

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60-Day-22-0234; Docket No. CDC-2022-0038]

#### 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 the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The goal of this project is to assess the health of the population through patient use of physician and advanced practice provider offices and health centers (HCs), and to monitor the characteristics of physician and provider practices.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before May 17, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2022-0038 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, 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](https://www.regulations.gov).

*Please note:* Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([regulations.gov](https://www.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 H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto: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;
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; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

#### Proposed Project

National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0234, Exp. 07/31/2024)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) was conducted intermittently from 1973 through 1985, and annually since 1989. The survey is conducted under authority of Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k). NAMCS is part of the ambulatory care component of the National Health Care Surveys (NHCS), a family of provider-based surveys that capture health care utilization from a variety of settings, including hospital inpatient and long-term care facilities.

NCHS surveys of health care providers include NAMCS, the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0278, Exp. 09/30/2023), the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0212, Exp. 03/31/2022), and National Post-acute and Long-term Care Study (NPALS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0943, Exp. 09/30/2023).

An overarching purpose of NAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States; this fulfills one of NCHS' missions, to monitor the nation's health. In addition, NAMCS provides ambulatory medical care data to study: (1) Performance of the U.S. health care system, (2) care for the rapidly aging population, (3) changes in services such as health insurance coverage change, (4) introduction of new medical technologies, and (5) use of electronic health records (EHRs). Ongoing societal changes have led to considerable diversification in the organization, financing, and technological delivery of ambulatory medical care. This diversification is evidenced by the proliferation of insurance and benefit alternatives for individuals, the development of new forms of physician group practices and practice arrangements (such as office-based practices owned by hospitals), the increasing role of advanced practice providers delivering clinical care, and growth in the number of alternative sites of care.

Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physician/provider offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments. Since more than 65% of ambulatory medical care visits occur in physician offices, NAMCS provides data on the majority of ambulatory medical care services. In addition to health care provided in physician offices and outpatient and emergency departments, health centers (HCs) play an important role in the health care community by providing care to people who might not be able to afford it otherwise. HCs are local, non-profit, community-owned health care settings, which serve approximately 28 million individuals throughout the United States.

This Revision seeks approval to conduct changes to all three components of NAMCS. We plan to adjust the HC Component and Provider Interview sample sizes. In 2022 the goal is to sample 5,000 physicians, 5,000 advanced practice providers, and 110 HCs. In 2023, we plan to sample up to 10,000 physicians, 20,000 advanced

practice providers, and 210 HCs, if funds allow. Lastly, if funds allow, in 2024 we will sample up to 20,000 physicians, 40,000 advanced practice providers, and 310 HCs. For 2022–2024, there will be an additional 3,000 physicians sampled yearly for the Provider Electronic Component.

Questions on the Health Center Facility Interview will be modified. After 2021, the Physician Induction Interview will shift to a redesigned Ambulatory Care Provider Interview. Visit data collection via abstraction will be placed on a hold and the reinterview study will be discontinued. The provider incentive

experiment will also no longer be taking place, as we will begin to conduct other methodological work to improve upon the survey.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 32,302 annual burden hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Physician or Staff .....	Office-Based Physician Induction Interview.	500	1	30/60	250
	Reinterview Study .....	42	1	15/60	11
HC's Staff .....	Prepare and transmit EHR for Visit Data (quarterly).	17	4	60/60	68
	Set-up fee questionnaire .....	17	1	15/60	4
Physician or Staff .....	ACPI .....	11,667	1	30/60	5,834
Advanced Practice Provider or Staff	ACPI .....	21,667	1	30/60	10,834
Ambulatory Care Provider's or Group's or Conglomerate's Staff.	PFI .....	3,000	1	45/60	2,250
	Prepare and transmit Electronic Visit Data (quarterly).	3,000	4	60/60	12,000
HC's Staff .....	HC Facility Interview .....	210	1	45/60	158
	Prepare and transmit EHR for Visit Data (quarterly).	210	4	60/60	840
	Set-up fee questionnaire .....	210	1	15/60	53
<b>Total .....</b>					<b>32,302</b>

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled Barriers and Facilitators to Expanding the NHBS to Conduct HIV Behavioral Surveillance Among Transgender Women (NHBS-Trans) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on November 2, 2021 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received four comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30

days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(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. Comments and recommendations for the

proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

**Proposed Project**

Barriers and Facilitators to Expanding the NHBS to Conduct HIV Behavioral Surveillance Among Transgender Women (NHBS-Trans) (OMB Control No. 0920–1262, Exp. 4/30/2022)—Revision—National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the feasibility of a national surveillance system to monitor behaviors of transgender women that are related to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) transmission and prevention in the United States. Findings of the NHBS-Trans project will