



July 13, 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: Zika Postpartum Emergency Response Survey (ZPER), 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 Zika-related concerns of pregnant women, interactions between women and their prenatal health care providers regarding Zika, and use of recommended precautions by pregnant women to reduce their risk of exposure to Zika virus from a representative sample of 2,760 women who recently delivered an infant in hospitals throughout Puerto Rico.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the true extent to which pregnant women and their providers are aware of, communicating about, and implementing preventive measures to mitigate the risk of microcephaly and other adverse pregnancy outcomes in Puerto Rico is not known. An assessment of this information is urgently needed to provide a basis on which to make decisions regarding resources and programs targeting pregnant women and their health care providers to mitigate the risk of Zika virus infection during pregnancy, as well as to provide 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 hospital-based survey representative of all women who give birth in Puerto Rico.

Please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by close of business July 15, 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ursula E. Bauer".

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