

Exhibit 2 shows the estimated annual cost burden associated with the respondents' time to participate in this information collection. The annual cost

burden for the MEPS–HC is estimated to be \$2,757,745 and the annual cost burden for the MEPS–MPC is estimated to be \$350,960. The total annual cost

burden for the MEPS–HC and MPC is estimated to be \$3,108,705.

#### EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN

| Form name                                                                  | Total burden hours | Average hourly wage rate* | Adjusted hourly wage rate** | Total cost burden |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>MEPS–HC:</b>                                                            |                    |                           |                             |                   |
| 1. MEPS–HC Core Interview .....                                            | 37,519             | <sup>a</sup> \$32.66      | \$65.32                     | \$2,450,741       |
| 2. Adult SAQ* .....                                                        | 723                | <sup>a</sup> 32.66        | 65.32                       | 47,226            |
| 3. Preventive Care SAQ (PSAQ)** .....                                      | 723                | <sup>a</sup> 32.66        | 65.32                       | \$47,226          |
| 4. Authorization forms for the MEPS–MPC Provider and Pharmacy Survey ..... | 3,130              | <sup>a</sup> 32.66        | 65.32                       | 204,452           |
| 5. MEPS Validation Interview .....                                         | 124                | <sup>a</sup> 32.66        | 65.32                       | 8,100             |
| Subtotal for the MEPS–HC .....                                             | 42,219             | .....                     | .....                       | 2,757,745         |
| <b>MEPS–MPC:</b>                                                           |                    |                           |                             |                   |
| 1. Contact Guide/Screening Call .....                                      | 3,031              | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 132,818           |
| 2. Home Health Care Providers Event Form .....                             | 143                | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 6,266             |
| 3. Office-based Providers Event Form .....                                 | 1,445              | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 63,320            |
| 4. Separately Billing Doctors Event Form .....                             | 315                | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 13,803            |
| 5. Hospitals & HMOs (Hospital Event Form) .....                            | 982                | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 43,031            |
| 6. Institutions (non-hospital) Event Form .....                            | 6                  | <sup>b</sup> 21.91        | 43.82                       | 263               |
| 7. Pharmacies Event Form .....                                             | 2,123              | <sup>c</sup> 21.54        | 43.08                       | 91,459            |
| Subtotal for the MEPS–MPC .....                                            | 8,045              | .....                     | .....                       | 350,960           |
| Grand Total .....                                                          | 50,264             | .....                     | .....                       | 3,108,705         |

\* National Compensation Survey: Occupational wages in the United States May 2024, "U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics."

\*\* The Adjusted Hourly Rate was estimated at 200% of the hourly wage.

<sup>a</sup> Mean hourly wage for All Occupations (00–0000).

<sup>b</sup> Mean hourly wage for Medical Secretaries (43–6013).

<sup>c</sup> Mean hourly wage for Pharmacy Technicians (29–2052).

#### Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ's health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 19, 2025.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

##### Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From United Nuclear Corporation in Hematite, Missouri, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH gives notice of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the United Nuclear Corporation in Hematite, Missouri, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees

Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori Marion-Moss, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226–1938, Telephone 877–222–7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to 42 CFR 83.12, the initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

*Facility:* United Nuclear Corporation.

*Location:* Hematite, Missouri.

*Job Titles and/or Job Duties:* "All site employees that worked in any area of the United Nuclear Corporation—Hematite, MO, site".

*Period of Employment:* January 1, 1958, through June 30, 1965.

*Authority:* 42 CFR 83.9–83.12.

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