

**SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION UNDER THE  
Request for Approval under AHRQ's Generic Clearance "Cognitive Testing of the  
Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) Health Insurance Verification Module"  
(OMB Control Number: 0935-0124)**

**DATE OF REQUEST:** April 17, 2017

**SUB AGENCY (I/C):** HHS/AHRQ

**TITLE:** The Re-engineered Visit for Primary Care

**GENERIC CLEARANCE UNDER OMB#:** 0935-0124      **EXP. DATE:** 11/30/2017

**ABSTRACT:** The purpose of this request is to cognitively pre-test the interviewer-administered 2018 health insurance verification module of questions, with a view to making any changes or adaptations to the questioning for administration in 2019 MEPS.

All data and estimates produced by surveys derive from questions. Pretesting of the survey questions is a credible way to ensure that questions accurately collect data consistently across respondent groups, in accordance with the objectives of the research. Pretesting ensures that a survey respondent is able to complete the survey questions easily and productively, and that the design of the questions, as well as the amount of time taken to complete them, does not cause unnecessary burden. Cognitive testing is a qualitative method routinely used in survey question pretesting. In cognitive testing, one-on-one interviews are conducted with a small-scale purposive sample of respondents chosen to reflect, as far as possible, the population under investigation. Cognitive interviewing techniques are designed to be used to determine if respondents understood specific terms and concepts; whether response categories were appropriate or complete, and whether questions were unambiguous and easily answered by respondents. This approach enables researchers to identify potential problems with questions that could be prone to measurement error when administered in a quantitative survey. This project contains two data collection instruments.

**TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN APPROVED:** 2967 Hours Per year

**BURDEN USED TO DATE:** 46 hours.

**BURDEN THIS REQUEST:** 77 hours.

**FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$176,268\_\_\_\_\_.

**IS RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTED AS REQUIRED?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO      \_\_\_\_\_x\_      N/A

**OBLIGATION TO RESPOND:**

VOLUNTARY  
 REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS  
 MANDATORY

**HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE OFFERED?**

WEB SITE

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

MAIL RESPONSE [email]

IN PERSON INTERVIEW

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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