

- The Departments estimate that there will be about 77,000,000 SBC responses (including coverage examples) in 2012.
- The Departments assume that of the total number of SBC responses, 38% would be provided electronically in the small and large group markets. Accordingly, the Departments estimate that about 29,000,000 SBCs would be electronically distributed, and about 48,000,000 SBCs would be distributed in paper form. The Departments assume there are no costs associated with electronic disclosures; there are costs only with regard to paper disclosures.
- The Departments estimate grayscale printing costs at \$0.03 per single side of a page.
- The Departments assume that in 2012, issuers and TPAs will begin responding to requests of covered individuals for paper copies of the uniform glossary, and that 2.5% of covered individuals who receive the SBC in paper form will request glossaries (that is, about 1,200,000 glossary requests) . The Departments estimate the cost of providing the glossary in paper form to be 2.5% of the cost of distributing the paper copies of the SBC, plus an additional cost burden for \$0.49 for each glossary (including \$0.44 for first-class postage and \$0.05 for supply costs).

The estimated cost burdens for the collections of information are as follows:

Cost Burden for Printing SBCs

	Cost per SBC	Total SBCs	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.12	48,000,000	\$5,800,000

Cost Burden for Printing Coverage examples

	Printing Cost Per Coverage Example	Total Number of Coverage Examples Printed	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.06	48,000,000	\$2,900,000

Cost Burden for Printing and Mailing Uniform Glossaries

	Printing Cost Per Glossary	Mailing Costs Per Glossary	Total Glossaries Requested/Printed	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.12	\$0.49	1,200,000	\$730,000

2013 Cost Burden Estimate

- The Departments make the same assumptions regarding the number of SBC responses (including coverage examples), electronic distribution, and printing costs in 2013 as in 2012.
- The Departments assume that in 2013, issuers and TPAs would begin sending notices of modifications to covered individuals and that 2% of covered individuals would receive such notice (that is, about 1,500,000 notices). The

Departments estimate the cost of providing the notices to be 2% of the cost of the providing SBCs (including coverage examples). Notices are assumed to be equal in length to the SBC (that is, six (6) sides of a page).

- The Departments assume 5% of covered individuals who receive the SBC in paper form will request paper copies of the uniform glossary (that is, about 2,400,000 glossary requests). The Departments estimate the cost of providing the notices to be 5% of the cost of distributing paper copies of the SBC and make the same assumptions about postage and supply costs in 2013 as in 2012.

The estimated cost burdens for the collections of information are as follows:

Cost Burden for Printing SBCs

	Cost per SBC	Total SBCs	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.12	48,000,000	\$5,800,000

Cost Burden for Printing Coverage examples

	Printing Cost Per Coverage Example	Total Number of Coverage Examples Printed	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.06	48,000,000	\$2,900,000

Cost Burden for Printing and Mailing Notices of Modifications

	Printing Cost Per Notice	Mailing Costs Per Notice	Total Notices Printed	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.18	\$0.49	960,000	\$640,000

Cost Burden for Printing and Mailing Uniform Glossaries

	Printing Cost Per Glossary	Mailing Costs Per Glossary	Total Glossaries Requested/Printed	Total Cost Burden
Printing Costs	\$0.12	\$0.49	2,400,000	\$1,500,000

B. Department of Health and Human Services

2012 Cost Burden Estimate

- The Department estimates there will be about 13,000,000 SBC responses (including coverage examples) in 2012.
- The Department assumes that of the total number of SBC responses, 38% would be provided electronically in the group market, and 70% would be provided electronically in the individual market. Accordingly, the Department estimates that about 5,900,000 SBCs would be electronically distributed, and about 7,400,000 SBCs would be distributed in paper form. The Department assumes