

SUPPORTING STATEMENT – PART B

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Description of the Activity

The potential respondent universe is all TRICARE beneficiaries who give birth in the previous quarter, except for Medicare/TRICARE dual eligible beneficiaries, for whom DoD does not have an email address. Email addresses for beneficiaries who give birth in Military medical treatment facilities (MTFs) are limited to Active Duty Service Members (but not Active Duty Family Members or other beneficiaries) due to data collection limitations. This will be a census.

We anticipate that we will be able to obtain email addresses for about 65% of the beneficiary population for private sector care (i.e., beneficiaries who deliver their babies in a private sector hospital). We do not have visibility of the number of ADSM beneficiaries who give birth in MTFs (referred to as direct care), so we cannot be sure what percentage of this population we have email addresses for, but this number is low compared to the private sector care population (typically in a given year, we send the survey to about 4,500 direct care beneficiaries and between 35,000 and 40,000 private sector care respondents). The response rate will be about 15% for both direct care and private sector care.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Describe any of the following if they are used in the collection of information:

- a. Statistical methodologies for stratification and sample selection;
n/a
- b. Estimation procedures;
n/a
- c. Degree of accuracy needed for the Purpose discussed in the justification;
n/a
- d. Unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and
n/a
- e. Use of periodic or cyclical data collections to reduce respondent burden.

Each beneficiary will only be surveyed once unless they give birth multiple times during the five-year demonstration period. Beneficiaries will not be required to respond to the survey to receive benefits under the demonstration.

3. Maximization of Response Rates, Non-response, and Reliability

We will conduct a non-response test.

4. Tests of Procedures

n/a

5. Statistical Consultation and Information Analysis

- a. Provide names and telephone number of individual(s) consulted on statistical aspects of the design:

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- b. Provide name and organization of person(s) who will actually collect and analyze the collected information:

Booz Allen Hamilton was awarded a contract to analyze survey data for this demonstration. Points of Contact are John Courtney and Coral Cable.