



## Memorandum

**Date** September 16, 2010

**From** Associate Director for Science, CDC  
Office of the Chief Science Officer

**Subject** Authorization to Extend and Amend 308(d) Assurance of Confidentiality Protection for the "National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)"

**To** Beth Bell, MD, MPH  
Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID)

This memo is to provide formal approval of the NCEZID request to extend and amend the authorization to assure confidentiality under Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act for the "National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)".

This project has had an Assurance of Confidentiality since March 2005. For ongoing projects, CDC practice is that every five years, the program must apply for a formal extension of the 308(d) authority. Please apply for the extension at least six months prior to September 30, 2015.

Please use 42 USC 242(k), and 42 USC 242(m) as the legal references for information collection and protection.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Coble, CDC Confidentiality Lead, at (404) 639-4791.

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