

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2022-0028]

Draft Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients: Rabies Section

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

ACTION: Notice with comment.

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 *Draft Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients: Rabies Section (Draft Guideline: Rabies Section)*. The *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* updates the Rabies section of the *Guideline for infection control in health care personnel, 1998 (1998 Guideline), Part E: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Health Care Personnel and Patients* and its corresponding recommendations in Part II of the *1998 Guideline*: “14. Rabies.” The updated recommendations in the *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* are intended for use by the leaders and staff of occupational health services. These updated recommendations will help facilitate the provision of occupational infection prevention and control services to healthcare personnel (HCP) who have been exposed or infected and may be contagious to others in the workplace.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2022-0028, by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) Secretariat, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, Mailstop H16-3, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, Attn: Docket No. CDC-2022-xxxx.

Instructions: Submissions via <http://www.regulations.gov> are preferred. All

submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.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:

Laura Wells, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H16-2, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: (404) 639-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and data related to the *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section*. 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, do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact or withhold submissions containing private or proprietary information such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted in preparation of the final *Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients: Rabies Section* and may revise the final document as appropriate.

Background

The *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section*, located in the “Supporting & Related Material” tab of the docket, updates the Rabies section of the *1998 Guideline, Part E: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Health Care Personnel and Patients* and its corresponding recommendations in Part II of the *1998 Guideline*: “14. Rabies.” That section provided

information and recommendations for occupational health services of healthcare facilities and systems on the prevention of transmission of infectious diseases among HCP and patients. The *1998 Guideline* can be found at <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/11563>. This *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* update is part of a larger guideline update: *Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel. Part I, Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention and Control Services (2019)* and the Diphtheria, Group A Streptococcus, Meningococcal Disease, and Pertussis sections of Part II, *Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients (2021)* are published on the CDC Infection Control Guideline website and can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/index.html>.

The *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section*, once finalized, is intended for use by the leaders and staff of occupational health services to guide the management of exposed or infected HCP who may be contagious to others in the workplace. The draft recommendations in *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* update the 1998 recommendations with current guidance on the management of HCP exposed to rabies or HCP potentially infected with rabies, focusing on postexposure management, including postexposure prophylaxis, for exposed HCP and work restrictions for exposed or infected HCP.

Since 2015, the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) has worked with national partners, academicians, public health professionals, healthcare providers, and other partners to develop *Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel* (<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/index.html>) as a segmental update of the *1998 Guideline*. HICPAC is a federal advisory committee appointed to provide advice and guidance to HHS and CDC regarding the practice of infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and related events in U.S. healthcare settings. HICPAC includes representatives from public health, infectious diseases, regulatory and other federal agencies, professional societies, and other interested community members. *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section*, once finalized, will be the next section to be posted to the *Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel* website.

The updated draft recommendations in *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* are informed by reviews of the *1998 Guideline*; CDC resources (e.g., CDC Rabies website), guidance, and guidelines; and new scientific evidence, when available. CDC is seeking feedback on revisions or additions to consider for the recommendations and narrative in the *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section*. Please provide references to new evidence and justification to support any suggested revisions or additions. This *Draft Guideline: Rabies Section* is not a federal rule or regulation.

Dated: February 16, 2022.

Angela K. Oliver,

Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

[OMB NO. 0917-0028]

Request for Public Comment: 30-Day Proposed Information Collection: Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the information collection titled, "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions," Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917-0028. The IHS is requesting OMB to approve an extension for this collection, which expires on February 28, 2022. Notice regarding the information collection was last published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2021, and allowed 60 days for public comment. The purpose of this notice is to announce the IHS' intent to submit this collection to OMB and to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB. A copy of the supporting statement is available at

www.regulations.gov (see Docket ID: IHS_FRDOC_0001).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Evonne Bennett, Information Collection Clearance Officer at: Evonne.Bennett@ihs.gov or 301-443-4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This previously approved information collection project was last published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2021, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection, which expires February 28, 2022, to OMB for approval of an extension, and to solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

Title: Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions (OMB No. 0917-0028). *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, without revision, of currently approved information collection, 0917-0028, Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions. There are no program changes or adjustments in burden hours. *Form(s):* Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment, Child Care and Indian Child Care Worker Positions. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This is a request for approval of the collection of information as required by section 408 of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, Public Law (Pub. L.) 101-630 [104 Stat. 4544, 25 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3201-3210]; 34 U.S.C. 20351; and 42 CFR part 136, subpart K.

The IHS is required to compile a list of all authorized positions within the IHS where the duties and responsibilities involve regular contact with, or control over, Indian children; and to conduct an investigation of the

character of each individual who is employed, or is being considered for employment, in a position having regular contact with, or control over, Indian children. 25 U.S.C. 3207(a)(1) and (2). Section 3207(a)(3) of Title 25 requires regulations prescribing the minimum standards of character for individuals appointed to positions involving regular contact with, or control over, Indian children, and section 3207(b) provides that such standards shall ensure that no such individuals have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any felonious offense, or any two or more misdemeanor offenses, under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children.

In addition, 34 U.S.C. 20351 (formerly codified at 42 U.S.C. 13041, which was transferred to 34 U.S.C. 20351) requires each agency of the Federal Government, and every facility operated by the Federal Government (or operated under contract with the Federal Government), that hires (or contracts for hire) individuals involved with the provision of child care services to children under the age of 18 to assure that all existing and newly hired employees undergo a criminal history background check. The background investigation is to be initiated through the personnel program of the applicable Federal agency. This section requires employment applications for individuals who are seeking work for an agency of the Federal Government, or for a facility or program operated by (or through contract with) the Federal Government, in positions involved with the provision of child care services to children under the age of 18, to contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child, and if so, requiring a description of the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Affected Public: Individuals and households. *Type of Respondents:* Individuals.

The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour(s).