Timeline

**In 2015:**

*Early 2015--*

* In the early part of 2015, CDC will work to convene a panel of experts in survey methods.
* The members of this panel will provide guidance on how to improve both survey design (methods, sampling frame, recruitment, mode of administration) and content/question wording with the goals of increasing response rates, reducing non-response bias, and maximizing the opportunities across Federal surveys for covering populations of interest.
* CDC will collaborate with BJS on agenda topics and invited attendees.
* CDC will submit a revision request to the current package for the 2016 data collection. This will reflect changes to the survey to simplify the structure of some questions to reduce burden, removal of some questions, and the addition of others to better meet the needs of state health departments. It will also reflect a partnership with the Department of Defense to collect data from a sample drawn from active duty U.S. military population and female spouses of active duty men.

*Late 2015--*

* CDC plans to hold the first panel meeting in October of 2015 and the second in December 2015.
* BJS and OMB will be invited to attend both meetings.

**In 2016:**

* CDC will submit to OMB a description of progress to date as well as a complete action plan and timeline of next steps based on the expert panel’s recommendations including plans for additional meetings if needed.
* CDC will submit a change request to the current package for data collection in 2017.  *The included changes will include actions to pursue interim goals identified by the expert panel that can be immediately implemented.*
* CDC will request an additional PRA clearance mechanism (i.e., an umbrella ICR) to cover cognitive testing and small field tests.

**In 2017:**

*Early / Mid 2017--*

* CDC will complete a Total Survey Error Analysis using NISVS data and paradata from 2016.
* CDC will begin field work to implement recommendations of the expert panel. This fieldwork will use the new umbrella generic to conduct field tests and cognitive tests.

*Late 2017--*CDC will submit a PRA clearance request for 2018 data collection, including pilot testing for the proposed new design.

**In 2018:**

* CDC will conduct a necessary pilot testing for the new design. CDC will submit package for 2019, to support full implementation of the new design.

**In 2019:**

* The updated NISVS will begin its first full year of implementation