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SUBJECT: Request for Change to the NIEHS DERT Extramural Data Collection (OMB Control No.0925-0757, Expiration Date: 11/30/2021)

CC: Dr. Kelly King (NIDCD)

In lieu of requesting a new clearance for second simplified data collection form, we would like to request a change to the NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training (DERT) Extramural Grantee Data Collection (OMB Control No.0925-0757, Expiration Date: 11/30/2021; Attachment A). NIDCD is one of the Institutes and Centers approved to use this form.

To minimize the data collection burden on grantees, we have created a simplified data collection form (Attachment B) that asks a defined set of sub-questions from our approved form (OMB Control No.0925-0757, Expiration Date: 11/30/2021). We have also attached a document that connects the questions from the previously approved form to the new form (Attachment C).

We propose to send the new simplified form (Attachment B) to grantees supported by the NIDCD Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care program. All data submitted to NIDCD using the new form would be voluntary and all submitted forms would count towards our limit of 200 approved surveys per year.

**The data provided to NIDCD Program Staff through this form will be used for several purposes:**

* NIDCD launched its Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care (AAHHC) program 10 years ago, with a workshop held in 2009. Survey data will be used to develop a 10-year update on progress in AAHHC to the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NDCD) Advisory Committee.
* To evaluate NIDCD’s progress towards achieving the recommendations made by experts who attended the 2009 workshop “[NIDCD Working Group on Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care for Adults with Mild to Moderate Hearing Loss](https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/research/workshops/accessible-and-affordable-hearing-health-care/2009).”
* To evaluate NIDCD’s progress towards achieving the recommendations directed at the NIH/NIDCD in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)’s June 2016 report entitled “[Hearing Health Care for Adults: Priorities for Improving Access and Affordability](http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2016/Hearing-Health-Care-for-Adults.aspx).”
* To inform development of new Funding Opportunity Announcements for the Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care program.

The updated burden estimate table below includes a new row for the number of grantees who would use this shortened form.

**A.12 – 1 Estimates of Annual Hour Burden**

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| Type of Respondent | Number of Respondents | Frequency of Response | Average Time per Response | Annual Hour Burden |
| NICHD Grantee | 200 | 1 | 30/60 | 100 |
| NIMH Grantee | 200 | 1 | 30/60 | 100 |
| NINDS Grantee | 200 | 1 | 30/60 | 100 |
| NCI Grantee | 400 | 1 | 30/60 | 200 |
| NIEHS Grantee | 200 | 1 | 30/60 | 100 |
| NIDCD Grantee  (long form) | 200 | 1 | 30/60 | 100 |
| NIDCD Grantee  (short form) | 60 | 1 | 20/60 | 20 |
| **Total** | **1,460** |  |  | **720 hours** |

**Attachments:**

* A - New simplified data collection form
* B - Documentation of connection between questions on approved form and questions on new simplified form