DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request. 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

    In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS),
Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following
summary of a proposed information collection request for public
comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this
burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information,
including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility
of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of
the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3)
ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or
other forms of information technology to minimize the information
collection burden. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any
related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above,
e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number,
and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call
the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed information collections must be
directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above e-mail
address within 60-days.
    Proposed Project: Patient Perceptions of the Delivery of Health
Care Through the Use of an Electronic Health Record (New)--OMB No.
0990-NEW--Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information
Technology.
    Abstract: Recognizing the potential of health information
technology (IT), Congress incorporated the Health Information
Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act as part of the
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and allocated $19.2
billion to meet the goal of meaningful use of certified EHRs for each
person in the United States by 2014. The HITECH Act builds on existing
federal efforts to encourage health IT adoption and use, and contains
provisions that are expected to promote the widespread adoption of
health IT among health care providers. Health IT experts agree that
HITECH stimulus funds are likely to improve how physicians practice
medicine for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and, ultimately, for
advancing patient-centered medical care for all Americans. However,
there is an evidence gap about patients' preferences and perceptions of
delivery of health care services by providers who have adopted EHR
systems in their practices.
    The goal of the Patient Perceptions of the Delivery of Health Care
through the Use of an Electronic Health Record (Patient Perceptions of
EHR) Study is to help policymakers understand how primary care
practices' use of electronic health records (EHRs) affects consumers'
satisfaction with (1) their medical care, (2) communication with their
doctor, and (3) coordination of care. The research questions for the
proposed Patient Perceptions of EHR Study are motivated by a concern
that patients may have negative experiences as practices begin to use
EHRs.

Estimated Annualized Burden Table

Forms (if necessary	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Screening and Recruitment Form for Primary Care Practices.	Staff at Primary Care Practices	84	1	15/16	21
Patient Survey	Patients at Primary Care Practices	1,680	1	15/16	420
Patient Focus Group	Patients at Primary Care Practices	40	1	1.5	60
Total		1,804			501