



Memorandum

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To CDC Desk Officer
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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Subject OMB 0920-05DA
"Surveillance of HIV/AIDS Related Events Among Persons Not Receiving Care"

The purpose of this memo is to clarify three items in the supporting statement of the above-referenced OMB package:

- 1) There are no legal barriers to using local HIV/AIDS Reporting System data to identify persons who have been reported as HIV infected in any of the five project areas currently funded to conduct the pilot project, "Surveillance of HIV/AIDS Related Events Among Persons Not Receiving Care."
- 2) The data from this project will be used to estimate added resources that would be required if HIV-infected persons who have never received HIV care were linked to care. This estimate of resources will be based on unmet need for care, i.e., will reflect the population of HIV-infected persons who have never received care, rather than the subset of this population expected to seek care.
- 3) In the two areas conducting structured interviews (but not qualitative interviews) and collecting blood specimens, each person approached will be invited to be interviewed and to provide a blood specimen. Persons approached may elect not to provide a blood specimen and still participate in the interview. However, no one who refuses the interview will be asked to provide a blood specimen. Those who consent to only the structured interview will be reimbursed \$25 in cash after the interview. Those who consent to both the structured interview and the blood specimen collection will be reimbursed \$50 in a lump sum after the interview and specimen collection.

In the three areas conducting qualitative interviews, everyone approached will be invited to participate in the structured interview, the qualitative interview, and to provide a blood specimen, until 25 participants have completed both the structured and qualitative interviews. (Persons approached may elect to participate in the structured interview only, or the structured interview and blood specimen collection, but not the qualitative interview or blood specimen collection without the structured interview.) After 25 persons have completed both the structured and qualitative interviews in each of these three areas, subsequent recruits will be invited to participate in only the structured interview and blood specimen collection.

Those who consent to the structured interview only will be reimbursed \$25 in cash after the interview. Those who consent to both the structured interview and the blood specimen collection will be reimbursed \$50 in a lump sum after the interview and the blood specimen collection. Those who consent to the structured interview plus the qualitative interview and the blood specimen collection will be reimbursed \$75 in a lump sum after all three components are completed, unless the respondent wishes to complete one of the components on a separate occasion, in which case, reimbursement will be provided in a lump sum on each occasion for the components completed on that occasion.

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