

Attachment 11

Special Study/Pretests

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Up to 4,000 additional persons (non-NHANES respondents) might participate in tests of procedures, special studies, or a Community HANES, if budgeted. The average burden for these special study/pretest respondents is 3 hours. This may include cognitive testing of questions proposed for inclusion in NHANES. This is done to make sure that wording of proposed questions are clear and understandable to potential respondents. Another example would be testing an examination procedure to see if it could be done in a small enough space and fast enough time frame, to make if feasible to do in the NHANES Mobile Examination Center (MEC). In addition, a group or organization in a specific geographic region may propose a Community HANES. Community HANES projects involve conducting a smaller scale examination survey in specific population or geographical area. The data collected is not nationally representative, but is collected using standardized methods similar to those employed in NHANES. This creates the opportunity to address data needs in areas or sub-groups that NHANES might not normally be able to sample.