

questions are adopted. The purpose of this Revision request is to incorporate field testing into the approved information collection plan.

Field testing is the final check of changes in the questionnaire which have occurred in the preceding year. Field testing is conducted in a manner that mimics the full-scale project protocol, to the degree that is feasible. Field testing is the final means by which changes are made in data collection methods and data collection software is tested. Field tests are used to identify problems with instrument documentation or instructions, problems with conditional logic (e.g., skip patterns), software errors or other implementation and usability issues. Field testing is conducted with all new modules, emerging core questions, sections which precede and/or follow any new or changed items and extant sections which are topically related. This testing is conducted to ensure that questions are not perceived as

redundant or overlapping. Extant sections of the questionnaire unrelated to new items do not require testing. The demographic questions on the core BRFSS survey are included on each field test.

Since the field test instrument changes annually, it will be submitted to OMB for approval as an additional Change Request prior to implementation. Field tests are typically conducted in a single state with appropriate computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) capability. Individuals who participate in field testing are drawn from a different sample than individuals who participate in the BRFSS surveys.

The BRFSS was initially approved with annualized estimates of 1,643,227 responses and 255,915 burden hours inclusive of the core survey and optional modules. CDC is requesting an additional allocation of 900 responses and 9,210 burden hours to conduct the annual field test. After a brief screening

interview, approximately 400 respondents per year will be determined ineligible or will decline to participate. The estimated burden per response for these respondents is one minute. An additional 500 respondents will participate in both the screening interview and the actual field test. The estimated burden for these respondents is 45 minutes. In years when fewer new questions and/or changes are proposed to the BRFSS questionnaire, field testing will impose a lesser burden. The revised total annualized estimates are 1,644,127 responses and 265,125 burden hours.

Information collection is conducted primarily to support state and local health departments, which plan and evaluate public health programs at the state or sub-state level. Information collected through the BRFSS is also used by the federal government and other entities. Participation in the BRFSS and its field test is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hr)	Total burden (in hr)
U.S. General Population .....	Landline Screener .....	440,486	1	1/60	7,341
	Cell Phone Screener .....	223,334	1	1/60	3,722
	Field Test Screener .....	400	1	1/60	7
Annual Survey Respondents(Adults >18 Years).	BRFSS Core Survey .....	494,650	1	15/60	123,662
	BRFSS Optional Modules ....	484,757	1	15/60	121,189
Field Test Respondents(Adults >18 Years)	Field Test Survey .....	500	1	45/60	375
	Total .....				256,296

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60Day-16-16JO; Docket No. CDC-2016-0005]

**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 proposed information collect project entitled "The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Surveillance System".

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

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2016-0005 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulation.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.

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**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**

The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)—Existing Collection in Use without an OMB Control Number—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 Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) for three years. The PRAMS is a customized mail and telephone survey currently conducted by 41 sites (40 states and New York City) collectively called “states” or “jurisdictions” in this document. In 2016 PRAMS intends to expand to all 50 states.

PRAMS supplements vital records data by providing state-specific information on maternal behaviors and experiences. Respondents are pregnant or postpartum women. Every month, in each participating state, a sample of 100 to 300 women who have recently given birth to a live infant is selected from birth certificates. The sample is stratified based on the state’s population of interest to ensure high-risk populations are represented in the data. Information is collected by self-administered mail survey with telephone follow-up for non-responders. Because PRAMS uses standardized data collection methods, it allows data to be compared among states.

The PRAMS survey instrument is based on a core set of questions common across all states. Core questions request information that is not available from vital records; information about health conditions, prenatal care, postpartum care, access to care, or health insurance status; information about contraception, health habits or risk behaviors; and information about other topics such as breastfeeding. In addition, CDC provides participating states with standard but optional questions that states may use to customize survey content for their specific needs. These questions can be used to address state-specific priorities,

or address special topics such history of breast and ovarian cancer. States not intending to implement the survey on an ongoing basis, can instead employ a point-in-time survey consisting of core and standard questions. Increasingly, PRAMS infrastructure is used to support emerging needs and special-purpose information collection relevant to the core mission of improving maternal and child health. For example, pregnant or postpartum women may have unique needs in some circumstances, such as disease outbreaks or natural disasters. Because PRAMS infrastructure was developed to access a specific and vulnerable subpopulation, the PRAMS infrastructure can be rapidly adapted for targeted information collection that would not be feasible with other surveillance methods.

States submit their PRAMS data sets to CDC for cleaning and weighting, and CDC returns the data sets to the respective state of origin for its use. CDC has implemented a Web-based data collection and management system that enhances authorized users’ ability to monitor and improve survey operations in real time and survey participants to complete a survey online via mobile devices. The system also enhances the ability of CDC and states to conduct additional information collection related to surveillance of a vulnerable population, emerging needs for maternal and child health program planning, or special purpose studies designed to elucidate factors that influence material and child health.

PRAMS data are used by state governments to plan and review preconception and perinatal health programs and policies aimed at reducing health problems among mothers and babies, and by researchers to investigate emerging issues in the field of reproductive health.

The burden estimate for PRAMS includes two types of information collection: (1) Information collection associated with the standard PRAMS core questions, and (2) information collection associated with supplemental activities. Participation is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs)	Total burden (in hrs)
Women of child-bearing age who recently delivered a live born infant.	PRAMS Core and Standard Phase 8 Questions (English).	50,150	1	25/60	20,896

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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[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.

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**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