

g. All supporting definitions and materials for any IMS data provided.

The FTC will obtain the information sought by interrogatories and document requests under Section 6(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(b). The FTC will use available information technology (e.g., electronic submission of financial information) to ease the collection of the requested information.

It should be noted that subsequent to this notice, any destruction, removal, mutilation, alteration, or falsification of documentary evidence that may be responsive to this information collection within the possession or control of a person, partnership or corporation subject to the FTC Act may be subject to criminal prosecution. 15 U.S.C. 50; see also 18 U.S.C. 1505.

The information presented in the study will not identify company-specific data. See 15 U.S.C. 57b-2(d)(1)(B). Rather, the Commission anticipates using primarily aggregated totals, on a level sufficient to protect individual companies' confidential information, to provide a factual summary of the effect of authorized generic entry since 1999. Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), bars the Commission from publicly disclosing trade secrets or confidential commercial

or financial information it receives from persons pursuant to, among other methods, special orders authorized by Section 6(b) of the FTC Act. Such information also would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). Moreover, under Section 21(c) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 57b-2(c), a submitter who designates a submission as confidential is entitled to 10 days' advance notice of any anticipated public disclosure by the Commission, assuming that the Commission has determined that the information does not, in fact, constitute 6(f) material. Although materials covered under one or more of these various sections are protected by stringent confidentiality constraints, the FTC Act and the Commission's rules authorize disclosure in limited circumstances (e.g., official requests by Congress, requests from other agencies for law enforcement purposes, administrative or judicial proceedings). Even in those limited contexts, however, the Commission's rules may afford the submitter advance notice to seek a protective order. See 15 U.S.C. 57b-2(c); 16 CFR 4.9-4.11.

B. Estimated Burden Hours

The FTC proposes to use three different sets of questions for the three drug company types: Brand-name companies, authorized generic companies, and independent generic companies. The drug products that the FTC will study will be identified for each company. Although the questions vary, the FTC does not anticipate this will have a significant effect on the effort required to respond to them.

The FTC has estimated three average response times depending upon the number of drug products for which the company is required to provide a response: Companies with one to five drug products, companies with six to 10 drug products, and companies with more than 10 drug products. The FTC anticipates that the majority of burden hours will be primarily to search, retrieve, and copy relevant documents necessary to answer question number 1 for each of the company types, and that the hours necessary to obtain the financial information will not vary depending upon the number of drug products. The total estimated burden to answer the questions and to produce documents based on the number of drug products identified for each company is based on the following:

Task	1-5 Drug products	6-10 Drug products	> 10 Drug products
Organize document and information retrieval	12 hours	24 hours	48 hours
Identify requested documents	12	36	80
Retrieve and copy requested documents	40	60	120
Identify requested financial information	40	50	60
Obtain financial information	12	16	20
Prepare response	24	40	80
Total	140 hours	226 hours	408 hours.

Based on preliminary information, the FTC anticipates that it will seek information about 1 to 5 drug products from approximately 130 companies, for 6 to 10 drug products from 20 companies, and for greater than 10 drug products from 40 companies. Thus, the cumulative hours burden to produce documents and prepare the response sought will be approximately 39,040 hours (140 hours x 130 companies + 226 x 20 companies + 408 hours x 40 companies).

C. Estimated Cost Burden

It is not possible to calculate with precision the labor costs associated with answering the questions and producing the documents requested, as responses will entail participation by management and/or support staff at various compensation levels among many

different companies. Individuals among some or all of those labor categories may be involved in the information collection process. Nonetheless, the FTC has assumed that mid-management personnel and outside legal counsel will handle most of the tasks involved in gathering and producing the responsive information, and has applied an average hourly wage of \$250/hour for their labor. Thus, the labor costs per company should range between \$35,000 (140 hours x \$250/hour) and \$102,000 (408 hours x \$250/hour).

The FTC estimates that the capital or other non-labor costs associated with the information requests will be minimal. Although the information requests may require that respondent retain copies of the information provided to the Commission, industry members should already have in place

the means to store information of the volume requested.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Harbour recused.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers

or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this

waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants

were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/06/2006			
20060678	The Weinstein Company Holdings LLC ..	Genius Products, Inc	Genius Products, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/07/2006			
20060655	J.R. Hyde, III	GTx, Inc	GTx, Inc.
20060684	Merck & Co., Inc	Neuromed Technologies, Inc	Neuromed Technologies, Inc.
20060711	Marubeni Corporation	Pioneer Natural Resources Company ...	Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/08/2006			
20060656	JANA Offshore Partners, Ltd	The Houston Exploration Company	The Houston Exploration Company.
20060700	Business Objects S.A	Firstlogic, Inc	Firstlogic, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/08/2006			
20060677	Tandberg Television ASA	SkyStream Networks Inc	SkyStream Networks Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/13/2006			
20060667	Whitney V, L.P	Thomas Fahey	Universal Holdings, Inc.
20060671	Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft	Eurohypo Aktiengesellschaft	Eurohypo Aktiengesellschaft.
20060714	Cemex, S.A. de C.V	General Electric Company	Full Service Leasing Corp. General Electric Capital Corporation. SGE (New York) Associates II. MicroVention, Inc.
20060720	Terumo Corporation	MicroVention, Inc	MicroVention, Inc.
20060722	ALLTEL Corporation	Southern Illinois Cellular Corp	Southern Illinois Cellular Corp.
20060723	TriGenesys, Inc	Human Genome Sciences, Inc.	Human Genome Sciences, Inc.
20060726	Borland Software Corporation	Segue Software, Inc	Segue Software, Inc.
20060735	David D. Smith	Kenneth A. Hall	Center Ford, Inc. Hall Auto World, Inc. Jefferson Imports, Inc. KAH Imports, Inc. Peninsula Imports, Inc. State Line Imports, Inc. Tidewater Imports, Inc.
20060742	Carlyle Partners IV, L.P	John Maneely Company	John Maneely Company.
20060746	ArcLight Energy Partners Fund II, L.P ...	ArcLight Energy Partners Fund II, L.P ...	Magnum Coal Company.
20060749	Hub International Limited	The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ..	Brewer & Lord LLC. Citizens Clair Insurance Agency, LLC. The Feitelberg Company LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/14/2006			
20060666	Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc	RounTable Healthcare Partners, L.P	American Medical Instruments Holdings, Inc.
20060682	Cal Dive International, Inc	Remington Oil and Gas Corporation	Remington Oil and Gas Corporation.
20060727	Great River Energy	United Power Association	United Power Association.
20060732	Black Box Corporation	Tom T. Gores	NextiraOne California, L.P. NextiraOne Federal, LLC. NextiraOne, LLC. NextiraOne New York, LLC.
20060733	PNM Resources, Inc	Sempra Energy	Twin Oaks Power III, LP. Twin Oaks Power, LP
20060743	CDX Acquisition Company LLC	Monty H. Rial Revocable Trust	CDX Holdings, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/15/2006			
20060736	CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc	Vitaquest International Holdings LLC	Vitaquest International Holdings LLC.
20060750	AEA Investors Small Business Fund LP	William E. O'Connor	P.P.C. Industries.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/16/2006			
20060707	Moog Inc	M. Michael Parsee and Afsaneh Astani ..	Curlin Healthcare Products, Inc. Curlin Medical, LLC.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
			Curlin Technology, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/17/2006			
20060710	Lucent Technologies Inc	Riverstone Networks, Inc	Riverstone Networks, Inc.
20060715	Arysta LifeScience Corporation	BASF AG	Micro Flo Company LLC.
20060738	FMR Corp	Wolohan Lumber Co	Wolohan Lumber Co.
20060744	TreeHouse Foods, Inc	Del Monte Corporation	Del Monte Corporation.
20060752	General Electric Company	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc	East Cost Power LLC.
20060756	Lubar Equity Fund, LLC	David G. Nelson	Rockland Industrial Products, LLC.
20060761	Green Equity Investors IV, L.P	The Sports Authority, Inc	The Sports Authority, Inc.
20060763	TA IX L.P	William D. Oates	Global 360, Inc.
20060764	Kikkoman Corporation	Country Life, LLC	Country Life, LLC.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/20/2006			
20060675	LGB ENV LLC	Duratek, Inc	Duratek, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/21/2006			
20060610	Onex Partners LP	BAE Systems PLC	BAE Systems (Operations) Limited.
20060689	Edward G. Burr	Waste Management, Inc	USA Waste of California, Inc. Waste Management of California, Inc. Western Waste Industries.
20060729	General Electric Company	John Gerngross and Susan Gerngross ..	Condor Engineering.
20060730	FANUC LTD	John Gerngross and Susan Gerngross ..	Condor Engineering.
20060741	Ball Corporation	Alcan Inc	Alcan Inc.
20060773	KIPB Group Holdings, LLC	Packaging Dynamics Corporation	Packaging Dynamics Corporation.
20060779	Compass Group PLC	Levy Restaurant Limited Partnership	Levy Restaurant Limited Partnership.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/22/2006			
20060716	Telelogic AB	I-Logic Inc	I-Logic Inc.
20060786	Advantage Sales and Marketing Holdings, LLC.	Allied Capital Corporation	Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc.
20060800	Fujitsu Limited	Rapidigm, Inc	Rapidigm, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/23/2006			
20060681	Viisage Technology, Inc	Identix Incorporated	Identix Incorporated.
20060696	Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.
20060737	Mohawk Industries, Inc	Propex Fabrics Holdings, Inc	Propex Fabrics Holdings Inc.
20060782	Humana, Inc	CHA Service Company	CHA HMC, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—03/24/2006			
20060691	Constellation Energy Group, Inc	FPL Group, Inc	FPL Group, Inc.
20060757	InterMedia Partners VII, L.P	Thomas Nelson, Inc	Thomas Nelson, Inc.
20060772	ARAMARK Corporation	SeamlessWeb Professional Solutions, Inc.	SeamlessWeb Professional Solutions, Inc.
20060795	American Capital Strategies, Ltd	Trey D. Cook	Innova Holdings, Inc.
20060796	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc	BlackRock, Inc.
20060797	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc	MLIM.
20060805	Retirement Residences REIT	Brandywine Senior Care, Inc	Bey Lea Nursing Home, Inc. Laurelton Nursing Home, Inc. Linwood Nursing Home LLC. MeadowView East Geriatric. Meadowview Geriatrics, Inc. Neptune Nursing Home L.L.C. Premier Therapy Services L.L.C. Somerset Nursing Home L.L.C.
20060806	Gryphon Partners II, L.P	The Huron Fund LP	Delta Educational Systems, Inc.
20060809	The Home Depot, Inc	W. Grant Williams, III	Home Decorators Collection, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AHRQ Quality Indicators Workgroup on Inpatient and Patient Safety Composite Measures

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking nominations for members of an AHRQ-convened Quality Indicators Workgroup on Composite Measures for the Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs) and the Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs) as part of a general workgroup on composite measures. The AHRQ QI Composite Measures General Workgroup and subsequent IQI and PSI sub-workgroups are being formed as part of a structured approach for developing composite measures from the IQI and PSI software tools for public reporting of quality of hospital care at the national and state level. The purpose of this project is to obtain input from interested organizations and individuals on the development of composite quality measures based on hospital discharge data, specifically using the IQI and PSI measures. The Workgroups will evaluate appropriate technical and methodological approaches currently available and will discuss and suggest strategies as to what composite measure methodology would best fit QI user needs. As part of this effort and using the AHRQ PSIs and IQIs, the Workgroup members will be addressing several key issues for the development of composite measures, including but not limited to:

- Identifying and defining the quality concept that each composite is intended to measure;
- Suggesting and considering the individual quality indicators that should be included in the composite;

- The manner of weighting with which individual quality indicators could or should be combined;
- Evaluation of using condition-specific quality of care composites (e.g., for cardiovascular disease, or diabetes) or population-specific composites (e.g., pediatrics, women, or geriatrics) or domain specific composites (e.g., surgical, or infections); and
- Discussion of the methodological considerations which are appropriate or important when combining quality indicators and the considerations when composites are used for publicly reporting data.

For additional information about the AHRQ Quality Indicators, please visit the AHRQ Quality Indicators Web site at <http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov>.

Specifically, the AHRQ QI Composite Measures General Workgroup will consist of up to 15 individuals who have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Statistical methods, hospital quality improvement and patient safety, health services research, and administrative data. To the extent possible, this Workgroup will represent a variety of stakeholder perspectives, specifically including—(1) Consumers, (2) healthcare purchasers, (3) quality improvement organizations, (4) researchers, (5) healthcare professionals, (6) state-based organizations, and (7) Federal health care provider organizations. The Workgroup will be further divided into two sub-workgroups to focus on the IQIs and the PSIs separately. Each sub-workgroup will have a series of conference calls to share perspectives, discuss the technical and policy issues surrounding composite measures for each module and will then summarize their discussions for presentation to the AHRQ QI Composite Measures General Workgroup. The AHRQ QI Composite Measures General Workgroup will provide responses to the sub-workgroups' findings. AHRQ will then develop a summary of the discussion in a technical report. This report will be made available for public comment.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before May 4, 2006. Self-nominations are welcome. Third-party nominations must indicate that the individual has been contacted and is willing to serve on one of the workgroups. Notification of selected candidates will be contacted by AHRQ no later than May 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations can be sent in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably as an electronic file with an e-mail attachment and should specifically address the submission criteria as noted below. Electronic submissions are

strongly encouraged. Responses should be submitted to: AHRQ Quality Indicators Initiative, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Delivery, Organization and Markets, 540 Gaither Road, Room 5121, Rockville, MD 20850. E-mail: project_officer@qualityindicators.ahrq.gov.

Submission Criteria

To be considered for membership on the AHRQ QI Workgroups, please send the following information for each nominee:

1. A brief nomination letter highlighting experience/knowledge relevant in the development and use of composite performance measures and familiarity with the AHRQ QIs and health care administrative data. (See selection criteria below.) Please include full contact information of nominee: Name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address).

2. Curriculum vita (with citations to any pertinent publications).

Nominee Selection Criteria

Nominees should have technical expertise in health care quality measurement development, and a familiarity with statistical methods and risk adjustment strategies in the area of composite measure development.

More specifically, each candidate will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Peer-reviewed publications relevant to the development of composite measures; performance measures and reporting;
- Expertise in statistical methods relevant to the development of composite measures;
- Knowledge of recent composite methodologies published in the literature;
- Experience with development of measures based on administrative data and its uses;
- Expertise in hospital quality improvement and patient safety;
- Familiarity with the AHRQ Quality Indicators and their application;
- Experience with application of performance measures for public reporting; and,
- Availability to provide written comments and conference calls between late April and early August.

Time Commitment

In an effort to provide for expert input and for recommendations to develop a composite measure methodology, we are initiating a review process that will require participation in approximately four to five conference calls with some