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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Dale Verell, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Questionnaire Design Research Laboratory (QDRL) 2004-2007, (OMB No. 0920-0222)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The QDRL conducts questionnaire pre-testing and evaluation activities for CDC surveys (such as the NCHS National Health Interview Survey) and other federally sponsored surveys. The most common questionnaire evaluation method is the cognitive interview. In a cognitive interview, a questionnaire design specialist interviews a volunteer participant. The interviewer administers

the draft survey questions as written, but also probes the participant in depth about interpretations of questions, recall processes used to answer them, and adequacy of response categories to express answers, while noting points of confusion and errors in responding. Interviews are generally conducted in small rounds of about 12 interviews; ideally, the questionnaire is re-worked between rounds and revisions are tested iteratively until interviews yield relatively few new insights. When possible, cognitive interviews are conducted in the survey's intended mode of administration. For example, when testing telephone survey questionnaires, participants often respond to the questions via a telephone in a laboratory room. This method forces the participant to answer without face-to-face interaction, but still allows QDRL staff to observe response difficulties, and to conduct a face-to-face debriefing. In general, cognitive interviewing provides useful data on questionnaire performance at minimal cost and respondent burden (note that respondents receive remuneration for their travel and effort). Similar methodology has been adopted by other federal agencies, as well as by academic and commercial survey organizations. There are no costs to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Test Volunteers	500	1	72/60	600
Total	600

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Proposed Project: Implementation of a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) System for the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS).—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Pregnancy Risk Assessment System (PRAMS) is part of the CDC initiative to reduce infant mortality and low birthweight and promote safe motherhood. PRAMS is a state-specific, population-based risk factor surveillance system of women who have recently delivered a live-born infant.

PRAMS is designed to identify and monitor selected maternal experiences and behaviors that occur before and during pregnancy and during the child's early infancy. PRAMS is funded through cooperative agreements between CDC's Division of Reproductive Health (DRH) and participating state and local health departments. In 2003, 31 states and the city of New York (NYC) are funded by CDC to conduct PRAMS.

CDC is proposing to contract out for the development of a standard Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system that PRAMS programs can use for collecting telephone interview data. Sampled women are contacted by mail with telephone follow-up for nonrespondents. Approximately 15 percent of all interviews in each program's area (state or NYC) are

conducted by telephone. CDC had provided funds for programs interested in using CATI technology to develop CATI systems for the telephone interviews. Some programs have developed their own CATI systems, while many continue to record telephone interviews on paper. The dual modes used and the variations in CATI systems developed by the PRAMS programs have created data management problems for PRAMS administrators at CDC. CDC cleans and weights the program data and provides each program with an analysis dataset. The variations in data files have resulted in backlogs in providing analysis datasets to PRAMS programs. The proposed CATI system will collect telephone interview data in a similar manner and consistent file layout across all PRAMS programs.

The new CATI system will also simplify the data collection process in the programs. As each woman is interviewed by telephone, the interviewer will directly record her responses into the CATI system. For programs still recording telephone interviews on paper, the CATI system will eliminate the extra step of keying the survey responses after the interview is completed. In addition, the CATI system will record operational information about successful call attempts which will assist programs in contacting women more efficiently. For CDC, receiving telephone interview data in a standardized format will simplify the data cleaning process and allow for provision of analysis datasets to programs in a more timely manner. There is no cost to respondents for completing the survey.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
PRAMS Programs	32	312.5	20/60	3,333
Total	3,333

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Proposed Project: Healthy People 2010—National Survey of Public Health Agencies—New—Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The proposed survey is designed to collect data to address objectives in Chapter 23; Healthy People 2010 focus area 23, Public Health Infrastructure. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Resources and Services Administration are co-lead agencies for focus area 23. The overall goal of objectives in focus area 23 is to ensure that federal tribal, State and local health agencies have the infrastructure to provide essential public health services effectively. This one-time survey is expected to take place over two to three months. There is no cost to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Local health Agencies	1300	1	20/60	434
Tribal Agencies	250	1	20/60	84
Total	535