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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) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and

instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to *omb@cdc.gov*. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: 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**

HIV Outpatient Study (HOPS)—New—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requests a three-year approval for the HIV Outpatient Study data collection activity. The HIV Outpatient Study (HOPS) is a prospective longitudinal cohort of HIV-infected outpatients at nine well-established private HIV care practices and university-based U.S. clinics. Clinical data are abstracted on ongoing basis from the medical records of adult HIV-infected HOPS study participants, who also complete an optional seven minute telephone/web-based behavioral assessment as part of their annual clinic visit.

Before enrolling in this study, all potential study participants will undergo an informed consent process (including signing of a written informed consent) which is estimated to take 15 minutes.

The core areas of HOPS research extending through the present HIV treatment era include (i) monitoring death rates and causes of death (ii) characterizing the optimal patient management strategies to reduce HIV-related morbidity and mortality (e.g., effectiveness of antiretroviral therapies and other clinical interventions (iii) monitoring of sexual and drug use behaviors to inform Prevention with Positives, and (iv) investigating disparities in the HIV care continuum by various demographic factors. In recent years, the HOPS has been instrumental in bringing attention to emerging issues in chronic HIV infection with actionable opportunities

for prevention, including: cardiovascular disease, fragility fractures, renal and hepatic disease, and cancers. The HOPS remains an important source for multi-year trend data concerning conditions and behaviors for which data are not readily available elsewhere, including: rates of opportunistic illnesses, rates of comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension, obesity, diabetes) and antiretroviral drug resistance.

Data will be collected through medical record abstraction by trained abstractors and by telephone or internet-based, computer-assisted interviews at nine funded study sites in six U.S. cities.

Collection of data abstracted from patient medical records provides data in five general categories: Demographics and risk behaviors for HIV infection; symptoms; diagnosed conditions (definitive and presumptive); medications prescribed (including dose, duration, and reasons for stopping); all laboratory values, including CD4+ T-lymphocyte (CD4+) cell counts, plasma HIV-RNA determinations, and genotype, phenotype, and trophile results. Data on visit frequency, AIDS, and death are acquired from the clinic chart.

Data collected using a brief Telephone Audio-Computer Assisted Self-Interview (T-ACASI) survey or an identical web-based Audio-Computer Assisted Self-Interview (ACASI) include: Age, sex at birth, use of alcohol and drugs, cigarette smoking, adherence to antiretroviral medications, types of sexual intercourse, condom use, and disclosure of HIV status to partners.

We estimate consenting 450 new participants per year across all HOPS study sites (50 participants at each of the 9 sites). The consent process takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Medical record abstractions will be completed on all eligible participants. All eligible participants will be offered the opportunity to participate in an optional short survey that will take approximately seven minutes.

Participation of respondents is voluntary. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time. The estimated annual burden hours are 405.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)
HOPS study Patients .....	Behavioral survey .....	2,500	1	7/60
HOPS Study Patients .....	Consent form .....	450	1	15/60

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-15-15AHO; Docket No. CDC-2015-  
0031]

#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of  
its continuing efforts to reduce public  
burden and maximize the utility of  
government information, invites the  
general public and other Federal  
agencies to take this opportunity to  
comment on proposed and/or  
continuing information collections, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995. This notice invites  
comment on a proposed information  
collection for a retrospective evaluation  
of the prevalence of acute flaccid  
myelitis with MRI grey matter findings  
among children aged ≤18 years.

**DATES:** Written comments must be  
received on or before July 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments,  
identified by Docket No. CDC-2015-  
0031 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*  
*Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions  
for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson,  
Information Collection Review Office,  
Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-  
D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received  
must include the agency name and  
Docket Number. All relevant comments  
received will be posted without change  
to *Regulations.gov*, including any  
personal information provided. For  
access to the docket to read background  
documents or comments received, go to  
*Regulations.gov*.

*Please note: All public comment should be  
submitted through the Federal eRulemaking  
portal (Regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the  
address listed above.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request more information on the  
proposed project or to obtain a copy of  
the information collection plan and  
instruments, contact the Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road, NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570;  
Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act  
of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520),  
Federal agencies must obtain approval  
from the Office of Management and  
Budget (OMB) for each collection of  
information they conduct or sponsor. In  
addition, the PRA also requires Federal  
agencies to provide a 60-day notice in  
the **Federal Register** concerning each  
proposed collection of information,  
including each new proposed  
collection, each proposed extension of  
existing collection of information, and  
each reinstatement of previously  
approved information collection before  
submitting the collection to OMB for  
approval. To comply with this  
requirement, we are publishing this  
notice of a proposed data collection as  
described below.

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; (d) ways to minimize the  
burden of the collection of information  
on respondents, including through the  
use of automated collection techniques  
or other forms of information  
technology; and (e) estimates of capital  
or start-up costs and costs of operation,  
maintenance, and purchase of services  
to provide information. Burden means  
the total time, effort, or financial  
resources expended by persons to  
generate, maintain, retain, disclose or  
provide information to or for a Federal  
agency. 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.

#### Proposed Project

Retrospective evaluation of the  
prevalence of acute flaccid myelitis with  
MRI grey matter findings among  
children aged ≤18 years—NEW—  
National Center for Immunization and  
Respiratory Diseases, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Acute onset limb weakness,  
commonly referred to as acute flaccid  
paralysis (AFP), is a relatively  
uncommon syndrome among children.  
From August–October 2014, several  
clusters of AFP among children were  
reported from several states within the  
United States (U.S.) and an  
epidemiologic investigation was  
initiated to elucidate the possible causes  
of these cases.

CDC originally collected data under  
OMB Control Numbers 0920-1011 and  
0920-0009. Cases were characterized by  
distinctive abnormalities on spinal  
magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), in  
which pathologic changes were largely  
restricted to the central grey matter of  
the spinal cord. Due to these findings  
and to differentiate this illness from  
other forms of AFP, CDC used the term  
'acute flaccid myelitis' (AFM).

The main goal of this study is to  
obtain data in order to estimate the  
baseline rate of AFM that is  
accompanied by MRI changes confined  
to spinal grey matter among children  
≤18 years of age that were seen at six  
pediatric medical centers in the United  
States. Data on spinal MRIs from years  
2005-2014 will be collected from six  
sentinel medical centers. Physicians at  
these medical centers will examine the  
MRI reports and extract data on specific  
variables using a database developed by  
CDC.

Data will then be sent to CDC, where  
2005-2013 data will be compared with  
2014 data in order to assess if 2014 rates  
of AFM were higher than in previous  
years. Furthermore, this evaluation will  
provide important information  
regarding characteristics of patients  
presenting with AFM and grey matter  
changes, assist in determining the  
potential for surveillance focusing on  
MRI findings because AFM is not  
routinely conducted in the United  
States and identify possible risk factors.

The data will be used to estimate a  
baseline for the rate of AFM that occurs  
in the United States each year. This  
information has not been previously  
collected, since the U.S. does not collect  
routine surveillance for AFM/AFP.

The participation of respondents is  
voluntary. There is no cost to the  
respondents other than their time. The