technical assistance provided by CDC staff have provided states with uniform data reporting methods and linkages to other states’ asthma programs and data. Thus, AIRS has saved state resources and staff time when asthma programs embark on asthma activities similar to those done elsewhere. Furthermore, access to standardized surveillance and

programmatic data allows CDC to provide timely and accurate responses to the public and Congress regarding the NACP (e.g., trends in rates of hospital discharges and emergency department visits, how many states have asthma interventions targeting schools or day care facilities, etc.). In the past three-years, AIRS data were used to:

- Serve as a resource to the branch, division, and center when addressing congressional, departmental and institutional inquiries;
- Help the branch align its current interventions with CDC goals and allowed the monitoring of progress toward these goals;
- Allow the NACP and the state asthma programs to make more informed decisions about activities to achieve objectives;
- Facilitate communication about interventions across states, and enable inquiries regarding interventions by populations with a disproportionate burden, age groups, geographic areas and other variables of interest.

Aggregated data from AIRS was presented at the 2015 State Asthma Grantee in Atlanta for the purposes of providing feedback to the state programs, clarifying CDC’s expectations of the awardees and obtaining feedback from the awardees to CDC on the measures and the process of submitting information. Also, a presentation about the performance measurement development and implementation process was given in Chicago at the 2015 American Evaluation Association (AEA) annual meeting.

A revision is necessary because: (1) The Web-based reporting platform is no

longer supported by CDC; (2) in collaboration with state asthma programs, reporting requirements have been prioritized to provide specific information on the two main strategies in the FOA: Services (home visits and school-based self-management education) and services strategies (improving quality of medical management, improving referrals to and communication with school and home-based providers and increasing provision or reimbursement for non-clinical asthma services by health plans); and (3) CDC now endorses limiting state program reporting to once a year. AIRS also includes forms to collect aggregate emergency department (ED) visit and hospital discharge (HD) data from awardees. As in the previous version of AIRS, NACP requires awardees to report hospital discharge and emergency department visit counts by 19 age groups to permit age adjusted rates and thus monitor the state programs’ performance in reducing the burden of asthma. Specifically, CDC seeks to make the following changes:

- Rather than using the web-based system, state awardees will use AIRS Excel spreadsheets to report CDC-developed outcome performance measures.
- The performance measures will be collected annually, rather than biannually as previously approved.

There will be no cost for respondents other than the time taken to complete the 3 three AIRS spreadsheets. With this revision, the number of awardees has been reduced from 34 to 23 states, and the total estimated annual burden hours are reduced from 288 to 82 hours.

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Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
State Asthma Program Awardees .....	AIRS Reporting Spreadsheets.	23	1	2.5	58
	Emergency Department Visits Reporting Forms.	23	1	30/60	12
	Hospital Discharge Reporting Forms.	23	1	30/60	12
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>82</b>

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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 CMS-10526]

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and  
 Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by *February 19, 2016*.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax

Number: (202) 395-5806 OR, Email:  
*OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov.*

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Consumer Assistance Program Grants; *Use:* Section 1002 of the Affordable Care Act provides for the establishment of consumer assistance (or ombudsman) programs, starting in FY 2010. Federal grants will support these programs. These programs will assist consumers with filing complaints and appeals, assist consumers with enrollment into health coverage, collect data on consumer inquiries and complaints to identify problems in the marketplace, educate consumers on their rights and responsibilities, and with the establishment of the new Exchange marketplaces, resolve problems with premium credits for Exchange coverage. Importantly, these programs must provide detailed reporting on the types

of problems and questions consumers may experience with health coverage, and how these problems and questions are resolved. In order to strengthen oversight, the law requires programs to report data to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) "As a condition of receiving a grant under subsection (a), an office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman program shall be required to collect and report data to the Secretary on the types of problems and inquiries encountered by consumers" (Sec. 2793 (d)). Analysis of this data reporting will help identify patterns of practice in the insurance marketplaces and uncover suspected patterns of noncompliance. HHS must share program data reports with the Departments of Labor and Treasury, and State regulators. Program data also can offer CCIIO one indication of the effectiveness of State enforcement, affording opportunities to provide technical assistance and support to State insurance regulators and, in extreme cases, inform the need to trigger federal enforcement. *Form Number:* CMS-10333 (OMB Control Number: 0938-1097); *Frequency:* Annually, Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 459; *Total Annual Hours:* 9,588. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Lateefa Dawkins at 301-492-4262.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a previously approved collection of information; *Title of Information Collection:* Cost Sharing Reduction Reconciliation; *Use:* Under established Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations, qualified health plan (QHP) issuers will receive estimated advance payments of cost-sharing reductions throughout the year. Each issuer will then be subject to a reconciliation process at the end of the benefit year to ensure that each issuer is reimbursed only for cost sharing reductions provided. This revised collection establishes the data elements that a QHP issuer would be required to report to HHS in order to establish the cost-sharing reductions provided on behalf of enrollees for the benefit year. Comments submitted during the 60-day comment period were addressed in a Response to Comments document. *Form Number:* CMS-10526 (OMB Control Number: 0938-1266); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (business or other for-profits); *Number of Respondents:* 295; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,000,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,470. (For policy