

Proposed Project

Menthol-Flavored Tobacco Products Policy Evaluation—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is submitting this new information collection request (ICR) for an evaluation of local policies restricting the sale of menthol and other flavored tobacco products on outcomes such as menthol-flavored tobacco product use, any tobacco use, quit rates, and product switching behaviors. The evaluation will also study the impact community education efforts associated with the flavored tobacco product sales restriction policies have on individuals’

awareness of the policies and perceptions about the harms of tobacco use. This evaluation seeks to explore the effects of the policies on racial and ethnic groups (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Hispanic or Latino populations), and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and/or questioning (LGBTQ+) communities specifically, as these populations are known to use menthol-flavored tobacco products at a higher prevalence than other populations and may therefore be most affected by policies addressing menthol-flavored tobacco use. Understanding how the aforementioned policies impact menthol-flavored tobacco product use may help to inform public health activities and decisions regarding tobacco control. Although some

research on local tobacco policies indicates they are effective at limiting the availability of policy-restricted products, there is a lack of information on the policies’ potential impact on tobacco use behaviors (e.g., product switching behavior, online purchasing). There have been no other evaluation data collection efforts conducted on this topic to date, nor does the information to be collected exist in any existing centralized data source. Each data collection tool submitted through this package has a distinct purpose with no overlap across other tools or data collection efforts.

OMB approval is requested for three years. The total annualized burden hours is 3047 hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hr)	Total burden (in hr)
General population	Survey Screener Questionnaire	9875	1	2/60	329
Individuals in racial and ethnic groups.	Survey Screener Questionnaire	1500	1	2/60	50
LGBTQ+ individuals	Survey Screener Questionnaire	1,125	1	2/60	38
General population	Community Web-Panel Survey	4050	1	30/60	2025
Individuals in racial and ethnic groups.	Community Web-Panel Survey	600	1	30/60	300
LGBTQ+ individuals	Community Web-Panel Survey	450	1	30/60	225
General population	Focus Group Screener Questionnaire.	34	1	3/60	2
Individuals in racial and ethnic groups.	Focus Group Screener Questionnaire.	33	1	3/60	2
LGBTQ+ individuals	Focus Group Screener Questionnaire.	33	1	3/60	2
General population	Community Focus Group	25	1	60/60	25
Individuals in racial and ethnic groups.	Community Focus Group	25	1	60/60	25
LGBTQ+ individuals	Community Focus Group	25	1	60/60	25
Total					3047

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing 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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled CDC/ATSDR Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. The information collection activities provide a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Federal Government’s commitment to improving service delivery.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before November 4, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2024–0062 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* 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 www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (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.

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

CDC/ATSDR Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (OMB Control No. 0920–1050, Exp. 6/30/2025) — Extension — Office of Science (OS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The information collection activities associated with this Generic Clearance provide a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Federal Government's commitment to improving service delivery. Customers of CDC services will give qualitative feedback information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. Feedback from respondents will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between CDC and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on CDC's services will be unavailable.

CDC will only submit an individual collection for approval under this

Generic clearance mechanism if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary;
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, the agency must indicate the qualitative nature of the information);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information (the collection will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study).

Feedback collected under this CDC Generic Clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of Generic Clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: (1) the target population to which generalizations will be made; (2) the sampling frame; (3) the sample design (including stratification and clustering); (4) the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size; (5) the expected response rate; (6) methods for assessing potential non-response bias; (7) the protocols for data collection; and (8) any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other Generic Clearance

mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, individual information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask

questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. Based on the number of burden hours used during the previous approval period and the

number of respondents involved in this, and other expiring collections, CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 22,250 annual burden hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average hours per response	Total response burden (hours)
Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.	In-person surveys, Online surveys, Telephone surveys, In-person observation/testing, Interviews.	10,000	1	30/60	5,000
	Focus groups	1,000	1	2	2,000
	Customer comment cards, Interactive Voice surveys.	61,000	1	15/60	15,250
Total	22,250

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of

the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by *October 3, 2024*.

ADDRESSES: Written 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section

3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicaid State Plan Base Plan Pages; *Use*: State Medicaid agencies complete the plan pages while we review the information to determine if the state has met all of the requirements of the provisions the states choose to implement. If the requirements are met, we will approve the amendments to the state's Medicaid plan giving the state the authority to implement the flexibilities. For a state to receive Medicaid Title XIX funding, there must be an approved Title XIX state plan. *Form Number*: CMS-179 (OMB control number 0938-0193); *Frequency*: Occasionally; *Affected Public*: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents*: 56; *Total Annual Responses*: 1,120; *Total Annual Hours*: 22,400. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Gary Knight at 304-347-5723.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment (EE) Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD) Template; *Use*: To assess the appropriateness of states'