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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–1257.

*Title:* New Procedure for Non-Federal Public Safety Entities to License Federal Government Interoperability Channels.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 45,947 respondents; 45,947 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.25 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time reporting requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Section 90.25 adopted in Order DA 18–282, requires any non-federal public safety entity seeking to license mobile and portable units on the Federal Interoperability Channels to obtain written concurrence from its Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) or a state appointed official and include such written concurrence with its application for license. A non-federal public safety entity may communicate on designated Federal Interoperability Channels for joint federal/non-federal operations, provided it first obtains a license from

the Commission authorizing use of the channels. Statutory authority for these collections are contained in 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 301, 303, and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934.

*Total Annual Burden:* 11,487 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Applicants who include written concurrence from their SWIC or state appointed official with their application to license mobile and portable units on the Federal Interoperability Channels need not include any confidential information with their application. Nonetheless, there is a need for confidentiality with respect to all applications filed with the Commission through its Universal Licensing System (ULS). Although ULS stores all information pertaining to the individual license via an FCC Registration Number (FRN), confidential information is accessible only by persons or entities that hold the password for each account, and the Commission's licensing staff. Information on private land mobile radio licensees is maintained in the Commission's system of records, FCC/WTB–1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records.” The licensee records will be publicly available and routinely used in accordance with subsection (b) of the Privacy Act. TIN Numbers and material which is afforded confidential treatment pursuant to a request made under 47 CFR 0.459 will not be available for Public inspection. Any personally identifiable information (PII) that individual applicants provide is covered by a system of records, FCC/WTB–1, “Wireless Services Licensing Records,” and these and all other records may be disclosed pursuant to the Routine Uses as stated in this system of records notice.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection will be submitted as an extension of a currently approved collection after this 60-day comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in order to obtain the full three-year clearance. The purpose of requiring a non-federal public safety entity to obtain written consent from its SWIC or state appointed official before communicating with federal government agencies on the Federal Interoperability Channels is to ensure that the non-federal public safety entity operates in accordance with the rules and procedures governing use of the federal interoperability channels and does not cause inadvertent interference during emergencies. Commission staff will use the written concurrence from the SWIC or state appointed official to

determine if an applicant's proposed operation on the Federal Interoperability Channels conforms to the terms of an agreement signed by the SWIC or state appointed official with a federal user with a valid assignment from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) which has jurisdiction over the channels.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** May 19, 2021; 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held by video-conference only.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. National Shipper Advisory Committee and Federal Advisory Committee Act Implementation.

2. Staff Briefing on Options to Update and Publish Commission Organizational Information and Delegations of Authority.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Rachel Dickon, Secretary, (202) 523–5725.

**Rachel Dickon,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) is seeking public comment on its proposal to extend for an additional three years the Office of Management and Budget clearances for information collection requirements in Regulations B, E, M, and Z, which are enforced by the Commission. These clearances expire on September 30, 2021.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by July 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write “Regs BEMZ, PRA Comments, P084812” on your comment and file your comment online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carole Reynolds or Stephanie Rosenthal, Attorneys, Division of Financial Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-3224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The four regulations covered by this notice are:

(1) Regulations promulgated under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 U.S.C. 1691 *et seq.* (“ECOA”) (“Regulation B”) (OMB Control Number: 3084-0087);

(2) Regulations promulgated under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 *et seq.* (“EFTA”) (“Regulation E”) (OMB Control Number: 3084-0085);

(3) Regulations promulgated under the Consumer Leasing Act, 15 U.S.C. 1667 *et seq.* (“CLA”) (“Regulation M”) (OMB Control Number: 3084-0086); and

(4) Regulations promulgated under the Truth-In-Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.* (“TILA”) (“Regulation Z”) (OMB Control Number: 3084-0088).

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

*Discussion:* Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”), Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010), almost all rulemaking authority for the ECOA, EFTA, CLA, and TILA transferred from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) on July 21, 2011 (“transfer date”). To implement this transferred authority, the CFPB published new regulations in 12 CFR part 1002 (Regulation B), 12 CFR part 1005 (Regulation E), 12 CFR part 1013

(Regulation M), and 12 CFR part 1026 (Regulation Z) for those entities under its rulemaking jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup> Although the Dodd-Frank Act transferred most rulemaking authority under ECOA, EFTA, CLA, and TILA to the CFPB, the Board retained rulemaking authority for certain motor vehicle dealers<sup>2</sup> under all of these statutes and also for certain interchange-related requirements under EFTA.<sup>3</sup>

As a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, the FTC and the CFPB generally share the authority to enforce Regulations B, E, M, and Z for entities for which the FTC had enforcement authority before the Act, except for certain motor vehicle dealers.<sup>4</sup> Because of this shared enforcement jurisdiction, the two agencies have divided the FTC’s previously-cleared PRA burden estimates between them,<sup>5</sup> except that the FTC has assumed all of the burden estimates associated with motor vehicle

<sup>1</sup> 12 CFR pt. 1002 (Reg. B) (81 FR 25323, Apr. 28, 2016); 12 CFR pt. 1005 (Reg. E) (81 FR 25323, Apr. 28, 2016); 12 CFR pt. 1013 (Reg. M) (81 FR 25323, Apr. 28, 2016); 12 CFR pt. 1026 (Reg. Z) (81 FR 25323, Apr. 28, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Generally, these are dealers “predominantly engaged in the sale and servicing of motor vehicles, the leasing and servicing of motor vehicles, or both.” See Dodd-Frank Act, § 1029, 12 U.S.C. 5519(a), (c).

<sup>3</sup> See Dodd-Frank Act, § 1075, 15 U.S.C. 1693 (these requirements are implemented through Board Regulation II, 12 CFR pt. 235, rather than EFTA’s implementing Regulation E).

<sup>4</sup> The FTC’s enforcement authority includes state-chartered credit unions; other federal agencies also have various enforcement authority over credit unions. For example, for large credit unions (exceeding \$10 billion in assets), the CFPB has certain authority. The National Credit Union Administration also has certain authority for state-chartered federally insured credit unions, and it additionally provides insurance for certain state-chartered credit unions through the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund and examines credit unions for various purposes. There are approximately three state-chartered credit unions exceeding \$10 billion in assets, and the CFPB assumes PRA burden for those entities. As of the fourth quarter of 2020, there were approximately 2,126 state-chartered credit unions—1,914 which were federally insured, an estimated 112 or more which were privately insured, and an estimated 100 or more in Puerto Rico which were insured by a quasi-governmental entity. Because of the difficulty in parsing out PRA burden for such entities in view of the overlapping authority, the FTC’s figures include PRA burden for all state-chartered credit unions. However, in view of fluctuations due to COVID-19 and to avoid undercounting, we have retained the prior estimate of 2,300 state-chartered credit unions. As noted above, the CFPB’s figures as to state-chartered credit unions include burden for those entities exceeding \$10 billion in assets. See generally Dodd-Frank Act, §§ 1061, 1025, 1026. This attribution does not change actual enforcement authority. We also have retained the prior burden hours generally in the estimates below, in view of these considerations.

<sup>5</sup> The CFPB also factors into its burden estimates respondents over which it has jurisdiction but the FTC does not.

dealers<sup>6</sup> and state-chartered credit unions. The division of PRA burden hours not attributable to motor vehicle dealers and state-chartered credit unions is reflected in the CFPB’s PRA clearance requests to OMB, as well as in the FTC’s burden estimates below.

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, the FTC generally has sole authority to enforce Regulations B, E, M, and Z regarding certain motor vehicle dealers predominantly engaged in the sale and servicing of motor vehicles, the leasing and servicing of motor vehicles, or both, that, among other things, assign their contracts to unaffiliated third parties.<sup>7</sup> Because the FTC has exclusive jurisdiction to enforce these rules for such motor vehicle dealers and retains its concurrent authority with the CFPB for other types of motor vehicle dealers, and in view of the different types of motor vehicle dealers, the FTC retains the entire PRA burden for motor vehicle dealers in the burden estimates below.

The regulations impose certain recordkeeping and disclosure requirements associated with providing credit or with other financial transactions. Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, Federal agencies must get OMB approval for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” includes agency requests or requirements to submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. See 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c).

All four of these regulations require covered entities to keep certain records, but FTC staff believes these records are kept in the normal course of business even absent the particular recordkeeping requirements.<sup>8</sup> Covered entities, however, may incur some burden associated with ensuring that they do not prematurely dispose of relevant records (*i.e.*, during the time

<sup>6</sup> See Dodd-Frank Act § 1029, 12 U.S.C. 5519(a), as limited by subsection (b) as to motor vehicle dealers. Subsection (b) does not preclude CFPB regulatory oversight regarding, among others, businesses that extend retail credit or retail leases for motor vehicles in which the credit or lease offered is provided directly from those businesses, rather than unaffiliated third parties, to consumers. It is not practicable, however, for PRA purposes, to estimate the portion of dealers that engage in one form of financing versus another (and that would or would not be subject to CFPB oversight). Thus, FTC staff’s PRA burden analysis reflects a general estimated volume of motor vehicle dealers. This attribution does not change actual enforcement authority.

<sup>7</sup> See Dodd-Frank Act § 1029, 12 U.S.C. 5519(a), (c).

<sup>8</sup> PRA “burden” does not include “time, effort, and financial resources” expended in the normal course of business, regardless of any regulatory requirement. See 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2).

span they must retain records under the applicable regulation).

The regulations also require covered entities to make disclosures to third parties. Related compliance involves set-up/monitoring and transaction-specific costs. “Set-up” burden, incurred only by covered new entrants, includes identifying the applicable required disclosures, determining how best to comply, and designing and developing compliance systems and procedures. “Monitoring” burden, incurred by all covered entities, includes their time and costs to review changes to regulatory requirements, make necessary revisions to compliance systems and procedures, and to monitor the ongoing operation of systems and procedures to ensure continued compliance. “Transaction-related” burden refers to the time and cost associated with providing the various required disclosures in individual transactions, thus, generally, of much lesser magnitude than “setup” and “monitoring” burden. The FTC’s estimates of transaction time and volume are intended as averages. The population of affected motor vehicle dealers is one component of a much larger universe of such entities.

The required disclosures do not impose PRA burden on some covered entities because they make those disclosures in the normal course of business. For other covered entities that do not, their compliance burden will vary depending on the extent to which they have developed effective computer-based or electronic systems and procedures to communicate and document required disclosures.<sup>9</sup>

The respondents included in the following burden calculations consist of, among others, credit and lease advertisers, creditors, owners (such as purchasers and assignees) of credit obligations, financial institutions, service providers, certain government agencies and others involved in delivering electronic fund transfers (“EFTs”) of government benefits, and lessors.<sup>10</sup> The burden estimates

<sup>9</sup>For example, large companies may use computer-based and/or electronic means to provide required disclosures, including issuing some disclosures en masse, e.g., notice of changes in terms. Smaller companies may have less automated compliance systems but may nonetheless rely on electronic mechanisms for disclosures and recordkeeping. Regardless of size, some entities may utilize compliance systems that are fully integrated into their general business operational system; if so, they may have minimal additional burden. Other entities may have incorporated fewer of these approaches into their systems and thus may have a higher burden.

<sup>10</sup>The Commission generally does not have jurisdiction over banks, thrifts, and federal credit unions under the applicable regulations.

represent FTC staff’s best assessment, based on its knowledge and expertise relating to the financial services industry, of the average time to complete the aforementioned tasks associated with recordkeeping and disclosure. Staff considered the wide variations in covered entities’ (1) size and location; (2) credit or lease products offered, extended, or advertised, and their particular terms; (3) EFT types used; (4) types and frequency of adverse actions taken; (5) types of appraisal reports utilized; and (6) computer systems and electronic features of compliance operations.

The cost estimates that follow relate solely to labor costs, and they include the time necessary to train employees how to comply with the regulations. Staff calculated labor costs by multiplying appropriate hourly wages by the burden hours described above. The hourly wages used were \$60 for managerial oversight, \$44 for skilled technical services, and \$18 for clerical work. These figures are averages drawn from Bureau of Labor Statistics data.<sup>11</sup> Further, these cost estimates assume the following labor category apportionments, except where otherwise indicated below: Recordkeeping—10% skilled technical, 90% clerical; disclosure—10% managerial, 90% skilled technical.

The applicable PRA requirements impose minimal capital or other non-labor costs. Affected entities generally already have the necessary equipment for other business purposes. Similarly, FTC staff estimates that compliance with these rules entails minimal printing and copying costs beyond that associated with documenting financial transactions in the normal course of business.

The following discussion and tables present estimates under the PRA of recordkeeping and disclosure average time and labor costs, excluding that which FTC staff believes entities incur customarily in the normal course of business and information compiled and produced in response to FTC law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup>These inputs are based broadly on mean hourly data found within the “Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economic News Release,” March 31, 2021, Table 1, “National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics survey by occupation, May 2020.” <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>.

<sup>12</sup>See 5 CFR 1320.4(a) (excluding information collected in response to, among other things, a federal civil action or “during the conduct of an administrative action, investigation, or audit involving an agency against specific individuals or entities”).

## 1. Regulation B

The ECOA prohibits discrimination in the extension of credit. Regulation B implements the ECOA, establishing disclosure requirements to assist customers in understanding their rights under the ECOA and recordkeeping requirements to assist agencies in enforcement. Regulation B applies to retailers, mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, finance companies, and others.

FTC staff estimates that Regulation B’s general recordkeeping requirements affect 530,762 credit firms subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction, at an average annual burden of 1.25 hours per firm for a total of 663,453 hours. Staff also estimates that the requirement that mortgage creditors monitor information about race/national origin, sex, age, and marital status imposes a maximum burden of one minute each (of skilled technical time) for approximately 2.6 million credit applications (based on industry data regarding the approximate number of mortgage purchase and refinance originations), for a total of 43,333 hours.<sup>13</sup> Staff also estimates that recordkeeping of self-testing subject to the regulation would affect 1,500 firms, with an average annual burden of one hour (of skilled technical time) per firm, for a total of 1,500 hours, and that recordkeeping of any corrective action as a result of self-testing would affect 10% of them, i.e., 150 firms, with an average annual burden of four hours (of skilled technical time) per firm, for a total of 600 hours.<sup>14</sup> This yields a total annual recordkeeping burden of 708,886 hours.

Regulation B requires that creditors (i.e., entities that regularly participate in the decision whether to extend credit under Regulation B) provide notices whenever they take adverse action, such as denial of a credit application. It requires entities that extend mortgage credit with first liens to provide a copy of the appraisal report or other written valuation to applicants.<sup>15</sup> Finally, Regulation B also requires that for accounts that spouses may use or for

<sup>13</sup>Regulation B contains model forms that creditors may use to gather and retain the required information.

<sup>14</sup>In contrast to banks, for example, entities under FTC jurisdiction are not subject to audits by the FTC for compliance with Regulation B; rather they may be subject to FTC investigations and enforcement actions. This may impact the level of self-testing (as specifically defined by Regulation B) in a given year, and staff has sought to address such factors in its burden estimates.

<sup>15</sup>While the rule also requires the creditor to provide a short written disclosure regarding the appraisal process, the disclosure is provided by the CFPB, and is thus not a “collection of information” for PRA purposes. Accordingly, it is not included in burden estimates below.

which they are contractually liable, creditors who report credit history must do so in a manner reflecting both spouses' participation. Further, it requires creditors that collect applicant characteristics for purposes of conducting a self-test to disclose to those applicants that: (1) Providing the information is optional; (2) the creditor

will not take the information into account in any aspect of the credit transactions; and (3) if applicable, the information will be noted by visual observation or surname if the applicant chooses not to provide it.<sup>16</sup> Burden estimates relating to the disclosures required under Regulation B and labor

cost estimates are provided in the tables below.

*Burden Totals*

*Recordkeeping:* 708,886 hours; \$15,666,176, associated labor costs.

*Disclosures:* 1,088,912 hours; \$49,654,400, associated labor costs.

**REGULATION B—DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS**

Disclosures	Setup/monitoring <sup>1</sup>			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average burden per respondent (hours)	Total setup/monitoring burden (hours)	Number of transactions	Average burden per transaction (minutes)	Total transaction burden (hours)	Total burden (hours)
Credit history reporting .....	133,553	.25	33,388	60,098,850	.25	250,412	283,800
Adverse action notices .....	530,762	.75	398,072	92,883,350	.25	387,014	785,086
Appraisal reports/written valuations .....	4,650	1	4,650	1,725,150	.50	14,376	19,026
Self-test disclosures .....	1,500	.5	750	60,000	.25	250	1,000
<b>Total .....</b>							<b>1,088,912</b>

<sup>1</sup> The estimates assume that all applicable entities would be affected, with respect to appraisal reports and other written valuations.

**REGULATION B—RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST**

Required task	Managerial		Skilled technical		Clerical		Total cost (\$)
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$60/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$44/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$18/hr.)	
General recordkeeping .....	0	\$0	66,345	\$2,919,180	597,108	\$10,747,944	\$13,667,124
Other recordkeeping .....	0	0	43,333	1,906,652	0	0	1,906,652
Recordkeeping of self-test .....	0	0	1,500	66,000	0	0	66,000
Recordkeeping of corrective action .....	0	0	600	26,400	0	0	26,400
<b>Total Recordkeeping .....</b>							<b>15,666,176</b>
<b>Disclosures:</b>							
Credit history reporting .....	28,380	1,702,800	255,420	11,238,480	0	0	12,941,280
Adverse action notices .....	78,509	4,710,540	706,577	31,089,388	0	0	35,799,928
Appraisal reports .....	1,903	114,180	17,123	753,412	0	0	867,592
Self-test disclosure .....	100	6,000	900	39,600	0	0	45,600
<b>Total Disclosures .....</b>							<b>49,654,400</b>
<b>Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures .....</b>							<b>65,320,576</b>

**2. Regulation E**

The EFTA requires that covered entities provide consumers with accurate disclosure of the costs, terms, and rights relating to EFT and certain other services. Regulation E implements the EFTA, establishing disclosure and other requirements to aid consumers and recordkeeping requirements to assist agencies with enforcement. It applies to financial institutions,

retailers, gift card issuers and others that provide gift cards, service providers, various federal and state agencies offering EFTs, prepaid account entities, etc. Staff estimates that Regulation E's recordkeeping requirements affect 251,053 firms offering EFT and certain other services to consumers and that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, at an average annual burden of one hour per firm, for a total

of 251,053 hours. Burden estimates relating to the disclosures required under Regulation E and labor cost estimates are provided in the tables below.

*Burden Totals*

*Recordkeeping:* 251,053 hours; \$5,171,684, associated labor costs.

*Disclosures:* 7,184,903 hours; \$327,631,676, associated labor costs.

**REGULATION E—DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS**

Disclosures	Setup/monitoring			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average burden per respondent (hours)	Total setup/monitoring burden (hours)	Number of transactions	Average burden per transaction (minutes)	Total transaction burden (hours)	Total burden (hours)
Initial terms .....	27,300	.5	13,650	273,000	.02	91	13,741
Change in terms .....	8,550	.5	4,275	11,286,000	.02	3,762	8,037

<sup>16</sup> The disclosure may be provided orally or in writing. The model form provided by Regulation B assists creditors in providing the written disclosure.

REGULATION E—DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Disclosures	Setup/monitoring			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average burden per respondent (hours)	Total setup/monitoring burden (hours)	Number of transactions	Average burden per transaction (minutes)	Total transaction burden (hours)	Total burden (hours)
Periodic statements .....	27,300	.5	13,650	327,600,000	.02	109,200	122,850
Error resolution .....	27,300	.5	13,650	273,000	5	22,750	36,400
Transaction receipts .....	27,300	.5	13,650	1,375,000,000	.02	458,333	471,983
Preauthorized transfers .....	258,553	.5	129,277	6,463,825	.25	26,933	156,210
Service provider notices .....	20,000	.25	5,000	200,000	.25	833	5,833
ATM notices .....	125	.25	31	25,000,000	.25	104,167	104,198
Electronic check conversion .....	48,553	.5	24,277	728,295	.02	243	24,520
Overdraft services .....	15,000	.5	7,500	1,500,000	.02	500	8,000
Gift cards .....	15,000	.5	7,500	750,000,000	.02	250,000	257,500
Remittance transfers:							
Disclosures .....	4,800	1.25	6,000	96,000,000	.9	1,440,000	1,446,000
Error resolution .....	4,800	1.25	6,000	120,960,000	.9	1,814,400	1,820,400
Agent compliance .....	4,800	1.25	6,000	96,000,000	.9	1,440,000	1,446,000
Prepaid accounts and gov't benefits:							
Disclosures .....	550	<sup>1</sup> 40 × 10	220,000	2,750,000,000	.02	916,667	1,136,667
Disclosures—updates .....	138	1 × 10	<sup>2</sup> 1,380	N/A			1,380
Access to account information .....	550	<sup>3</sup> 20 × 10	110,000	1,100,000	.01	183	110,183
Error resolution .....	300	4 × 4	4,800	275,000	2	9,167	13,967
Error resolution—followup <sup>4</sup> .....		N/A		1,380	30	690	690
Submission of agreements .....	138	2 × 1	276	690	1	11	287
Updates to agreements <sup>5</sup> .....		N/A		690	5	57	57
<b>Total .....</b>							<b>7,184,903</b>

<sup>1</sup> Burden hours are on a per program basis. Individual burden hours are listed first, followed by the number of programs.  
<sup>2</sup> Individual burden hours are listed first, followed by the number of programs.  
<sup>3</sup> Burden hours are on a per program basis; individual burden hours are listed first, followed by the number of programs.  
<sup>4</sup> This pertains to prepaid accounts.  
<sup>5</sup> This pertains to prepaid accounts' agreements.

REGULATION E—RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

Required task	Managerial		Skilled technical		Clerical		Total cost (\$)
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$60/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$44/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$18/hr.)	
Recordkeeping .....	0	\$0	25,105	\$1,104,620	225,948	\$4,067,064	\$5,171,684
Disclosures:							
Initial terms .....	1,374	82,440	12,367	544,148	0	0	626,588
Change in terms .....	804	48,240	7,233	318,252	0	0	366,492
Periodic statements .....	12,285	737,100	110,565	4,864,860	0	0	5,601,960
Error resolution .....	3,640	218,400	32,760	1,441,440	0	0	1,659,840
Transaction receipts .....	47,198	2,831,880	424,785	18,690,540	0	0	21,522,420
Preauthorized transfers .....	15,621	937,260	140,589	6,185,916	0	0	7,123,176
Service provider notices .....	583	34,980	5,250	231,000	0	0	265,980
ATM notices .....	10,420	625,200	93,778	4,126,232	0	0	4,751,432
Electronic check conversion .....	2,452	147,120	22,068	970,992	0	0	1,118,112
Overdraft services .....	800	48,000	7,200	316,800	0	0	364,800
Gift cards .....	25,750	1,545,000	231,750	10,197,000	0	0	11,742,000
Remittance transfers:							
Disclosures .....	144,600	8,676,000	1,301,400	57,261,600	0	0	65,937,600
Error resolution .....	182,040	10,922,400	1,638,360	72,087,840	0	0	83,010,240
Agent compliance .....	144,600	8,676,000	1,301,400	57,261,600	0	0	65,937,600
Prepaid accounts and gov't. benefits:							
Disclosures .....	113,667	6,820,020	1,023,000	45,012,000	0	0	51,832,020
Disclosures—updates .....	138	8,288	1,242	54,648	0	0	62,928
Access to account information .....	11,018	661,080	99,165	4,363,260	0	0	5,024,340
Error resolution .....	1,397	83,820	12,570	553,080	0	0	636,900
Error resolution—followup .....	69	4,140	621	27,324	0	0	31,464
Submission of agreements .....	29	1,740	259	11,396	0	0	13,136
Updates to agreements .....	6	360	52	2,288	0	0	2,648
<b>Total Disclosures .....</b>							<b>327,631,676</b>
<b>Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures .....</b>							<b>332,803,360</b>

3. Regulation M

The CLA requires that covered entities provide consumers with accurate disclosure of the costs and terms of leases. Regulation M

implements the CLA, establishing disclosure requirements to help consumers comparison shop and understand the terms of leases and recordkeeping requirements. It applies to vehicle lessors (such as auto dealers,

independent leasing companies, and manufacturers' captive finance companies), computer lessors (such as computer dealers and other retailers), furniture lessors, various electronic commerce lessors, diverse types of lease

advertisers, and others. Staff estimates that Regulation M's recordkeeping requirements affect approximately 30,203 firms within the FTC's jurisdiction leasing products to consumers at an average annual burden

of one hour per firm, for a total of 30,203 hours. Burden estimates relating to the disclosures required under Regulation M and labor cost estimates are provided in the tables below.

*Burden Totals*<sup>17</sup>

*Recordkeeping:* 30,203 hours; \$1,763,860, associated labor costs.

*Disclosures:* 71,750 hours; \$4,190,200, associated labor costs.

**REGULATION M—DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS**

Disclosures	Setup/monitoring			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average burden per respondent (hours)	Total setup/monitoring burden (hours)	Number of transactions	Average burden per transaction (minutes)	Total transaction burden (hours)	Total burden (hours)
Motor Vehicle Leases <sup>1</sup> .....	26,690	1	26,690	4,000,000	.50	33,333	60,023
Other Leases <sup>2</sup> .....	3,513	.50	1,757	60,000	.25	250	2,007
Advertising .....	14,615	.50	7,308	578,960	.25	2,412	9,720
<b>Total</b> .....							<b>71,750</b>

<sup>1</sup> This category focuses on consumer vehicle leases. Vehicle leases are subject to more lease disclosure requirements (pertaining to computation of payment obligations) than other lease transactions. (Only consumer leases for more than four months are covered.) See 15 U.S.C. 1667(1); 12 CFR 1013.2(e)(1). CLA and Regulation M now cover leases up to \$58,300 plus an annual adjustment.

<sup>2</sup> This category focuses on all types of consumer leases other than vehicle leases. It includes leases for computers, other electronics, small appliances, furniture, and other transactions. (Only consumer leases for more than four months are covered.) See 15 U.S.C. 1667(1); 12 CFR 1013.2(e)(1). CLA and Regulation M now cover leases up to \$58,300 plus an annual adjustment.

**REGULATION M—RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST**

Required task	Managerial		Skilled technical		Clerical		Total cost (\$)
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$60/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$44/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$18/hr.)	
Recordkeeping .....	27,183	\$1,630,980	3,020	\$132,880	0	\$0	\$1,763,860
Disclosures:							
Motor Vehicle Leases .....	54,021	3,241,260	6,002	264,088	0	0	3,505,348
Other Leases .....	1,806	108,360	201	8,844	0	0	117,204
Advertising .....	8,748	524,880	972	42,768	0	0	567,648
<b>Total Disclosures</b> .....							<b>4,190,200</b>
<b>Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures</b> .....							<b>5,954,060</b>

**4. Regulation Z**

The TILA was enacted to foster comparison credit shopping and informed credit decisionmaking by requiring creditors and others to provide accurate disclosures regarding the costs and terms of credit to consumers. Regulation Z implements the TILA, establishing disclosure requirements to assist consumers and recordkeeping requirements to assist agencies with enforcement. These requirements pertain to open-end and closed-end credit and apply to various types of entities, including mortgage companies;

finance companies; auto dealerships; private education loan companies; merchants who extend credit for goods or services; credit advertisers; acquirers of mortgages; and others. Additional requirements also exist in the mortgage area, including for high cost mortgages, higher-priced mortgage loans,<sup>18</sup> ability to pay of mortgage consumers, mortgage servicing, loan originators, and certain integrated mortgage disclosures. FTC staff estimates that Regulation Z's recordkeeping requirements affect approximately 430,762 entities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, at an average annual burden of 1.25 hours per

entity with .25 additional hours per entity for 3,650 entities (ability to pay), and 5 additional hours per entity for 4,500 entities (loan originators). This yields a total annual recordkeeping burden of 561,866 hours. Burden estimates relating to the disclosures required under Regulation Z and labor cost estimates are provided in the tables below.

*Burden Totals*

*Recordkeeping:* 561,866 hours; \$11,574,450, associated labor costs.

*Disclosures:* 7,854,575 hours; \$358,169,628, associated labor costs.

<sup>17</sup> Recordkeeping and disclosure burden estimates for Regulation M are more substantial for motor vehicle leases than for other leases, including burden estimates based on market changes and regulatory definitions of coverage. Based on industry information, the estimates for recordkeeping and disclosure costs assume the

following: 90% managerial, and 10% skilled technical. As noted above, for purposes of PRA burden calculations for Regulations B, E, M, and Z, and given the different types of motor vehicle dealers, the FTC is including in its estimates burden for all of them.

<sup>18</sup> While Regulation Z also requires the creditor to provide a short written disclosure regarding the appraisal process for higher-priced mortgage loans, the disclosure is provided by the CFPB. As a result, it is not a "collection of information" for PRA purposes (see 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(2)). It is thus excluded from the burden estimates below.

REGULATION Z—DISCLOSURES—BURDEN HOURS

Disclosures <sup>1</sup>	Setup/monitoring			Transaction-related			
	Respondents	Average burden per respondent (hours)	Total setup/monitoring burden (hours)	Number of transactions	Average burden per transaction (minutes)	Total transaction burden (hours)	Total burden (hours)
<b>Open-end credit:</b>							
Initial terms .....	23,650	.75	17,738	10,500,600	.375	65,629	83,367
Initial terms—prepaid accounts .....	3	<sup>2</sup> 4 × 1	12	<sup>3</sup> 3 × 78,667	.125	492	504
Rescission notices .....	750	.5	375	3,750	.25	16	391
Subsequent disclosures .....	4,650	.75	3,488	23,250,000	.188	72,850	76,338
Subsequent disclosures—prepaid accounts .....	3	<sup>4</sup> 4 × 1	12	<sup>5</sup> 3 × 78,667	.0625	246	258
Periodic statements .....	23,650	.75	17,738	788,325,450	.0938	1,232,415	1,250,153
Periodic statements—prepaid accounts .....	3	<sup>6</sup> 40 × 1	120	<sup>7</sup> 3 × 944,000	.03125	1,475	1,595
Error resolution .....	23,650	.75	17,738	2,104,850	6	210,485	228,223
Error resolution—prepaid accounts followup .....	3	<sup>8</sup> 4 × 1	12	<sup>9</sup> 3 × 1,180	15	885	897
Credit and charge card accounts .....	10,250	.75	7,688	5,125,000	.375	32,031	39,719
Credit and charge card accounts—prepaid accounts .....	3	<sup>10</sup> 4 × 1	12	<sup>11</sup> 3 × 12	240	144	156
Settlement of estate debts .....	23,650	.75	17,738	496,650	.375	3,104	20,842
Special credit card requirements .....	10,250	.75	7,688	5,125,000	.375	32,031	39,719
Home equity lines of credit .....	750	.5	375	5,250	.25	22	397
Home equity lines of credit high-cost mortgages .....	250	2	500	1,500	2	50	550
College student credit card marketing—ed. institutions .....	1,350	.5	675	81,000	.25	338	1,013
College student credit card marketing—card issuer reports .....	150	.75	113	4,500	.75	56	169
Posting and reporting of credit card agreements .....	10,250	.75	7,688	5,125,000	.375	32,031	39,719
Posting and reporting of prepaid account agreements .....	3	<sup>12</sup> .75 × 1	2	<sup>13</sup> 3 × 5	2.5	1	3
Advertising .....	38,650	.75	28,988	115,950	.75	1,449	30,437
Advertising—prepaid accounts .....	3	<sup>14</sup> 20 × 1	60	N/A	.....	.....	60
Advertising—prepaid accounts Updates .....	3	<sup>15</sup> 0.2 × 5	3	N/A	.....	.....	3
Sale, transfer, or assignment of mortgages .....	500	.5	250	500,000	.25	2,083	2,333
Appraiser misconduct reporting .....	301,150	.75	225,863	6,023,000	.375	37,644	263,507
Mortgage servicing .....	1,500	.75	1,125	150,000	.5	1,250	2,375
Loan originators .....	2,250	2	4,500	22,500	5	1,875	6,375
<b>Closed-end credit:</b>							
Credit disclosures .....	280,762	.75	210,572	112,304,800	2.25	4,211,430	4,422,002
Rescission notices .....	3,650	.5	1,825	5,475,000	1	91,250	93,075
Redisclosures .....	101,150	.5	50,575	505,750	2.25	18,966	69,541
Integrated mortgage disclosures .....	3,650	10	36,500	10,950,000	3.5	638,750	675,250
Variable rate mortgages .....	3,650	1	3,650	365,000	1.75	10,646	14,296
High cost mortgages .....	1,750	1	1,750	43,750	2	1,458	3,208
Higher priced mortgages .....	1,750	1	1,750	14,000	2	467	2,217
Reverse mortgages .....	3,025	.5	1,513	15,125	1	252	1,765
Advertising .....	205,762	.5	102,881	2,057,620	1	34,294	137,175
Private education loans .....	75	.5	38	30,000	1.5	750	788
Sale, transfer, or assignment of mortgages .....	48,850	.5	24,425	2,442,500	.25	10,177	34,602
Ability to pay/qualified mortgage .....	3,650	.75	2,738	0	0	0	2,738
Appraiser misconduct reporting .....	301,150	.75	225,863	6,023,000	.375	37,644	263,507
Mortgage servicing .....	3,650	1.5	5,475	730,000	2.75	33,458	38,933
Loan originators .....	2,250	2	4,500	22,500	5	1,875	6,375
Total open-end credit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,089,103
Total closed-end credit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,765,472
Total credit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,854,575

<sup>1</sup> Regulation Z requires disclosures for closed-end and open-end credit. TILA and Regulation Z now cover credit up to \$58,300 plus an annual adjustment (except that real estate credit and private education loans are covered regardless of amount).

<sup>2</sup> Burden hours are on a per program basis. Individual burden hours are listed first, followed by the number of programs.

<sup>3</sup> This figure lists the number of entities followed by the number of responses or programs each.

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REGULATION Z—RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURES—COST

Required task	Managerial		Skilled technical		Clerical		Total cost (\$)
	Time (hours)	Cost (\$60/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$44/hr.)	Time (hours)	Cost (\$18/hr.)	
Recordkeeping .....	0	\$0	56,187	\$2,472,228	505,679	\$9,102,222	\$11,574,450
Open-end credit Disclosures:							
Initial terms .....	8,337	500,220	75,030	3,301,220	0	0	3,301,540
Initial terms—prepaid accounts .....	50	3,000	454	19,776	0	0	22,976
Rescission notices .....	39	2,340	352	15,488	0	0	17,828
Subsequent disclosures .....	7,634	458,040	68,704	3,022,976	0	0	3,481,016
Subsequent disclosures—prepaid accounts .....	26	1,560	232	10,208	0	0	11,768
Periodic statements .....	125,015	7,500,900	1,125,138	49,506,072	0	0	57,006,972
Periodic statements—prepaid accounts .....	159	9,540	1436	63,184	0	0	72,724
Error resolution .....	22,822	1,369,320	205,401	9,037,644	0	0	10,406,964
Error resolution—prepaid accounts followup .....	90	5,400	807	35,508	0	0	40,908
Credit and charge card accounts .....	3,972	238,320	35,747	1,572,868	0	0	1,811,188
Credit and charge card accounts—prepaid accounts .....	16	960	140	6,160	0	0	7,120
Settlement of estate debts .....	2,084	125,040	18,758	825,352	0	0	950,392
Special credit card requirements .....	3,972	238,320	35,747	1,572,868	0	0	1,811,188
Home equity lines of credit .....	40	2,400	357	15,708	0	0	18,108
Home equity lines of credit—high cost mortgages .....	55	3,300	495	21,780	0	0	25,080
College student credit card marketing—ed institutions .....	101	6,060	912	40,128	0	0	46,188
College student credit card marketing—card issuer reports .....	17	1,020	152	6,688	0	0	7,708
Posting and reporting of credit card agreements .....	3,972	238,320	35,747	1,572,868	0	0	1,811,188
Posting and reporting of prepaid accounts .....	1	60	2	88	0	0	148
Advertising .....	3,044	182,640	27,393	1,205,292	0	0	1,388,932
Advertising—prepaid accounts .....	6	360	54	2,376	0	0	2,736
Advertising—prepaid accounts Updates .....	1	60	2	88	0	0	148
Sale, transfer, or assignment of mortgages .....	233	13,980	2,100	92,400	0	0	106,380
Appraiser misconduct reporting .....	26,351	1,581,060	237,156	10,434,864	0	0	12,015,924
Mortgage servicing .....	238	14,280	2,137	94,028	0	0	108,308
Loan originators .....	638	38,280	5,737	252,428	0	0	290,708
Total open-end credit .....							95,264,140
Closed-end credit Disclosures:							
Credit disclosures .....	442,200	26,532,000	3,979,802	175,111,288	0	0	201,643,208
Rescission notices .....	9,308	558,480	83,767	3,685,748	0	0	4,244,228
Redisclosures .....	6,954	417,240	62,587	2,753,828	0	0	3,171,068
Integrated mortgage disclosures .....	67,525	4,051,500	607,725	26,739,900	0	0	30,791,400
Variable rate mortgages .....	1,430	85,800	12,866	566,104	0	0	651,904
High cost mortgages .....	321	19,260	2,887	127,028	0	0	146,288
Higher priced mortgages .....	222	13,320	1,995	87,780	0	0	101,100
Reverse mortgages .....	177	10,620	1,588	69,872	0	0	80,492
Advertising .....	13,718	823,080	123,457	5,432,108	0	0	6,255,188
Private education loans .....	79	4,740	709	31,196	0	0	35,936
Sale, transfer, or assignment of mortgages .....	3,460	207,600	31,142	1,370,248	0	0	1,577,848
Ability to pay/qualified mortgage .....	274	16,440	2,464	108,416	0	0	124,856
Appraiser misconduct reporting .....	26,351	1,581,060	237,156	10,434,864	0	0	12,015,924
Mortgage servicing .....	3,893	233,580	35,040	1,541,760	0	0	1,775,340
Loan originators .....	638	38,280	5,737	252,428	0	0	290,708
Total closed-end credit .....							262,905,488
Total Disclosures .....							358,169,628
Total Recordkeeping and Disclosures .....							369,744,078

Request for Comment:

Pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC invites comments on: (1) Whether the disclosure requirements are necessary, including whether the information will be practically useful; (2) the accuracy of our burden estimates, including whether the methodology and assumptions used are useful; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of providing the required information to consumers.

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the Commission to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before July 16, 2021. Write “Regs BEMZ, PRA Comments, P084812” on your comment. Your comment, including

your name and your state, will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

Because of the public health emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the agency’s heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission will be subject to delay. We strongly encourage



you to submit your comment online through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. To ensure the Commission considers your online comment, please follow the instructions on the web-based form.

If you file your comment on paper, write "Regs BEMZ, PRA Comments, P084812" on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580; or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW, 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20024. If possible, please submit your paper comment to the Commission by courier or overnight service.

Because your comment will be placed on <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number, date of birth, driver's license number or other state identification number or foreign country equivalent, passport number, financial account number, or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any "trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential," as provided by section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2), including in particular, competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled "Confidential," and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. Your comment will be kept confidential only if the FTC General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public

interest. Once your comment has been posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>, we cannot redact or remove your comment from that website, unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the requirements for such treatment under FTC Rule 4.9(c), and the General Counsel grants that request.

The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before July 16, 2021. For information on the Commission's privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/siteinformation/privacy-policy>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2021-0053]

#### The Systematic Review Report for Diagnosis and Treatment of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS): Request for Comment

**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) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the opening of a docket to obtain comment on the systematic review draft report for Diagnosis and Treatment of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS). The draft report describes inclusion and exclusion criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and summarizes the systematic review results. The report, once finalized, is intended to support the anticipated development of future clinical practice guidelines, which would guide physicians in managing and providing care for patients with ME/CFS. Currently there are no federal guidelines for management of ME/CFS. CDC has commissioned the Pacific Northwest Evidence-Based Practice Center at Oregon Health & Science

University to conduct a systematic review of the publicly available scientific literature and now seeks public comment to inform the final report. In particular, CDC seeks data and information, including reports and manuscripts that are pending publications or are not available through indexed bibliographic databases. Access to pertinent scientific information from research and evidence-based clinical practice may be used to inform the final report. The anticipated CDC guideline would assist clinicians by outlining management practices for patients with ME/CFS.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before August 16, 2021. May 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2021-0053 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Anindita Issa, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H24-12, 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 <http://regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit comments by email. CDC does not accept comments by email.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information on the systematic review report for ME/CFS, contact Anindita Issa, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H24-12, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Telephone: 404-718-3959; email: [cfs@cdc.gov](mailto:cfs@cdc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and data related to the draft report, including perspectives on and experiences with diagnosis and management of ME/CFS illness. In addition, CDC invites comments specifically on topics for pharmacological or non-pharmacological treatments.

Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore,