



DATE: October 29, 2010

TO: Nancy Breen, Project Officer
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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "California Health Interview Survey Cancer Control Module (CHIS-CCM) 2011 (NCI)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to conduct a statewide telephone health survey to collect data on health- and disease-related topics such as patterns and trends in cancer screening, disease risk factors/ outcomes, family history of disease, and social factors.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable information. The subcontractor collects a physical address from respondents to send reimbursement for his/her air time. Contact data will be destroyed upon completion of the study. Only the analysis files will be delivered to the University of California Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research (UCLA CHPR). No identifying information will be included in any public released data file, report, publication, or presentation.

UCLA CHPR protects the confidentiality of respondents by restricting access to CHIS data to three increasingly limited dissemination channels: *AskCHIS*, Public Use Files (PUF) and a Data Access Center. *AskCHIS*, which provides ready access to on-line population estimates from CHIS data, uses suppression criteria that prevent the release of identifying information. PUF limits data disclosure to protect respondent confidentiality. No PII is contained in the CHIS confidential data files maintained by the Data Access Center.

The data collected is covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0200, "Clinical, Basic and Population-based Research Studies of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS/NIH/OD."

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 496-2832.

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