Request for Approval of a Nonsubstantive Change Prevelance Survey of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) and Antimicrobial Use in the U.S. Acute Care Hospital OMB Control No. 0920-0852

This is a request for OMB approval of a nonsubstantive change request to an existing data collection to continue data collections for Phase 3 Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Use Prevalence Survey, under the OMB control number 0920-0852.

This ICR was approved on May 18, 2010. The ICR consisted of two data collection phases, referred to as Phase 2 (Survey #1) and Phase 3 (Survey #2). OMB approved the Phase 2 (Survey #1) data collection, but stipulated the need to submit a change request satisfying two Terms of Clearance before the Phase 3 (Survey #2) data collection could commence.

The Notice of Action specifically states the following: "CDC must submit a change package for Phase 3. The package for Phase 3 must define the scope (i.e., whether facilities outside of usual EIP catchment areas will be included) as well as the results of discussions with NCHS about using the 10 EIPs areas to characterize a national estimate."

We have satisfied the Terms of Clearance, as outlined in the modified Supporting Statement. We are now submitting the required "Request for Approval of a Nonsubstantive Change" so that we may proceed with Phase 3, a project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that must be completed by December 31, 2011.