

the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. OAH is working collaboratively with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) on adolescent pregnancy prevention evaluation activities.

OAH in partnership with ASPE will be overseeing the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Replication Evaluation (TPP Replication Evaluation). The TPP Replication Evaluation will be an experimental evaluation which will determine the extent to which a subset

of evidence-based program models funded as part of the OAH evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative demonstrate effects on adolescent sexual risk behavior and teenage pregnancy when they are replicated in similar and in different settings and for different populations. The findings from this evaluation will be of interest to the general public, to policy-makers, and to organizations interested in teen pregnancy prevention.

The implementation study will enable us to understand the programs, document their implementation and context, assess fidelity of

implementation and the factors that influence it, and describe the counterfactual, or the “business as usual” services received by youth in the control group. This information will enable us to describe each implemented program and the treatment-control contrast evaluated in each site. It will also help us interpret impact analysis findings and may help explain any unexpected findings, differences in impacts across programs, and differences in impacts across locations or population subgroups.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

| Instrument   | Annual number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Staff and community member interviews (Master Topic Guide) .....         | 150                          | 1                                  | 1.5                               | 225                       |
| Guide for Focus Group Discussion with Frontline Staff .....              | 120                          | 1                                  | 1.5                               | 180                       |
| Guide for Focus Group Discussion with Participating Youths .....         | 400                          | 1                                  | 1.5                               | 600                       |
| Guide for Discussion with School/Agency Staff about Counterfactual ..... | 100                          | 1                                  | 1                                 | 100                       |
| Total .....  |                              |                                    |                                   | 1,105                     |

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### Agency Information Collection Request. 30-Day Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection 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 functions; (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.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to [Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-5683. Send written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections within 30 days of this notice directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer; faxed to OMB at (202) 395-5806.

**Proposed Project:** Pregnancy Prevention Approaches Evaluation Baseline Data Collection—OMB No. OS-0990-NEW—The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH).

**Abstract:** The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is overseeing and coordinating adolescent pregnancy prevention evaluation efforts as part of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. OAH is working collaboratively with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Administration for Children and

Families (ACF) on adolescent pregnancy prevention evaluation activities.

The Evaluation of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Approaches (PPA) is one of these efforts. PPA is a random assignment evaluation which will expand available evidence on effective ways to reduce teen pregnancy. The evaluation will document and test a range of pregnancy prevention approaches in up to eight program sites. The findings from the evaluation will be of interest to the general public, to policy-makers, and to organizations interested in teen pregnancy prevention.

OAH proposed baseline data collection activity as part of the PPA evaluation. A core baseline data collection instrument was approved on July 26, 2010. The project has worked in recent months to secure grantees as evaluation sites, and as part of this effort the project has undertaken making revisions to the baseline instrument with each site. These revisions were undertaken because each site has unique features (e.g. target population; curriculum; objectives) and the baseline instruments were tailored to take these features into account. Emergency clearance of the site-specific baseline package was approved August 17, 2011 (ICR Reference No: 201107-0970-003). OAH is now requesting full clearance to collect data using site-specific instruments with a 3-year expiration date.

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

| Site/Program (and name of baseline instrument)                   | Annualized number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours (annual) |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chicago Public Schools/Health Teacher .....                      | 1518                             | 1                                  | 36/60                             | 911                         |
| Children's Hospital of Los Angeles/Project AIM .....             | 467                              | 1                                  | 42/60                             | 327                         |
| Oklahoma Institute of Child Advocacy/Power Through Choices ..... | 360                              | 1                                  | 36/60                             | 216                         |
| Engender Health/Gender Matters .....                             | 375                              | 1                                  | 36/60                             | 225                         |
| Ohio Health/T.O.P.P. ....  | 200                              | 1                                  | 42/60                             | 140                         |
| Live the Life Ministries/WAIT Training .....                     | 533                              | 1                                  | 42/60                             | 373                         |
| Princeton Center for Leadership Training (PCLT)/TeenPEP .....    | 533                              | 1                                  | 36/60                             | 320                         |
| Total .....  |                                  |                                    |                                   | 2512                        |

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: "MEPS Cancer Self Administered Questionnaire." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 2nd, 2011 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: AHRQ's OMB Desk Officer by fax at (202) 395-6974 (attention: AHRQ's desk officer) or by email at [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) (attention: AHRQ's desk officer).

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427-1477, or by email at [doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov](mailto:doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Proposed Project

##### MEPS Cancer SAQ

The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) is a nationally representative survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of all ages in the United States that collects comprehensive data on health care and health care expenditures from all payors (including private payors, Medicaid, the VA, and out-of-pocket) over a two-year period. The MEPS has been conducted annually since 1996. The OMB Control Number for the MEPS is 0935-0118, with an expiration date of January 31st, 2013. All of the supporting documents for the MEPS can be downloaded from [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref\\_nbr=200910-0935-001](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=200910-0935-001).

The purpose of this request is to integrate the new self-administered questionnaire (SAQ) entitled, "Experiences with Cancer," into the MEPS. Once the SAQ is integrated it will be completed by MEPS participants identified as ever having cancer. The Cancer SAQ will be included in the MEPS in 2012; it will be subsequently removed from the MEPS in 2013.

The work is being conducted by AHRQ through its contractor, Westat, pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support research on healthcare and on systems for the delivery of such care, including the use of surveys to collect data on the cost, use and quality of such care. 42 U.S.C. 299b-2; 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(1), (2), (3), and (8).

##### Method of Collection

MEPS respondents identified as having cancer will be given the paper questionnaire to complete themselves. If the cancer SAQ respondent is available

at the time of the MEPS interview, we ask that he/she complete the SAQ and give it to the interviewer before she leaves the household after completing the MEPS interview. If the cancer SAQ is not collected before the interviewer leaves the household (including those cases where the SAQ respondent is not available at the time of the MEPS interview), he/she will either arrange a time to come back to pick it up (if it is mutually convenient for the respondent and interviewer) or we ask that the SAQ be returned in a postage-paid envelope left at the household.

There are several benefits to administering this SAQ nationally as a supplement to the MEPS. First, the accompanying oversample of persons with cancer will improve the cost estimates for patients with this disease and will allow AHRQ to conduct analysis on the long term costs of cancer for survivors. Since the survey is about the lasting effects of cancer and cancer treatments on the lives of those who have been diagnosed with cancer, the data will also allow research directed at long-term consequences of cancer and overall medical expenses. Finally, this activity will allow AHRQ to examine the feasibility of using MEPS as a vehicle for in depth analysis of other specific conditions. The questionnaire is being funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and was developed through a collaboration among the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NCI, the National Institutes of Health, AHRQ, the American Cancer Society, and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

##### Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated annualized burden hours for respondents' time to participate in this research. The Cancer SAQ will be completed by 3,500 persons and is estimated to require 30 minutes to complete. The total annualized burden is estimated to be 1,750 hours.