

National Health Interview Survey  
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## National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

### **A1. Circumstances making the collection of information necessary**

This request is for a nonsubstantive change to an approved data collection (OMB No. 0920-0214) (expires 01/31/2013), the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). On January 4, 2010, OMB approved the NHIS through the 2012 data collection. The approved supporting statement included permission to modify selected sections of the 2011 and 2012 surveys through a nonsubstantive change clearance request. Questions/modules cycle in and out of the survey on a periodic basis to collect new and/or updated information as needed.

#### Changes

This change request seeks approval to cycle out questions on cancer, occupational injury, epilepsy, part of the questions in the disability split sample, AIDS, and TB fielded in 2010; and to cycle in and update questions on health care reform, food security, fitness center use, veteran status, income, and food stamps for 2011. There is no change to burden.

The new questions for the 2011 NHIS are in Attachment 1.

### **A2. Purpose and use of information collection**

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with input from The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, questions have been added or expanded on changes in insurance status and on access and barriers to care. These questions are intended to provide additional information on the impact of programmatic changes as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is implemented.

There is a standardized battery of questions designed to identify households with food insecurity. Adding them to the NHIS facilitates analysis related to health related data not available on other surveys. The questions are sponsored by the Economic Research Service and the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Questions on fitness center use are sponsored by the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (CDC). The questions will help assess the extent of barriers to the use of fitness centers and are needed to help monitor trends for the Healthy People 2020 program.

Questions on the status of veterans were updated at the request of the Veterans Administration to provide additional detail on the period of service.

Follow-up income questions will provide more classes of the poverty level to facilitate analysis. The new questions stem from an evaluation of a December 23, 2008 report, Income Data for Policy Analysis: A Comparative Assessment of Eight Surveys, by Mathematica policy Research under contract to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **A8. Consultation Outside the Agency**

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#### Attachments

Attachment 1. Supplements--2011 New Questions