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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-5960 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

State-based Evaluation of the Alert Notification Component of CDC's Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X) Secure Public Health Communications

Network (OMB No. 0920-0636)—Extension—National Center for Health Marketing (NCHM), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

A central component of the CDC's mission is to strengthen the nation's public health infrastructure by coordinating public health surveillance at CDC and providing domestic and international support through scientific communications and terrorism preparedness and emergency response. The Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X) provides CDC and its state and local partners and collaborators with a secure public health communications network intended for routine and emergent information exchange in a secure environment.

Great attention has been focused on improving secure public health communications networks for the dissemination of critical disease outbreak and/or bioterrorism-related events, which may have multi-jurisdictional involvement and cause disease and death within a short time-frame.

The purpose of the information gathered during this notification proficiency testing exercise is to evaluate the extent to which new registrants and currently authorized users of the Epidemic Information Exchange (Epi-X) are able to utilize alert notification functionality to minimize or

prevent unnecessary injury or disease-related morbidity and mortality through the use of secure communications and rapid notification systems. In this case, notification alerts would be sent to targeted public health professionals through a 'barrage' of office cell phone, home telephone, and pager calls to rapidly inform key health authorities from multidisciplinary backgrounds and multiple jurisdictions of evolving and critical public health information, and assist with the decision making process. Presently, the necessity of this evaluation process is timely because of ongoing terrorism threats and acts perpetrated worldwide.

The survey information will be gathered through an online questionnaire format, and help evaluate user comprehension and facility solely with the targeted notification and rapid alerting functionalities of Epi-X. The questionnaire will consist of both closed- and open-ended items, and will be administered through Zoomerang, an online questionnaire program, or as a last resort, by telephone. Approximately 2,000 Epi-X users from every state of the union will be asked to volunteer input (in a 5-10 question format) about their experiences using the alert notification functionalities of the Epi-X communications system.

There will be no cost to respondents, whose participation will be strictly voluntary. The total estimated burden hours are 167.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Public Health Professionals	1,000	1	10/60

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on 404-639-5960 or send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS D-74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*.

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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Survey of Residential Care Facilities (NSRCF) 2008-2010—New—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States.

The National Survey of Residential Care Facilities (NSRCF) is a new collection. It is designed to complement data collected by other federal surveys and to fill a significant data gap about a major portion of the long-term care population. Data from the NSRCF will provide a database on residential care facilities that researchers and policymakers can use to address a wide array of research and policy questions. The survey will utilize a computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) system to collect information about facility and resident characteristics. This computerized system speeds the flow of data making it possible to release information on a more timely

basis and makes it easier for respondents to participate in the survey.

A stratified random sample of residential care facilities across four strata (small, medium, large and extra large) will be selected to participate in the NSRCF. Within each facility a random sample of residents will be selected. To be eligible a facility must have four or more beds, be licensed, certified, or registered and provide or arrange for 24 hour supervision and personal care services for residents.

The facility questionnaire will collect data about facility characteristics (size, age, types of rooms), services offered, characteristics of the resident population, facility policies and services, costs of services, and background of the administrator. The Resident Questionnaire collects information on resident demographics, current living arrangements within the facility, involvement in activities, use of services, charges for care, health status, and cognitive and physical functioning.

In the pretest, 25 facility administrators, and 25 facility staff serving as respondents will be

interviewed on an annualized basis. Residents themselves will not be interviewed. For the national survey, approximately 2,250 facilities will be surveyed for an annual average of 750. Information on 5 residents each will be collected from an annual average of 750 facility staff. Users of NSRCF data include, but are not limited to the CDC; the Congressional Research Office; the Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration; the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE); the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization; American Health Care Association, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Bureau of the Census; and AARP. Other users of these data include universities, contract research organizations, many in the private sector, foundations, and a variety of users in the print media. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Facility Administrator (pretest)	25	1	1	25
Facility Staff (pretest)	25	5	30/60	63
Facility Administrator	750	1	1	750
Facility Staff	750	5	30/60	1,875
Total	2,713

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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 function; (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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Conflict of

Interest and Ownership and Control Information; *Use:* The Conflict of Interest and Ownership and Control Information Statement (COI Statement) is sent to all Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Carriers to collect full and complete information on any entity's or individual's ownership interest (defined as a 5 per centum or more) in an organization that may present a potential conflict of interest in their role as a Medicare FI or Carrier.

The information gathered in the survey is used to ensure that all potential, apparent and actual conflicts of interest involving Medicare contractors are appropriately mitigated and that employees of the contractors, including officers, directors, trustees and members of their immediate families, do not utilize their positions with the contractor for their own private business interest to the detriment of the Medicare program. Information is also requested on potential organizational