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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

**CMS-10079 Hospital Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 412.64**

Under the 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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing

collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

**Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospital Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 412.64; *Use:* Section 304(c) of Public Law 106-554 amended section 1886(d) (3) (E) of the Social Security Act to require CMS to collect data every three years on the occupational mix of employees for each short-term, acute care hospital participating in the Medicare program, in order to construct an occupational mix adjustment to the wage index, for application beginning October 1, 2004 (the FY 2005 wage index). The purpose of the occupational mix adjustment is to control for the effect of hospitals' employment choices on the wage index. For example, hospitals may choose to employ different combinations of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing aides, and medical assistants for the purpose of providing nursing care to their patients. The varying labor costs associated with these choices reflect hospital management decisions rather than geographic differences in the costs of labor. The FY 2016 survey will provide for the collection of hospital-specific wages and hours data for calendar year 2016 (that is, payroll periods ending between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016). The 2016 Medicare occupational mix survey will be applied beginning with the FY 2019 wage index. *Form Number:* CMS-10079 (OMB control number: 0938-0907); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions), State, Local and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 3,400; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,400; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,632,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Noel Manlove at 410-786-5161.

Dated: October 6, 2015.

**William N. Parham, III,**

*Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Title IV-E Plan for Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and, Optional, Guardianship Assistance Programs.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0433.

*Description:* A title IV-E plan is required by section 471, part IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act) for each public child welfare agency requesting Federal funding for foster care, adoption assistance and guardianship assistance under the Act. Section 479B of the Act provides for an Indian tribe, tribal organization or tribal consortium (Tribe) to operate a title IV-E program in the same manner as a State with minimal exceptions. The Tribe must have an approved title IV-E Plan. The title IV-E plan provides assurances the programs will be administered in conformity with the specific requirements stipulated in title IV-E. The plan must include all applicable State or Tribal statutory, regulatory, or policy references and citations for each requirement as well as supporting documentation. A title IV-E agency may use the pre-print format prepared by the Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families or a different format, on the condition that the format used includes all of the title IV-E plan requirements of the law.

*Respondents:* Title IV-E agencies administering or supervising the administration of the title IV-E programs.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Title IV-E Plan .....	17	1	16	272

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 272.

**Additional Information**

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the

Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

#### OMB Comment

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Email: [OIRA\\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV). Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

**Robert Sargis,**

*Reports Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HHS gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees from the Hooker Electrochemical Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938, Telephone 1-877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C).

On September 22, 2015, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

“All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the Hooker Electrochemical Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York, during the operational period from July 1, 1944, through December 31, 1948, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the Special Exposure Cohort.”

This designation will become effective on October 22, 2015, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

**John Howard,**

*Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Request for Information From Non-Federal Stakeholders on Progress and Accomplishments (2010–2015) Towards the Goals of the National Vaccine Plan

**AGENCY:** National Vaccine Program Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The development of a National Vaccine Plan was mandated by Congress as a mechanism for the Director of the National Vaccine Program (the Assistant Secretary for Health) to communicate priorities for achieving the Program’s responsibilities of ensuring adequate supply of and access to vaccines and ensuring the effective and optimal use of vaccines. The National Vaccine Plan, released in 2010, provides a comprehensive 10-year national strategy for enhancing all aspects of the National Vaccine Program including: Research and development, supply, financing, distribution, safety, informed decision making by consumers and health care providers, vaccine preventable disease surveillance, vaccine effectiveness and use monitoring, and global cooperation ([http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc\\_plan/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc_plan/index.html)).

In accordance with the 2010 National Vaccine Plan (NVP), the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) is

conducting a mid-course review of the Plan following five years of its implementation. This review is intended to ensure that the priorities and activities outlined in the NVP are appropriately aligned towards the goals described therein given significant changes in the immunization landscape that have occurred since the NVP was released in 2010.

The NVP is intended to be a national plan that includes contributions from both federal and non-federal stakeholders. In order to collect information from non-federal stakeholders in a uniform and systematic way, the NVPO is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) through a structured survey accessed on the NVPO Web site at [http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc\\_plan/index.html#mid-course-review](http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc_plan/index.html#mid-course-review). The RFI will solicit specific information regarding the priorities, goals, and objectives within the NVP, significant accomplishments since 2010, remaining gaps, and stakeholder perspectives on priorities of the vaccine and immunization community for the remaining years of the NVP (2016–2020). Finally, stakeholders will also be provided the opportunity to briefly inform NVPO of the top contributions from their organization.

**DATES:** Survey responses on the National Vaccine Plan must be completed and submitted online by midnight, 12:00 a.m. EDT on November 9, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** All those interested in participating in the survey to provide information on the National Vaccine Plan should do so by clicking on the survey link provided on the NVPO Web site at [http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc\\_plan/index.html#mid-course-review](http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/vacc_plan/index.html#mid-course-review).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** National Vaccine Program Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services; telephone (202) 690-5566; email: [nvpo@hhs.gov](mailto:nvpo@hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The National Vaccine Program was established in compliance with Title XXI of the Public Health Service Act (Pub. L. 99-660) (§ 2101) (42 U.S. Code 300aa-*et seq* (PDF—78 KB)) to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines. Development of a National Vaccine Plan has been mandated to the National Vaccine Program Office as a mechanism for the Director of the National Vaccine Program (the Assistant Secretary for