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MEMORANDUM FOR Reviewer of 1220-0109

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SUBJECT Round 28 NLSY79 Young Adult Questionnaire

On September 14, 2018, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the Main National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79) information collection. As part of the Terms of Clearance, OMB requested additional information from BLS regarding questions on sexual orientation and gender identity before the Young Adult portion of the survey could proceed. BLS is requesting OMB approval for fielding of the Round 28 NLSY79 Young Adult Questionnaire with revised wording for questions on sexual orientation and gender identity.

BLS consulted with both OMB and the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Research Group of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) with regards to these questions. Included with this request is a table explaining the universe for the questions in the Young Adult Questionnaire (Attachment 1), and the revised question wording for the questions on sexual orientation and gender identity, along with justification and research uses of those questions (Attachment 2).

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Alison Aughinbaugh by telephone at 202-691-7520 or by e-mail at aughinbaugh.alison@bls.gov.

Attachments