

Supporting Statement Part B

Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Describe potential respondent universe.

All acute care hospitals in the United States constitute the potential respondent universe. This includes approximately 3,929 hospitals.

2. Describe procedures for collecting information.

Electronic abstracted data from clinical charts will be submitted via a secure Web site (QIONet). Electronic data conforming to a specified format will be collected in a secure Oracle-based relational database.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rates.

To maximize response rates, the DRA provides payment incentives for participation in public reporting. In addition, CMS is providing technical assistance to any hospitals requiring assistance with the submission tools.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods.

After the initial submission of data to receive the market basket update (fiscal years 2006 and 2007), CMS established validation requirements for all submitted data. This information has been provided to hospitals prior to implementation.

5. Provide name and telephone number of individuals consulted on statistical aspects.

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