**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention**

**Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey**

**Reinstatement with Change**

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and

Recommendations

 In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on

proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a

copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960

and send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Acting Reports Clearance

Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail

to <A HREF="mailto:omb@cdc.gov">omb@cdc.gov</A>.

 Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of

the agency, including whether the information shall have practical

utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways

to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents,

including through the use of automated collection techniques or other

forms of information technology. Written comments should be received

within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

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Revision--National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental

Disabilities (NCBDDD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC).

Background and Brief Description

 The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

at CDC promotes the health of babies, children, and adults with

disabilities. As part of these efforts the Center is actively involved

in addressing hearing loss (HL) among newborns and infants. HL is a

common birth defect that affects approximately 12,000 infants each year

and, when left undetected, can result in developmental delays. As

awareness about infant HL increases, so does the demand for accurate

information about rates of screening, referral, loss to follow-up, and

incidence. This information is important for helping to ensure infants

and children are receiving recommended screening and follow-up

services, documenting the occurrence and etiology of differing degrees

of HL among infants, and determining the overall impact of infant HL on

future outcomes, such as cognitive development, and family dynamics.

These data will also assist state Early Hearing Detection and

Intervention (EHDI) programs with quality improvement activities and

provide information that will be helpful in assessing the impact of

federal initiatives. The public will be able to access this information

via the CDC EHDI Web site (<A HREF="http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=linklog&to=http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/data.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/data.htm</A>).

 Given the lack of a standardized and readily accessible source of

data, the CDC EHDI program developed a survey to be used annually that

utilizes uniform definitions to collect aggregate, standardized EHDI

data from states and territories. The request to complete this survey

is planned to be disseminated to respondents via an e-mail, which will

include a summary of the request and other relevant information. Minor

changes to this survey, based on respondent feedback, are planned in

order to make the survey easier to complete and further improve data

quality. These changes include splitting the previously combined

questions about the number of infants that died and parents refused

into two separate questions, adding a question about how many infants

with hearing loss are receiving only monitoring services, simplifying

the table for reporting type and severity of hearing loss data, and

expanding the maternal race categories in the demographic section.

 There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

 Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

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| Respondents | No. of Respondents | No. of Responses per Respondent | Average Burden per response (in hours) | Total Burden (in hours)  |
| State and territory EHDI Program Coordinators  | 53 | 1 | 4 | 212 |

 Dated: May 5, 2009.

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