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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
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**Office of the Secretary**

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**Agency Information Collection  
 Activities; Submission to OMB for  
 Review and Approval; Public Comment  
 Request**

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is for a new collection. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the

public on this ICR during the review and approval period.  
**DATES:** Comments on the ICR must be received on or before June 11, 2014.  
**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov* or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Collection Clearance staff, *Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov* or (202) 690-6162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the Information Collection Request Title and document identifier HHS-OS-0945-New-30D for reference.  
*Information Collection Request Title:* HIPAA Covered Entity and Business Associate Pre-Audit Survey  
*Abstract:* This information collection consists of a survey of up to 1200 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) covered entities (health plans, health care clearinghouses, and certain health care providers) and business associates (entities that provide certain services to a HIPAA covered entity) to determine suitability for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) HIPAA Audit Program. The survey will gather information about respondents to enable OCR to assess the size, complexity, and fitness of a respondent for an audit. Information collected includes, among other things, recent data about the number of patient

visits or insured lives, use of electronic information, revenue, and business locations.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is mandated to conduct periodic audits to assess the compliance of covered entities and business associates with the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules. This information collection will enable OCR to assess the suitability of respondent covered entities and business associates for audits.

*Likely Respondents:* Respondents will include both HIPAA covered entities and business associates.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. 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. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS

Form name	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
OCR Pre-Audit Survey .....	Covered Entity .....	800	1	30/60	400
OCR Pre-Audit Survey .....	Business Associate .....	400	1	30/60	200
Total .....	.....	1200	1	30/60	600

**Darius Taylor,**  
*Information Collection Clearance Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
 HUMAN SERVICES**

**Public Meeting of the Presidential  
 Commission for the Study of  
 Bioethical Issues**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (the Commission) will conduct its seventeenth meeting on June 9-10, 2014. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Monday, June 9, 2014, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. and Tuesday, June 10, 2014, from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Lawrence P. and Ann Estes Klamon Room, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University,

Claudia Nance Rollins Building, 1518 Clifton Road NE., Atlanta, GA 30322.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hillary Wicai Viers, Communications Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW., Suite C-100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: 202-233-3960. Email: *Hillary.Viers@bioethics.gov*. Additional information may be obtained at *www.bioethics.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given of the seventeenth meeting of the Commission. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space

available. The meeting will also be webcast at [www.bioethics.gov](http://www.bioethics.gov).

Under authority of Executive Order 13521, dated November 24, 2009, the President established the Commission. The Commission is an expert panel of not more than 13 members who are drawn from the fields of bioethics, science, medicine, technology, engineering, law, philosophy, theology, or other areas of the humanities or social sciences. The Commission advises the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Commission seeks to identify and promote policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

The main agenda item for the Commission's seventeenth meeting is to discuss the BRAIN Initiative and ongoing work in neuroscience.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about the Commission, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at [www.bioethics.gov](http://www.bioethics.gov).

The Commission welcomes input from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue before it. Respectful debate of opposing views and active participation by citizens in public exchange of ideas enhances overall public understanding of the issues at hand and conclusions reached by the Commission. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving comments and questions during the meeting that are responsive to specific sessions. Written comments will be accepted at the registration desk and comment forms will be provided to members of the public in order to write down questions and comments for the Commission as they arise. To accommodate as many individuals as possible, the time for each question or comment may be limited. If the number of individuals wishing to pose a question or make a comment is greater than can reasonably be accommodated during the scheduled meeting, the Commission may make a random selection.

Written comments will also be accepted in advance of the meeting and are especially welcome. Please address written comments by email to [info@bioethics.gov](mailto:info@bioethics.gov), or by mail to the following address: Public Commentary, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW., Suite C-100, Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business

information that they contain. Trade secrets should not be submitted.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who needs special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify Esther Yoo by telephone at (202) 233-3960, or email at [Esther.Yoo@bioethics.gov](mailto:Esther.Yoo@bioethics.gov) in advance of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate persons who need special assistance.

Dated: April 29, 2014.

**Lisa M. Lee,**

*Executive Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.*

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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: "*Updating and Expanding the AHRQ QI Toolkit for Hospitals.*" In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by July 11, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at [doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov).

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

#### *Updating and Expanding the AHRQ QI Toolkit for Hospitals*

AHRQ has developed sets of Quality Indicators (QIs) that can be used to document quality and safety conditions at U.S. hospitals. Three sets of QIs are particularly relevant for hospitals and include: The Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs), the Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs), and the Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDIs). The IQIs contain measures of volume, mortality, and utilization for common medical conditions and major surgical procedures. The PSIs are a set of measures to screen for potentially preventable adverse events that patients may experience during hospitalization. The PDIs measure the quality of pediatric health care, mainly focusing on preventable complications that occur as a consequence of hospitalization among pediatric patients. These QIs have been previously developed and evaluated by AHRQ, and are in use at a number of hospitals throughout the country. The QIs and supportive documentation on how to work with them are posted on AHRQ's Web site at [www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov](http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov).

Despite the availability of the QIs as tools to help hospitals assess their performance, many U.S. hospitals have limited experience with the use of such measurement tools, or in using quality improvement methods to improve their performance as assessed by these measures. To this end, RAND has previously contracted with AHRQ to develop an AHRQ Quality Indicators Toolkit for Hospitals (Toolkit). This Toolkit is publicly available and is posted on AHRQ's Web site at <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/qitoolkit/index.html>. The Toolkit assists hospitals in both using the QIs and improving the quality and safety of the care they provide, as measured by those indicators. As such, the Toolkit includes: (1) Instruction on how a hospital can apply the QIs to its inpatient data to estimate rates for each indicator; (2) methods the hospital can use to evaluate these QI rates for identifying opportunities for improvement; (3) strategies for implementing interventions (or evidence-based best practices); (4) methods to measure progress and performance on the QIs; (5) tools for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of these changes; and (6) discussion of the value of using the QIs for quality improvement as well as potential challenges and barriers to quality improvement efforts that incorporate the QIs and how to help overcome them.