

Quality Act of 1999 and re-named the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

AHRQ's mission is to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work within HHS and other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used.

Three areas in which AHRQ makes a difference:

- AHRQ invests in research and evidence to understand how to make health care safer and improve quality.
- AHRQ creates materials to teach and train health care systems and professionals how to catalyze improvements in care.
- AHRQ generates measures and data used to track and improve performance and to evaluate the progress of the U.S. health system.

The purpose of the conference, consistent with AHRQ's mission, is to bring together grantees, contractors, and others who produce AHRQ-supported research and products with stakeholders who can use them to achieve measurable improvements in the health care that patients receive. The conference provides additional opportunities to ensure that AHRQ-supported research delivers anticipated results. More specifically, the conference's goal is to share best practices based on AHRQ-supported research, and to demonstrate how these research findings and best practices provide solutions for the challenges facing today's health care system. The conference also offers time for interaction among grantees, contractors, and users who can implement research-based solutions to improve care.

The co-sponsors will assist with conference and agenda development, strategic messaging, coordination, financial management, and meeting logistics in conjunction with AHRQ staff. The co-sponsors can charge registration fees to recover their share of the event's costs; however, registration fees may not be set at an amount higher than necessary to recover related conference expenses.

Eligibility for Co-Sponsorship

To be eligible, a potential co-sponsor shall: (1) Have a demonstrated understanding, commitment, and experience in conducting and/or sponsoring health services research, especially as it relates to one or more of AHRQ's priority areas; (2) be knowledgeable about strategies for disseminating and implementing research findings, products, and tools and fostering changes in practice and

health care policy; (3) have a track record in using a variety of methods for evaluating research impact; (4) participate substantively in the co-sponsored activity, not just provide funding or logistical support; and (5) have an organizational mission that is consistent with AHRQ and HHS.

The selected co-sponsoring organization shall furnish the necessary personnel, materials, services, and facilities to administer its responsibility for the conference. These duties will be outlined in a cosponsorship agreement with AHRQ that will set forth the details of the cosponsored activity, including the requirements that any fees collected by the co-sponsor shall be limited to the amount necessary to cover the co-sponsor's related conference expenses.

Co-Sponsorship Proposal

Each co-sponsorship proposal shall contain a description of: (1) The entity or organization's background and history, (2) its ability to satisfy the co-sponsorship criteria detailed above, and (3) its proposed involvement in the co-sponsored activity.

Evaluation Criteria

After engaging in exploratory discussions with potential co-sponsors that respond to this notice, representatives of AHRQ will select the co-sponsor or co-sponsors using the following evaluation criteria:

- (1) Qualifications and capability to fulfill co-sponsorship responsibilities;
- (2) Creativity related to enhancing the conference, including options for interactive sessions and ideas for improving the event based on the 2015 conference offerings;
- (3) Potential for reaching and generating attendees from among key stakeholders, including Federal, State and local policymakers, health care providers, consumers and patients, purchasers and payers, and other health officials and underserved/special populations;
- (4) Experience administering conferences;
- (5) Past or current work specific to health services research;
- (6) Personnel names, professional qualifications, and specific expertise with conference planning;
- (7) Availability and description of facilities needed to participate in and support the conference planning process, including office space, information technology, and telecommunication resources;
- (8) Description of financial management expertise, including demonstration of experience in developing a budget and collecting and

managing monies from organizations and individuals; and

(9) Proposed plan for managing a conference with AHRQ.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 entitled "TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM." CDC will use the information collected to determine how many children and adults experience a traumatic brain injury (TBI) each year in the United States, and to collect information about the circumstances that identifies groups most at risk for TBI.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2016-0049 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](http://www.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](http://www.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

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—New—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC requests a three-year OMB approval for a new Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Surveillance System data collection. TBI is a significant public health concern in the United States, contributing to an estimated 2.2 million Emergency Department (ED) visits, 280,000 hospitalizations, and 50,000 deaths in 2010. These numbers, however, underestimate the true public

health and economic burden of TBI in the U.S. because they are based on healthcare administrative data that only capture information on the number of ED visits, hospitalizations, and deaths identified as TBI-related.

A surveillance system will accurately determine how many children and adults experience a TBI each year in the United States, and will collect information about the circumstances that identifies groups most at risk for TBI. By administering the surveillance system over time, the surveillance system can monitor trends and allow for an understanding of whether TBIs are increasing or decreasing, and whether prevention efforts are effective.

Data will be collected through household survey conducted as a random digit dial telephone survey utilizing both landline and cellphones; adult respondents will be asked about their own TBI history while adult respondents with children 5-17 years of age will serve as proxies and answer questions about their children's TBI history.

Information collected will produce nationally representative incidence estimates of all TBI, with a particular focus on the incidence of sports- and recreation-related TBI (SRR-TBI) among youth 5-21 years of age. Another use of the data is to produce nationally-representative estimates of TBI-related disability.

Participation in the information collection is voluntary. The survey will be conducted among English or Spanish speaking participants living in the United States. The estimated annual burden hours are 3,979. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Adults 18 or older	Adult Eligibility Screener	2,611	1	2/60	87
	Adult Screener	14,164	1	12/60	2,833
	Adult Survey	2,500	1	18/60	750
Adolescent 12 to 17 years of age	Adolescent Screener	2,058	1	5/60	172
	Adolescent Survey	686	1	12/60	137
Total Annual Burden Hours	3,979

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
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**Centers for Disease Control and
 Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork
 Reduction Act Review**

As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*). 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

Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (OMB Control No. 0920-0974, Expiration Date June 30, 2016)—Revision—Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Sciences, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

This revision in the information collection activity is being requested primarily to reflect a simultaneous increase in (1) the number of programs in the Center due to a reorganization in 2014, (2) interest in electronic survey methods, and (3) need for customer input to and satisfaction with program Web sites and materials. The activity will garner increased qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study.

This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The estimated annualized burden hours for this data collection activity are 16,957.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Users of CSELS products	Online survey	5,665	11	16/60
Users of CSELS products	Individual interview	15	7	55/60
Users of CSELS products	Focus group	54	3	90/60