

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED TOTAL COST BURDEN

Type of data collection	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
Focus Groups with Clinicians .....	30	23	\$83.59	\$1,923
Focus Groups with Support Staff .....	36	27	14.31	386
Patient Interviews .....	300	75	21.35	1,601
Feedback Questionnaire for Patients Requesting Mailed Guides ..	200	33	21.35	705
Feedback Questionnaire for Patients Visiting Mobile Web site .....	200	33	21.35	705
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>5,320</b>

\*Based upon the mean wages for clinicians (29–1062 family and general practitioners), clinical team members (31–9092 medical assistants) and consumers (00–0000 all occupations), National Compensation Survey: Occupational wages in the United States May 2010, “U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

**Estimated Annual Costs to the Federal Government**

The maximum cost to the Federal Government is estimated to be \$203,531

annually. Exhibit 3 shows the total and annualized cost by the major cost components.

EXHIBIT 3—ESTIMATED TOTAL AND ANNUALIZED COST

Cost component	Total cost	Annualized cost
Project Development .....	\$146,175	\$73,088
Data Collection Activities .....	85,425	42,713
Data Processing and Analysis .....	65,375	32,688
Project Management .....	47,588	23,794
Overhead .....	62,500	31,250
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>407,063</b>	<b>203,531</b>

**Request for Comments**

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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 17, 2012.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: “Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture Comparative Database.” In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal**

**Register** on November 2nd, 2011 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: AHRQ’s OMB Desk Officer by fax at (202) 395–6974 (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer) or by email at [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer).

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at [doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov](mailto:doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed Project**

*Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture Comparative Database*

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, AHRQ’s

collection of information for the AHRQ Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture (Nursing Home SOPS) Comparative Database. The Nursing Home SOPS Comparative Database consists of data from the AHRQ Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture. Nursing homes in the U.S. are asked to voluntarily submit data from the survey to AHRQ through its contractor, Westat. The Nursing Home SOPS Database is modeled after the Hospital SOPS Database [OMB NO. 0935-0162, approved 05/04/2010] that was originally developed by AHRQ in 2006 in response to requests from hospitals interested in knowing how their patient safety culture survey results compare to those of other hospitals. In 1999, the Institute of Medicine called for health care organizations to develop a "culture of safety" such that their workforce and processes focus on improving the reliability and safety of care for patients (IOM, 1999; *To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System*). To respond to the need for tools to assess patient safety culture in nursing homes, AHRQ developed and pilot tested the Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture with OMB approval (OMB NO.0935-0132; Approved July 5, 2007). The survey is designed to enable nursing homes to assess provider and staff opinions about patient safety issues, medical error, and error reporting and includes 42 items that measure 12 dimensions of patient safety culture. AHRQ released the survey into the public domain along with a Survey User's Guide and other toolkit materials in November 2008 on the AHRQ Web site (located at <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/patientsafetyculture/nhsurvindex.htm>). Since its release, the survey has been voluntarily used by hundreds of nursing homes in the U.S.

The Nursing Home SOPS and the Comparative Database are supported by AHRQ to meet its goals of promoting improvements in the quality and safety of health care in nursing home settings. The survey, toolkit materials, and preliminary comparative database results are all made available in the public domain along with technical assistance provided by AHRQ through its contractor at no charge to nursing homes, to facilitate the use of these materials for nursing home patient safety and quality improvement.

The goal of this project is to create the Nursing Home SOPS Comparative Database. This database will (1) allow nursing homes to compare their patient safety culture survey results with those of other nursing homes; (2) provide data to nursing homes to facilitate internal assessment and learning in the patient

safety improvement process; and (3) provide supplemental information to help nursing homes identify their strengths and areas with potential for improvement in patient safety culture. De-identified data files will also be available to researchers conducting patient safety analysis. The database will include 42 items that measure 12 areas, or composites, of patient safety culture.

This study is being conducted by AHRQ through its contractor, Westat, pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support research on healthcare and on systems for the delivery of such care, including activities with respect to the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and value of healthcare services and with respect to quality measurement and improvement, and database development. 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(1) and (2), and (a)(8).

#### Method of Collection

To achieve the goal of this project the following activities and data collections will be implemented:

(1) Nursing Home Eligibility and Registration Form—The purpose of this form is to determine the eligibility status and initiate the registration process for nursing homes seeking to voluntarily submit their NH SOPS data to the NH SOPS Comparative Database. The nursing home (or parent organization) point of contact (POC) will complete the form. The POC is either a corporate level health care manager for a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), a survey vendor who contracts with a nursing home to collect their data, or a nursing home Director of Nursing or nurse manager. Many nursing homes are part of a QIO or larger nursing home or health system that includes many nursing home sites

(2) Data Use Agreement—The purpose of this form is to obtain authorization from nursing homes to use their voluntarily submitted NH SOPS data for analysis and reporting according to the terms specified in the Data Use Agreement (DUA). The nursing home POC will complete the form.

(3) Nursing Home Site Information Form—The purpose of this form is to obtain basic information about the characteristics of the nursing homes submitting their NH SOPS data to the NH SOPS Comparative Database (e.g., bed size, urbanicity, ownership, and geographic region). The nursing home POC will complete the form.

(4) Data Submission—After the nursing home POC has completed the Nursing Home Eligibility and Registration Form, the Data Use

Agreement and the Nursing Home Site Information Form they will submit their data from the NH SOPS to the NH SOPS Comparative Database.

Data from the AHRQ Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture are used to produce three types of products: (1) A Nursing Home SOPS Comparative Database Report that is produced periodically and made available in the public domain on the AHRQ Web site (see <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhsurvey11/nhsurv111.pdf> for the 2011 report); (2) Nursing Home Survey Feedback Reports that are confidential, customized reports produced for each nursing home that submits data to the database; and (3) Research data sets of staff-level and nursing home-level de-identified data that enable researchers to conduct additional analyses.

#### Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated annualized burden hours for the nursing home to participate in the Nursing Home SOPS Comparative Database. The POC completes a number of data submission steps and forms, beginning with completion of the online Nursing Home SOPS Database Eligibility and Registration form and Data Use Agreement, which will be completed for 85 nursing homes or groups of affiliated nursing homes annually. The Nursing Home Site Information Form will be completed for each individual nursing home; since each POC represents an average of 5 nursing homes a total of 425 Information Forms will be completed annually and requires about 5 minutes to complete. The POC will submit data for all of the nursing homes they represent which will take about 5 and 1/2 hours, including the amount of time POCs typically spend deciding whether to participate in the database and preparing their materials and data set for submission to the database, and performing the submission. The total annual burden hours are estimated to be 511.

Nursing homes administer the AHRQ Nursing Home Survey on Patient Safety Culture on a periodic basis. Hospitals submitting to the Hospital SOPS Comparative Database administer the survey every 16 months on average. Similarly, the number of nursing home submissions to the database is likely to vary each year because nursing homes do not administer the survey and submit data every year. The 85 respondents/POCs shown in Exhibit 1 are based on an estimate of nursing homes submitting data in the coming years, with the following assumptions:

- 30 POCs for QIOs submitting on behalf of 10 nursing homes each.

- 5 POCs for vendors outside of QIOs submitting on behalf of 10 nursing homes each.
- 50 independent nursing homes submitting on their own behalf.

EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents/ POCs	Number of responses per POC	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Eligibility/Registration Forms .....	85	1	3/60	4
Data Use Agreement .....	85	1	3/60	4
Nursing Home Site Information Form .....	85	5	5/60	35
Data Submission .....	85	1	5.5	468
Total .....	340	NA	NA	511

Exhibit 2 shows the estimated annualized cost burden based on the respondents' time to submit their data. The cost burden is estimated to be \$21,152 annually.

EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN

Form name	Number of respondents/ POCs	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate*	Total cost burden
Eligibility/Registration Forms .....	85	4	\$41.39	\$166
Data Use Agreement .....	85	4	41.39	166
Nursing Home Site Information Form .....	85	35	41.39	1,449
Data Submission .....	85	468	41.39	19,371
Total .....	340	511	NA	21,152

\* The wage rate in Exhibit 2 is based on May 2009 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Dept of Labor. Mean hourly wages for nursing home POCs are located at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/2009/may/naics4\\_623100.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2009/may/naics4_623100.htm) and [http://www.bls.gov/oes/2009/may/naics2\\_62.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2009/may/naics2_62.htm). The hourly wage of \$41.39 is the weighted mean of \$41.94 (General and Operations Managers; N = 25), \$37.29 (Medical and Health Services Managers; N = 25), \$42.89 (General and Operations Managers; N = 30) and \$50.00 (Computer and Information Systems Managers; N = 5).

**Estimated Annual Costs to the Federal Government**

The estimated annualized cost to the government for developing,

maintaining, and managing the database and analyzing the data and producing reports is shown below. The cost is estimated to be \$310,000 annually. The

total cost over the three years of this information collection request is \$930,000.

EXHIBIT 3—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST

Cost component	Total cost	Annualized cost
Project Development .....	\$59,715	\$19,905
Data Collection Activities .....	82,107	27,369
Data Processing and Analysis .....	111,963	37,321
Publication of Results .....	111,966	37,322
Project Management .....	7,464	2,488
Overhead .....	556,785	185,595
Total .....	930,000	310,000

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: "Assessing the Feasibility of Disseminating Effective Health Care Products through a Shared Electronic Medical Record Serving Member Organization of a Health Information Exchange." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 15th, 2011 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Proposed Project

*Assessing the Feasibility of Disseminating Effective Health Care Products through a Shared Electronic Medical Record Serving Member Organization of a Health Information Exchange*

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 this collection of information from users of work products and services initiated by the John M. Eisenberg Clinical Decisions and Communications Science Center (Eisenberg Center).

AHRQ is the lead agency charged with supporting research designed to improve the quality of healthcare, reduce its cost, improve patient safety, decrease medical errors, and broaden access to essential services. AHRQ's Eisenberg Center's mission is improving communication of findings to a variety of audiences ("customers"), including consumers, clinicians, and health care policy makers. The Eisenberg Center compiles research results into useful formats for customer stakeholders. The Eisenberg Center also conducts investigations into effective communication of research findings in order to improve the usability and rapid incorporation of findings into medical practice. The Eisenberg Center is one of three components of AHRQ's Effective Health Care (EHC) Program. The collections proposed under this clearance include activities to assess the feasibility of disseminating materials developed by the Eisenberg Center through the use of an electronic medical record (EMR) shared by a network of clinical care providers that are part of a Health Information Exchange (HIE) operating in multiple sites in several states. Our Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) members include 30 clinical care organizations operating more than 230 primary care clinics in six states. Data will be gathered from three different OCHIN-member organizations representing a total of 10 primary care clinics. The information generated will be provided to AHRQ to guide decision making and planning for additional efforts to foster EHC Program product distribution via EMR prompting and product linkages.

*This research has the following goals:*

(1) Identify facilitators and barriers to successful efforts to implement processes that: (a) Support use of EHC Program products by clinicians in practice, and (b) place relevant clinical information in the hands of patients and family members in languages and

formats that are appropriate to patients' information needs;

(2) Examine ways in which EHC Program products can be used in concert with other support programs and products (e.g., healthwise® resources available through the EMR; brief patient instructions and letters, including those designed for use with persons having very low literacy skills);

(3) Assess the extent to which EHC Program products are used (e.g., accessed by clinicians, provided to patients in relevant formats) in settings where use is supported by automated EMR features, such as on-screen prompts and reminders; and

(4) Document the perceived value of integrating EHC Program products into systems of care supported by an EMR system as self-reported by clinicians involved in direct care of patients and clinic support personnel who interact with patients.

This study is being conducted by AHRQ through its contractor, the Eisenberg Center—Baylor College of Medicine, pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support research, and disseminate information, on healthcare and on systems for the delivery of such care, including activities with respect to the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and value of healthcare services and clinical practice. 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(1) and (4).

### Method of Collection

To achieve the goals of this project the following data collections will be implemented:

(1) Automated Data Capture from EMR Usage Logs. Electronic usage data will be collected to determine the extent to which EHC Program guides for clinicians and patients were accessed to support shared decision making and patient education. The data will be retrieved from the existing EMR-linked database operated by the Kaiser Permanente staff in their coordination of activities related to the OCHIN HIE. Data will include: (a) Number and frequency of retrieval of EHC resource materials; (b) specific types of materials retrieved; and (c) health topic or condition targeted in the EHC materials. These data will inform the development of follow-up questions to be administered to clinicians and patients in the interviews and surveys described below. Because the data will be obtained using automated systems already in place, no special effort will be needed to generate these data, and thus this task is not included in the burden estimates in Exhibits 1 and 2.