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Summary:

Briefly summarize changes

We propose to modify the Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS) to include additional study sites, reduce the number of data collection instruments, and make minor modifications to the telephone interview instrument. Item specific burden estimates will remain unchanged, however overall annual burden estimates will be reduced with the removal of one study instrument.

Description of change

Seven Centers for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (CBDRP) historically participated in BD-STEPS: Arkansas (AR), California (CA), Iowa (IA), Massachusetts (MA), North Carolina (NC), New York (NY), and CDC/NCBDDD's Division of Birth Defects and Infant Disorders (DBDID) which serves as the site of record for Georgia (GA). For two Centers, AR and MA, women who experienced a stillbirth were also mailed additional information about the stillbirth-specific portion of the study and asked additional questions by phone.

Beginning with a new round of funding on September 1, 2023, an eighth CBDRP Center, Texas (TX), was added to BD-STEPS. An additional Center, NY, will also conduct stillbirth-specific activities. Along with the implementation of BD-STEPS data collection activities for these two Centers, we are also requesting the following non-substantive changes for all BD-STEPS deliveries from January 1, 2024 onward: (1) removal of the infectious disease consent and (2) minor edits to the telephone administered interview.

Reason for change

The purpose of this non-substantive change request is to update the number of Centers included in BD-STEPS following a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity. With the proposed changes, there will be an overall reduction in burden per subject.

Attachments:

- Core Computer Assisted Telephone Interview
 - 0 Attachment C1a: English (tracked changes)
 - 0 Attachment C1a: English (clean)
 - 0 Attachment C1b: Spanish (tracked changes)
 - 0 Attachment C1b: Spanish (clean)

Background & Justification:

Brief explanation for the change requested, including the reason (purpose or benefit) for the requested change

BD-STEPS continues to follow-up on promising findings from the National Birth Defects Prevention Study. BD-STEPS researchers study potential risk factors for birth defects and have expanded to study potential risk factors for stillbirths. BD-STEPS Centers have been funded every 5 years starting in 2013 and a new funding period began on September 1, 2023. Adding Centers will improve the diversity and size of the study population, resulting in more generalized and robust findings.

The BD-STEPS extension request was approved by OMB on 4/24/2023. For this non-substantive change request, we are updating the participating study sites, making minor edits to one data collection instrument, and removing one data collection instrument.

Effect of Proposed Changes on Current Approved Instruments:

• Show a crosswalk of the changes in table below

A list of current and newly funded^{*} Centers for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (CBDRP) sites is shown below.

- 1. Arkansas
 - a. Also conducts Stillbirth-Specific Activities
- 2. California
- 3. Georgia
- 4. Iowa
- 5. Massachusetts
 - a. Also conducts Stillbirth-Specific Activities
- 6. New York
 - a. Also conducts Stillbirth-Specific Activities*
- 7. North Carolina
- 8. Texas*

*New as of 9/1/2023

Please see a crosswalk below of proposed changes to specific data collection instruments.

Form	Current/Question Item	Requested Change
Core	V620. During this time period, did you take any	Minor wording change
Computer	medications, remedies, or treatments that we	
Assisted	haven't already talked about (such as over the	V620. During this time period, did you take
Telephone	counter or prescription medications for	any medications, remedies, or treatments
Interview	constipation (for example, prucalopride)?	that we haven't already talked about? For
(Attachment		example, Ozempic or Wegovy, or over the
C1)		counter or prescription medications for
		constipation (such as prucalopride)?
	Section HH: Closing	No change in text for subjects; change in
	[INTERVIEWER ONLY QUESTION]: Is this a MA or	interviewer instructions to update study
	AR participant?	sites.
	IF [YES AND A STILLBIRTH WITHOUT A	
	BIRTH DEFECT] then skip to HH4]]	Section HH: Closing
		IF THE MOTHER REPORTED ONE OF THE
		OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES OF INTEREST,
		ASK HH1. OTHERWISE, BEGIN WITH HH4.
	FOR HH8, INTERVIEWERS WILL NEED TO USE	Minor wording change to shorten script to
	STATE AND INFANT STATUS TO DETERMINE	remove information on the infectious
	WHICH SCRIPT TO USE:	disease consent.
	HH8. FOR IA, NY, NC CENTERS AND A	FOR HH8, INTERVIEWERS WILL NEED TO USE
	LIVEBORN INFANT: That completes the	STATE AND INFANT STATUS TO DETERMINE
	interview, but as you read in the	WHICH SCRIPT TO USE:
	advance packet, you may be asked to	

participate in other parts of the study. To thank you for your time, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you two consent forms. One of the forms asks for your permission to request leftover newborn bloodspots that were already collected shortly after your baby's birth by your state's newborn screening program. This part of the study will help us to understand the role genetic and other biologic factors have in causing birth defects. The other form asks for your permission to request your infectious disease information that was already reported by your physician to your state's health department. This information will be used to study how infectious diseases may play a role in why some babies have birth defects. If you choose to return the consent forms, we will send you a \$10 gift card for each consent form returned as a token of appreciation for your continued interest in our study.

AR and MA: LIVE BIRTHS WITH BIRTH DEFECTS:

That completes the interview, but as you read in the advance packet, you may be asked to participate in other parts of the study. To thank you for your time, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you two consent forms. One of the forms asks for your permission to request leftover newborn bloodspots that were already collected shortly after your baby's birth by your state's newborn screening program. This part of the study will help us to understand the role genetic and other biologic factors have in causing birth defects. The other form asks for your permission to request your infectious disease information that was already reported by your physician to your state's health department. This information will be

HH8. FOR IA, NC, and TX CENTERS AND A LIVEBORN INFANT: That completes the interview, but as you read in the advance packet, you may be asked to participate in other parts of the study. To thank you for your time, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you a consent form. This form asks for your permission to request leftover newborn bloodspots that were already collected shortly after your baby's birth by your state's newborn screening program. This part of the study will help us to understand the role genetic and other biologic factors have in causing birth defects. If you choose to return the consent form, we will send you a \$10 gift card as a token of appreciation for your continued interest in our study.

AR, MA, or NY: LIVE BIRTHS WITH BIRTH DEFECTS:

That completes the interview, but as you read in the advance packet, you may be asked to participate in other parts of the study. To thank you for your time, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you a consent form. This form asks for your permission to request leftover newborn bloodspots that were already collected shortly after your baby's birth by your state's newborn screening program. This part of the study will help us to understand the role genetic and other biologic factors have in causing birth defects. If you choose to return the consent form, we will send you a \$10 gift card as a token of appreciation for your continued interest in our study.

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CONTROLS:

That completes the first part of the interview. To thank you for your time completing this part of the interview, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you two consent forms. One of the forms asks for your permission to request leftover newborn bloodspots that were already collected shortly after your baby's birth by your state's newborn screening program. This part of the study will help us to understand the role genetic and other biologic factors have in causing birth defects. The other form asks for your permission to request your infectious disease information that was already reported by your physician to your state's health department. This information will be used to study how infectious diseases may play a role in why some babies have birth defects. If you choose to return the consent forms, we will send you a \$10 gift card for each consent form returned as a token of appreciation for your continued interest in our study.

STILLBIRTHS WITH A BIRTH DEFECT:

That completes the first part of the interview. To thank you for your time completing this part of the interview, we will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with the gift card, we may mail you a consent form that asks for your permission to request your infectious disease information that was already reported by your physician to your state's health department. This

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STILLBIRTHS WITH OR WITHOUT A BIRTH DEFECT:

That completes the first part of the interview. To thank you for your time completing this part of the interview, we will send you a \$30 gift card.

FOR CENTERS THAT ARE NOT

COLLECTING BLOODSPOTS (STATE: CA, GA) **OR** FOR A NON-LIVEBORN INFANT EXCEPT AR, MA, AND NY STILLBIRTHS: That completes the interview, but as you read in the advance packet, you may be asked to participate in other parts of the study. So that we may contact you in the future we would like to confirm your address. To thank you for your time, we will send you a \$30 gift card.

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infectious diseases may play a role in	
why some babies have birth defects. If	
you choose to sign and send back the	
consent form, we will send you a \$10	
gift card as a token of appreciation for	
your continued interest in our study.	
STILLBIRTHS WITHOUT A BIRTH	
DEFECT:	
That completes the first part of the	
interview. To thank you for your time	
completing this part of the interview,	
we will send you a \$30 gift card.	
FOR CENTERS THAT ARE NOT COLLECTING	
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NON-LIVEBORN INFANT EXCEPT AR AND	
MA STILLBIRTHS : That completes the	
interview, but as you read in the	
advance packet, you may be asked to	
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will send you a \$30 gift card. Along with	
the gift card, we may mail you a consent	
form. The consent form asks for your	
permission to request your infectious	
disease information that was already	
reported by your physician to your	
state's health department. This	
information will be used to study how	
infectious diseases may play a role in	
why some babies have birth defects. If	
you choose to sign and send back the	
consent form, we will send you a \$10	
gift card as a token of appreciation for	
your continued interest in our study.	
HH10. FOR EVERYONE: In the introductory letter	Question removed.
we sent you, there was a \$20 gift card included as	
a token of appreciation for your interest. As I just	
mentioned, you will be sent a \$30 gift card to	
thank you for your time to complete the interview	
We cannot promise you will get a gift card from	
your chosen store, but could you tell me which	
one of the following stores you would prefer?	

	[READ LIST] i. Amazon ii. Target iii. Wal-Mart iv. CVS	
	FINAL REMARK [ALL SUBJECTS EXCEPT AR and MA STILLBIRTHS WITH AND WITHOUT DEFECTS AND CONTROLS] [AR AND MA STILLBIRTHS WITH AND WITHOUT DEFECTS AND CONTROLS: Open/Refer to BD-STEPS – Stillbirth Pilot Supplement, Introductory Telephone Script and Informed Consent (Att45)]	No change in text for subjects; change in interviewer instructions to update study sites. FINAL REMARK [ALL SUBJECTS EXCEPT AR, MA, and NY STILLBIRTHS WITH AND WITHOUT DEFECTS AND CONTROLS] [AR, MA, AND NY STILLBIRTHS WITH AND WITHOUT DEFECTS AND CONTROLS: Open/Refer to BD-STEPS - Stillbirth Pilot Supplement, Introductory Telephone Script and Informed Consent (Att45)]
Linkage to Reportable Infectious Disease Consent (Attachments D2 and D3)	See forms D2 and D3	Forms removed.

Effect on Burden Estimate:

Discuss and include a table comparing to previously approved burden

• Include a burden table and identify changes, or, if the burden isn't changing, state there is no change

With the exception of the linkage to reportable infectious disease consent (Attachments D2 and D3), this proposed change would not impact the burden as presented in our last approved OMB package. Our previous burden estimates were calculated under the extreme situation based on 100% complete participation. Given expectations of ~ 60% participation and the proposed reduction in the text in the core computer telephone interview, we do not anticipate a change in burden to the remaining instruments even with the addition of one BD-STEPS site and one site added to stillbirth activities. Removal of the linkage to reportable infectious disease consent would reduce the total burden hours from 4,473 to 3,825.

Form	Approved Burden	Requested Burden
Core Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (Attachment C1)	2,778	No change in burden

Linkage to Reportable Infectious Disease Consent (Attachments D2 and D3)	648	Remove		
Residual Newborn Bloodspot Consent (Attachments E2-E5)	463	No change		
Online Occupational Questionnaire (Attachment F1)	277	No change		
Supplemental Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (Attachment G1)	267	No change		
Authorization Form for Stillbirth COVID-19 Sub-Study (Attachment G6)	40	No change		
Total				
	3,825	Reduction in burden		