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SUBJECT: Justification for Increased Burden Hours to OMB Control No: 0584-0580
WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2

Through this memorandum, we are requesting a non-substantive change to the burden estimates for the WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2, under the Information Collection Request (ICR), OMB Control No. 0584-0580, which was approved on May 30, 2013.

The WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Practices Study-2 is intended to examine what mothers feed their infants and toddlers and how they make those decisions; the study will also gather information from key Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Staff about the program's breastfeeding policies and nutrition education activities.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is requesting OMB approval to add 4 minutes to the current approved burden hours. FNS plans to add the 6-Item Food Security module that is currently included in the 24-month survey instrument (Appendix S.1/S.2) to the enrollment (Appendix E.1/E.2- Questions SD36-40) and 18-month (Appendix R.1/R.2- Questions SD36-40) instruments. FNS also plans to replace the 2-Item screener in the 7-month (Appendix M.1/M.2- Questions SD36-40) and 13-month (Appendix P.1/P.2- Questions SD36-40) instruments with the 6-Item Food Security module.

The 6-Item Food Security module will add approximately 1 minute to each of the instruments. These additional data points will provide FNS with a clear perspective on the value of the WIC food package, as well as provide an illustration of the contribution of the WIC program to reducing childhood food insecurity.

| Burden | Responses | Hours |
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| Previous | 34,220 | 5,094 |
| New | 34,220 | 5,098 |

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