

end of each planned presentation and during a separate question and answer session as time permits. In addition, questions related to the OMHA-level of the Medicare claim appeals process will also be accepted on the attendee registration, for potential response during the appropriate presentation.

#### *B. Conference Call, Live Streaming, and Webinar Information*

For participants who cannot attend the OMHA Medicare Appellant Forum in person, there may be an option to view and participate in the OMHA Medicare Appellant Forum via live streaming technology and/or a webinar. Information on the whether these capabilities will be available as part of this forum will be posted on the OMHA Web site at: <http://www.hhs.gov/omha/index.html>. Please continue to check the Web site for updates on this upcoming event.

Disclaimer: We cannot guarantee reliability for live streaming technology and/or a webinar.

### III. Registration Instructions

The OMHA Executive Office is coordinating attendee registration for the OMHA Medicare Appellant Forum. While there is no registration fee, individuals planning to attend the forum must register to attend. In-person participation is limited to two (2) representatives from each organization. Additional individuals can participate by telephone conference or webinar if these services are made available. Information on participation by telephone conference or webinar will be posted on the OMHA Web site at: <http://www.hhs.gov/omha/index.html>. Registration may be completed online at the following web address: <http://www.hhs.gov/omha/index.html>. Seating capacity for in-person attendees is limited to the first 400 registrants.

After completing the registration, online registrants will receive a confirmation email which they should bring with them to the meeting(s). If you are unable to register online, you may register by sending an email to [OSOMHAAppealantForum@hhs.gov](mailto:OSOMHAAppealantForum@hhs.gov). Please include your first and last name, title, organization, address, office telephone number, and email address. If seating capacity has been reached, you will be notified that the meeting has reached capacity.

### IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

Because the OMHA Medicare Appellant Forum will be conducted on Federal property, for security reasons, any persons wishing to attend these

meetings must register by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. Please allow sufficient time to go through the security checkpoints. It is suggested that you arrive at the Wilbur J. Cohen building, located at 330 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20024, no later than 9:30 a.m. e.s.t. if you are attending the forum in person so that you will be able to arrive promptly for the meeting.

Security measures include the following:

- Presentation of photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Passing through a metal detector and inspection of items brought into the building. We note that all items brought to the Cohen Building, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a demonstration, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or to support a demonstration.

**Note:** Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the forum in person. The public may not enter the building earlier than 45 minutes prior to the convening of the forum.

Attendees must enter the Cohen Building thru the C-Street entrance and proceed to the registration desk. All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the auditorium area and access to the rest rooms on the same level in the building. Seating capacity is limited to the first 400 registrants.

Parking in Federal buildings is not available for this event. In addition, street side and commercial parking is extremely limited in the downtown area. Attendees are advised to use Metro-rail to either the Federal Center SW station (Blue/Orange line) or the L'Enfant Plaza station (Yellow/Green or Blue/Orange lines). The Wilbur J. Cohen building is approximately 1½ blocks from each of these Metro-rail stops.

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Dated: December 24, 2013.

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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 (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

*Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Surveillance (0920-0892, Expiration 07/31/2014)—Extension—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Steady increases in the rate and severity of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) indicate a clear need to conduct longitudinal assessments to continue to monitor changes in CDI epidemiology, including changes in risk factors for disease, as well as increases in incidence and severity of illness related to this pathogen.

The title and the goals of the project have remained the same since the publication of the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice and there were no changes in burden estimates or data collection forms from what is shown in the current inventory.

The surveillance population will consist of persons residing in the catchment area of the participating Emerging Infections Program (EIP) sites who are 1 year of age or older. This surveillance poses no more than minimal risk to the study participants as there will be no interventions or modifications to the care study participants receive.

EIP surveillance personnel will perform active case finding from laboratory reports of stool specimens testing positive for *C. difficile* toxin and abstract data on cases using a standardized case report form. For a subset of cases (e.g., community-associated *C. difficile* cases) sites will administer a health interview.

A total of 600 individuals who develop CDI will be contacted for a telephone interview annually and, of those, it is estimated that 500 will meet study inclusion criteria. The interview

screening is estimated to take 5 minutes and the full telephone interview is estimated to take 40 minutes. Therefore, the total estimated annualized burden

for this data collection is estimated to be 383 hours.

There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)
Persons in the community infected with <i>C. difficile</i> .....	Screening Form .....	600	1	5/60
	Telephone interview .....	500	1	40/60

**Leroy Richardson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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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 projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-7570 or send comments to LeRoy Richardson, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto: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*—Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program (CWHSP) (OMB Control No. 0920-0200, Expiration 06/30/2014)—Revision—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

NIOSH would like to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to revise the data collection instruments being utilized within the Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program (CWHSP). The current ICR incorporates all four components that fall under the CWHSP. Those four components include: Coal Workers' X-ray Surveillance Program (CWXS), B Reader Program, Enhanced Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program (ECWHSP), and National Coal Workers' Autopsy Study (NCWAS). The CWHSP is a congressionally-mandated medical examination program for monitoring the health of underground coal miners, established under the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended in 1977 and 2006, Public Law 95-164 (the Act). The Act provides the regulatory authority for the administration of the CWHSP. This Program is useful in providing information for protecting the health of miners (whose participation is entirely voluntary), and also in documenting trends and patterns in the prevalence of coal workers' pneumoconiosis ("black lung disease") among miners employed in U.S. coal mines. The total estimated annualized burden hours of 4,420 is based on the following:

- Coal Mine Operators Plan (2.10)—Under 42 CFR Part 37.4, every coal operator and construction contractor for each underground coal mine must submit a coal mine operator's plan every 3 years, providing information on how they plan to notify their miners of the opportunity to obtain the chest radiographic examination. To complete this form with all requested information (including a roster of current

employees) takes approximately 30 minutes.

- Facility Certification Document (2.11)—X-ray facilities seeking NIOSH approval to provide miner radiographs under the CWHSP must complete an approval packet which requires approximately 30 minutes for completion.

- Miner Identification Document (2.9)—Miners who elect to participate in the CWHSP must fill out this document which requires approximately 20 minutes. This document records demographic and occupational history, as well as information required under the regulations from x-ray facilities in relation to coal miner examinations. In addition to completing this form, the process of capturing the chest image takes approximately 15 minutes.

- Chest Radiograph Classification Form (2.8)—Under 42 CFR Part 37, NIOSH utilizes a radiographic classification system developed by the International Labour Office (ILO), in the determination of pneumoconiosis among underground coal miners. Physicians (B Readers) fill out this form regarding their interpretations of the radiographs (each image has at least two separate interpretations). Based on prior practice it takes the physician approximately 3 minutes per form.

- Physician Application for Certification (2.12)—Physicians taking the B Reader examination are asked to complete this registration form which provides demographic information as well as information regarding their medical practices. It typically takes the physician about 10 minutes to complete this form.

- Spirometry Testing—Miners participating in the ECWHSP component of the Program are asked to perform a spirometry test which requires no additional paperwork on the part of the miner, but does require approximately 15 to 20 minutes for the test itself. Since spirometry testing is offered as part of the ECWHSP only, the 2,500 respondents listed in the burden