

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503 or at Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site.

- **Mail:** General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Lois Mandell/IC 9000-0069, Indirect Cost Rates, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, and Bankruptcy Notifications.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000-0069, Indirect Cost Rates, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, and Bankruptcy Notifications. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 202-969-7207, or zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0069, Indirect Cost Rates, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, and Bankruptcy Notifications.

B. Needs and Uses

The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council is in the process of combining OMB Control Numbers for the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) by FAR part to the maximum practicable extent. This consolidation is expected to improve industry's ability to easily and efficiently identify all burdens associated with a given FAR part. The review of the information collections by FAR part allows improved oversight to ensure there is no redundant or

unaccounted for burden placed on industry. Lastly, combining information collections in a given FAR part is also expected to reduce the administrative burden associated with processing multiple information collections.

This justification supports revision and extension of the expiration date of OMB Control No. 9000-0069 and combines it with the previously approved information collection OMB Control No. 9000-0108, with the new title "Indirect Cost Rates, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, and Bankruptcy Notifications". Upon approval of this consolidated information collection, OMB Control No. 9000-0108 will be discontinued. The burden requirements previously approved under the discontinued Number will be covered under OMB Control No. 9000-0069.

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the following FAR requirements:

1. 52.216-7, Allowable Cost and Payment, paragraph (d), requires that final annual indirect cost rates and the appropriate bases shall be established in accordance with FAR subpart 42.7. These rates are used, in part, in cost reimbursement contracts, time and materials contracts (other than for commercial items and not for labor-hour contracts), and for certain types of fixed price contracts construction contracts. The clause requires the contractor to submit an adequate final indirect cost rate proposal to the contracting officer and the auditor within the 6-month period following the expiration of each of its fiscal years. The proposed rates shall be based on the contractor's actual cost experience for that period. This clause provides a list of the data required to be submitted. The data is customary business financial information that the contractor can access from its automated business systems.

2. 52.216-15, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, used in solicitations and contracts for a cost-reimbursement research and development contract with an educational institution and addresses how the allowable indirect costs under the contract shall be obtained by applying predetermined indirect costs to bases agreed by the parties. This clause repeats the requirement in FAR 52.216-7, paragraph (d), for the contractor to submit an adequate final indirect cost rate proposal, however it does not impose any additional reporting requirements.

3. 52.242-4, Certification of Final Indirect Costs, requires the contractor's proposal of final indirect cost rates to be certified to establish or modify the rates used to reimburse the contractor for the

costs of performing under the contract. The supporting cost data are the cost accounting information normally prepared by organizations under sound management and accounting practices. This clause is incorporated into all solicitations and contracts, except for the Department of Energy Management and Operating contracts, that provide for establishment of final indirect cost rates.

4. 52.242-13, Bankruptcy. This clause requires contractors to notify the contracting officer within five days after initiating the proceedings relating to bankruptcy filing.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 6,145.

Total Annual Responses: 6,145.

Total Burden Hours: 1,578,868.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 84 FR 25277, on May 31, 2019. No comments were received.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755.

Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0069, Indirect Cost Rates, Predetermined Indirect Cost Rates, and Bankruptcy Notifications, in all correspondence.

Janet Fry,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

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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) reapprove the proposed information collection project: "*Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component.*"

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by 60 days after date of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component

Employer-sponsored health insurance is the source of coverage for 84.4 million current and former workers, plus many of their family members, and is a cornerstone of the U.S. health care system. The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC) measures the extent, cost, and coverage of employer-sponsored health insurance on an annual basis. These statistics are produced at the National, State, and sub-State (metropolitan area) level for private industry. Statistics are also produced for State and Local governments.

This research has the following goals:

- (1) To provide data for Federal policymakers evaluating the effects of National and State health care reforms.
- (2) to provide descriptive data on the current employer-sponsored health insurance system and data for modeling the differential impacts of proposed health policy initiatives.
- (3) to supply critical State and National estimates of health insurance spending for the National Health Accounts and Gross Domestic Product.

This study is being conducted by AHRQ through the Bureau of the Census, pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support research on healthcare and on systems for the delivery of such care, including activities with respect to the cost and use of health care services and with respect to health statistics and surveys. 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(3) and (8); 42 U.S.C. 299b-2.

Method of Collection

To achieve the goals of this project the following data collections for both private sector and state and local government employers will be implemented:

(1) Prescreener Questionnaire—The purpose of the Prescreener Questionnaire, which is collected via telephone, varies depending on the insurance status of the establishment contacted (establishment is defined as a single, physical location in the private sector and a governmental unit in state and local governments). For establishments that do not offer health insurance to their employees, the prescreener is used to collect basic information such as number of employees. Collection is completed for these establishments through this telephone call. For establishments that do offer health insurance, contact name and address information is collected that is used for the mailout of the establishment and plan questionnaires. Obtaining this contact information helps ensure that the questionnaires are directed to the person in the establishment best equipped to complete them.

(2) Establishment Questionnaire—The purpose of the mailed Establishment Questionnaire is to obtain general information from employers that provide health insurance to their employees. Information such as total active enrollment in health insurance, other employee benefits, demographic

characteristics of employees, and retiree health insurance is collected through the establishment questionnaire.

(3) Plan Questionnaire—The purpose of the mailed Plan Questionnaire is to collect plan-specific information on each plan (up to four plans) offered by establishments that provide health insurance to their employees. This questionnaire obtains information on total premiums, employer and employee contributions to the premium, and plan enrollment for each type of coverage offered—single, employee-plus-one, and family—within a plan. It also asks for information on deductibles, copays, and other plan characteristics.

The primary objective of the MEPS-IC is to collect information on employer-sponsored health insurance. Such information is needed in order to provide the tools for Federal, State, and academic researchers to evaluate current and proposed health policies and to support the production of important statistical measures for other Federal agencies.

Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated annualized burden hours for the respondents' time to participate in the MEPS-IC. The Prescreener questionnaire will be completed by 29,931 respondents and takes about 5 minutes to complete. The Establishment questionnaire will be completed by 25,819 respondents and takes about 23 minutes to complete. The Plan questionnaire will be completed by 22,859 respondents and will require an average of 2.2 responses per respondent. Each Plan questionnaire takes about 11 minutes to complete. The total annualized burden hours are estimated to be 21,611 hours.

Exhibit 2 shows the estimated annualized cost burden associated with the respondents' time to participate in this data collection. The annualized cost burden is estimated to be \$705,599.

EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS FOR THE 2020-2021 MEPS-IC

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Prescreener Questionnaire	29,931	1	5/60	2,494
Establishment Questionnaire	25,819	1	* 23/60	9,897
Plan Questionnaire	22,859	2.2	11/60	9,220
Total	78,609	na	na	21,611

* The burden estimate printed on the establishment questionnaire is 45 minutes which includes the burden estimate for completing the establishment questionnaire and two plan questionnaires (on average, each establishment completes 2.2 plan questionnaires), plus the prescreener. The establishment and plan questionnaires are sent to the respondent as a package and are completed by the respondent at the same time.

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN FOR THE 2020–2021 MEPS–IC

Form name	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
Prescreener Questionnaire	29,931	2,494	\$32.65	\$81,429
Establishment Questionnaire	25,819	9,897	32.65	323,137
Plan Questionnaire	22,859	9,220	32.65	301,033
Total	78,609	21,611	na	705,599

*Based upon the mean hourly wage for Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists occupation code 13–1141, at <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes131141.htm> (U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.).

Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 5, 2019.

Virginia L. Mackay-Smith,
Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–19–1015; Docket No. CDC–2019–0061]

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 effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National Electronic Health Records Survey (NEHRS) which will collect data on office-based physicians’ adoption and use of electronic health record (EHR) systems, practice information, patient engagement, controlled substances prescribing practices, use of health information exchange, and documentation and burden associated with medical record systems.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before October 7, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2019–0061 by any of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, of the 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. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments 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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, 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 the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. 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;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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 submissions of responses.
5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

National Electronic Health Records Survey (NEHRS) (OMB Control No. 0920–1015, Exp. 7/31/2020)—Revision—National Center for Health