

Supporting Statement Part B

Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Describe potential respondent universe.

The respondents are, at a maximum, the 51 States. The range of States conducting traditional MEQC programs at any given time (States fluctuate from conducting traditional MEQC to conducting pilots) is 5-10 States.

2. Describe procedures for collecting information.

States submit the information to their respective Regional Office via secure email or U.S. postal mail.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rates.

The CMS Regional Office reminds a State conducting traditional MEQC reviews that it has not submitted the sample selection list. Regional Offices have also been advised that they could send a letter notifying States of any non-compliance.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods.

There are no tests of procedures or methods. The sample selection lists identify those cases randomly selected by the States for review.

5. Provide the names and telephone numbers of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects.

CMS established requirements developed by statisticians Roger Buchanan and Stanley Nachimson in consultation with MESTAT, Inc., when implementing the statute in the 1980s. These requirements have been longstanding program policy.

