

2014-2017 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Field Tests

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

Conducting field tests includes a variety of methods and approaches. The methods chosen for use depend on the subject tested, as well as their intended target population. Recommended methodologies and sample sizes will be based on a review of the relevant literature and consultation with experts in the field. As the methodologies and sample sizes for each field test are determined, they will be detailed in submissions sent to OMB for expedited review.

2. Information Collection Procedures

Information collection procedures will be different for each methodological test, but will generally involve one of the four major methods outlined in section A2 and will be included in the materials for each expedited review.

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates

Consistent with survey methodology, the design of each field test will include approaches to maximize response rates, while retaining the voluntary nature of the effort. CBHSQ will typically propose incentives at the level approved by OMB for cognitive laboratory testing (\$40) and focus groups (up to \$75). If a higher level incentive is proposed for approval, a meaningful justification will be provided. These details will be included in the materials for expedited review.

4. Tests of Procedures

The activities to be conducted under this approval are in themselves tests of procedures. Interview guides and questionnaires to be used in the field tests will all be carefully developed and given careful scrutiny and limited, informal testing to assure completeness and smooth flow.

5. Statistical Consultants

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Confidentiality Agreement

Attachment B - Data Collection Agreement