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Justification for Change Request for OMB 0920-0978

This is a nonmaterial/non-substantive change request for OMB No. 0920-0978, expiration date 09/30/2027, for the Emerging Infections Programs (EIP). All requested changes represent minor modifications to already-approved instruments including revised formatting, rewording, new answer options, and the addition/subtraction of a limited number of questions.

The Emerging Infections Programs (EIPs) are population-based centers of excellence established through a network of state health departments collaborating with academic institutions, local health departments, public health and clinical laboratories, infection control professionals, and healthcare providers. EIPs assist in local, state, and national efforts to prevent, control, and monitor the public health impact of infectious diseases.

Activities of the EIPs fall into the following general categories: (1) active surveillance; (2) applied public health epidemiologic and laboratory activities; (3) implementation and evaluation of pilot prevention/intervention projects; and (4) flexible response to public health emergencies. Activities of the EIPs are designed to: (1) address issues that the EIP network is particularly suited to investigate; (2) maintain sufficient flexibility for emergency response and new problems as they arise; (3) develop and evaluate public health interventions to inform public health policy and treatment guidelines; (4) incorporate training as a key function; and (5) prioritize projects that lead directly to the prevention of disease.

Activities in the EIP Network in which all applicants must participate are:

- Active Bacterial Core surveillance (ABCs): active population-based laboratory surveillance for invasive bacterial diseases.
- Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet): active population-based laboratory surveillance to monitor the incidence of select enteric diseases.
- Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Network (FluSurv-NET): active population-based surveillance for laboratory confirmed influenza-related hospitalizations.
- Healthcare-Associated Infections-Community Interface (HAIC) surveillance: active population-based surveillance for healthcare-associated pathogens and infections.

This non-substantive change request is for changes to the disease-specific data elements for FoodNet and HAIC. The changes made to all forms under this non-substantive request will aid in improving surveillance efficiency and data quality to clarify the burden of disease and possible risk factors for disease. This information can be used to inform strategies for preventing disease and negative outcomes. Specifically, changes were made for clarification purposes, to assist data collectors in capturing data in a standardized fashion to improve accuracy. As a result of proposed changes, there is no change in burden hours.

The forms for which approval for changes are being sought include:

Food Net:

FN200.1-FN200.8 FoodNet Active Surveillance Data Elements List

HAIC:

HAIC.400.1 Multi-Site Gram-Negative Surveillance Initiative (MuGSI) Case Report Form

HAIC.400.3 MuGSI Supplemental Surveillance Officer Survey

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