



May 16, 2016

Dominic Mancini
Deputy Director
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC

Subject: Request for Emergency Review and Clearance

Dear Mr. Mancini:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, *Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*, I request that the proposed information collection project, "Emergency Zika Package IV: Assessment of Contraceptive Use and Needs, Puerto Rico, 2016" be processed in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to the CDC's mission to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. The goal of this information collection is to collect scientifically valid and current information on various aspects of contraceptive use and related reproductive health topics from a representative sample of 2,500 women of reproductive age throughout Puerto Rico.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the true extent to which various contraceptive methods are being used in Puerto Rico and the extent to which women who do not desire to become pregnant are not using contraceptive methods is unknown. An assessment of this information is urgently needed to provide a basis on which to make decisions regarding the distribution of effective contraceptive methods among residents of the island who are at risk of pregnancies that are not desired, as well as other information valuable in formulating responses to the Zika virus outbreak. Therefore, CDC requests a 180-day emergency clearance to carry out an island-wide population-based telephone survey representative of all women of reproductive age in Puerto Rico.

Please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by close of business May 18, 2016.

Respectfully,

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