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Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

DATE OF REQUEST:

SUB AGENCY (I/C): HHS/AHRQ

TITLE: Information Gathering and Usability Testing for AHRQ Data Tools Platform Development and Maintenance

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ABSTRACT:

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AHRQ has a number of data tools online that allow users with little to no programming experience to use data. These include MEPS tables and MEPSnet (Household and Insurance Component), the Healthcare Cost and Use Project (HCUPnet and FastStats), the Quality and Disparities Reports and tables from the CAHPS user database.

This project will interview users (up to 10 for each tool) in order to assess needed improvements and identify ways that the tools could be harmonized across data sources to improve the user experience and reduce AHRQ's total cost of developing and maintaining these tools. This collection is one of several activities feeding into this assessment.

This collection is entirely for AHRQ's review of the tools and improving our service to customers. It is in no way related to a scientific or policy decision

TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN APPROVED: 3,383 Hours Per year BURDEN USED TO DATE: 1,696 hours. **BURDEN THIS REQUEST: 50 hours. FEDERAL COST:** The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$1,318. IS RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTED AS REQUIRED? _____YES __x___ NO _____ N/A **OBLIGATION TO RESPOND:** ___x__ VOLUNTARY _____ REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS MANDATORY **HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE OFFERED?** ___x WEB SITE ____x _ TELEPHONE INTERVIEW ____ MAIL RESPONSE ____ IN PERSON INTERVIEW OTHER: **CONTACT INFORMATION:**