

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Total	40,000	3,333

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following council meeting:

Name: Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., July 26, 2006. 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., July 27, 2006.

Place: Corporate Square, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone 404/639-8008.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis (TB). Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating TB.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include issues pertaining to minority health & health disparities among African Americans; Federal TB Task Force update; an update on technical guidance on controlling TB among the foreign-born guidelines; and other related TB issues.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

For Further Information Contact: Paulette Ford-Knights, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone 404/639-8008.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for

both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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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, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Medicare Part B Drugs: Vendor Application and Bid Form; *Use:* The CAP Vendor Application and Bid Form is a collection tool which will be used by potential vendors to provide

information related to the characteristics of their company and to submit their bid prices for CAP drugs. The information collected on the CAP Vendor Application and Bid Form will be used by CMS during the bidding evaluation process to evaluate the vendors bid prices, their credentials, experience and to assess their ability to provide quality service to physicians and beneficiaries. Competitive bidding is seen as a means of using the dynamics of the marketplace to provide incentives for suppliers to provide reasonably priced products and services of high quality in an efficient manner. The CAP's objectives include providing an alternative method for physicians to obtain Part B drugs to administer to Medicare beneficiaries and reducing drug acquisition and billing burdens for physicians; *Form Number:* CMS-10133 (OMB#: 0938-0955); *Frequency:* Reporting-Other, during the bidding process; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 12; *Total Annual Responses:* 12; *Total Annual Hours:* 480.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Newly Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries; *Use:* CMS is responsible for providing beneficiaries with the Medicare program information they need to effectively choose the health care plan best suited to their needs. In order to provide such information, CMS needs to know (1) whether or not new enrollees are aware of the choices they have, (2) what beneficiaries understand about the basic elements of the Medicare program, (3) what other sources currently provide Medicare-related information, and (4) how all of these items vary across beneficiary subpopulations. To this end, CMS must have the ability to measure over time what beneficiaries know and understand about the Medicare program. Measuring beneficiaries' information needs and knowledge over time will help CMS evaluate its impact on information/education, population changes and other initiatives. *Form Number:* CMS-10050 (OMB#: 0938-0869); *Frequency:* Reporting—Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or