

As part of the questionnaire development process, field testing will be conducted prior to implementation of new supplemental modules and call back surveys, as well as new or substantively revised questions for the core module prior to a new phase. Field testing will be conducted among women with infants one year or younger in health clinics to identify issues that may affect implementation or quality of the data collected. Field testing will only be

conducted for new or substantively changed questions. Total time estimated to complete the field testing process inclusive of verbal consent, survey administration and debriefing questions is approximately 20 minutes.

The burden estimate for PRAMS includes five types of information collection: (1) Information collection associated with the PRAMS data collection for women with recent live births (PRAMS core questions and state-

selected standard modules); (2) supplemental modules for emerging issues; (3) call back surveys; (4) PRAMS data collection for women with recent stillbirths; and (5) PRAMS field testing data collection to inform questionnaire development. Participation is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 29,765.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Women who recently delivered a live birth ....	PRAMS Phase 8 (Core Questions plus state selected standard modules).	52,076	1	26/60
	Supplemental modules .....	61,230	1	5/60
	Call Back Surveys .....	3,961	1	30/60
	Field Testing .....	150	1	20/60
Women who recently delivered a still birth .....	PRAMS Stillbirth Questionnaire .....	160	1	25/60

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**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 effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA). MMRIA is a standardized data collection system that allows Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs)

to abstract relevant data from a variety of sources, document committee decisions, and analyze data to better understand the contributing factors and preventability of maternal deaths in order to develop recommendations for prevention.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before August 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2019-0051 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, 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. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to Regulations.gov.

*Please note:* Submit all comments 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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, 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 the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

- 5. Assess information collection costs.

**Proposed Project**

The Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) –New–National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) seeks OMB approval to collect information through the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) for three years. MMRIA is a standardized data collection system that allows Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) across the country to abstract relevant data (clinical and non-clinical) from a variety of sources, document committee decisions, and analyze data in order to better understand the contributing factors and preventability of maternal deaths and thus to develop recommendations for prevention.

About 700 women die each year in the United States as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy. Furthermore, considerable racial disparities exist, with black women almost four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women. Findings from MMRCs indicate that

more than half of maternal deaths are preventable.

Maternal Mortality Review is a process by which a multidisciplinary committee at the jurisdiction level identifies and reviews cases of maternal death within one year of end of pregnancy. Members of MMRCs typically represent public health, obstetrics and gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, nursing, midwifery, forensic pathology, mental and behavioral health, and other relevant stakeholders. Through a partnership among the MMRC, state vital records office, and epidemiologists, deaths among women of reproductive age are examined to determine if they occurred during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy (i.e., pregnancy-associated deaths). Through this process, potential cases of pregnancy-related deaths (i.e., maternal death from any cause related to or aggravated by pregnancy or its management) are then identified. Review committees access multiple sources of clinical and non-clinical information to understand the circumstances surrounding a maternal death in order to develop recommendations for action to prevent similar deaths in the future.

MMRIA is a standardized data collection system designed to collect timely, accurate, and standardized information about deaths to women during pregnancy and within one year of end of pregnancy, including opportunities for prevention, within and across jurisdictions. Data will be abstracted and entered into MMRIA

from various sources, including death certificates, autopsy reports, birth certificates, prenatal care records, emergency room visit records, hospitalization records, records from other medical office visits, medical transport records, social and environmental profiles, mental health profiles, and informant interviews. Case narratives for committee reviews are auto-populated from the abstracted data entered into MMRIA to facilitate committee review, and committee decisions will also be entered into MMRIA.

The data collected in MMRIA will be used to facilitate an understanding of the drives of maternal mortality and complications of pregnancy and associated disparities; determine what interventions at patient, provider, facility, system, and community levels will have the most impact; and implement data driven recommendations.

The burden estimates presented here are applicable to the estimated 25 awardees of the cooperative agreement *Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees* (CDC–RFA–DP19–1908); these awardees are required to compile a defined set of information about maternal deaths into MMRIA. It is estimated that information will be collected for a total of 740 pregnancy-associated deaths on average, annually, among the 25 awardees. Burden is estimated based on each awardee’s total staff time to enter the abstracted data into MMRIA and enter the committee decision.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Types of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average hours per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Awardees .....	Data abstraction .....	25	30	15	11,250
	Committee decision .....	25	30	24/60	300
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,550

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled *Paul Coverdell*

*National Acute Stroke Program (PCNASP)* to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on February 7, 2019 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project.