Justification for Change

Assessment of a QDS Data Collection System in HIV Prevention Program Evaluation

Generic Information Collection request under 0920-0840

National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

This is a request for a nonsubstantial change to 0920-0840.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is evaluating the feasibility of utilizing handheld devices and laptop computers to collect behavioral risk information directly from individuals who participate in CDC prevention programs. In this project, we will compare the client-level behavioral risk information collected via existing methods (i.e., through provider interviews) to the information collected through a client-administered survey using mobile devices.

It is estimated that 10-20% of the sample population will be primary Spanish speakers. For this reason, we have developed Spanish versions of the eligibility screener form and the survey. CDC Multilingual Services performed the translations and has certified the instruments as accurate and representing the same information that is found in the English instruments. It is important that we collect data from Spanish speakers given Hispanics represent a large percentage of the individuals who access CDC services.

Each participant in this pilot project will receive only one version of these instruments (English or Spanish). Thus, there is no change to the currently approved burden.

The Spanish versions of the eligibility screener form and the survey are submitted with this change request, along with the certification letters from CDC Multilingual Services.