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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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0058]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health
and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of
its continuing effort to reduce public
burden and maximize the utility of
government information, invites the
general public and other federal
agencies the opportunity to comment on
a continuing information collection, as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995. This notice invites
comment on a proposed information
collection project titled Generic
Clearance for CDC/ATSDR Formative
Research and Tool Development. This
information collection request is
designed to allow CDC to conduct
formative research information
collection activities used to inform
aspects of surveillance,
communications, health promotion, and
research project development.

DATES: Written comments must be
received on or before September 12,
2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by Docket No. CDC–2025–
0058 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*
www.regulations.gov. Follow the
instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information
Collection Review Office, Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600
Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta,
Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received
must include the agency name and
Docket Number. CDC will post, without
change, all relevant comments to
www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments
through the Federal eRulemaking portal

(*www.regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to
the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request more information on the
proposed project or to obtain a copy of
the information collection plan and
instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger,
Information Collection Review Office,
Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS
H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329;
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)
(44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies
must obtain approval from the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for each
collection of information they conduct
or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also
requires federal agencies to provide a
60-day notice in the **Federal Register**
concerning each proposed collection of
information, including each new
proposed collection, each proposed
extension of existing collection of
information, and each reinstatement of
previously approved information
collection before submitting the
collection to OMB for approval. To
comply with this requirement, we are
publishing this notice of a proposed
data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in
comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the agency, including
whether the information will have
practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the
agency's estimate of the burden of the
proposed collection of information,
including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the
collection of information on those who
respond, including through the use of
automated, electronic, mechanical, or
other technological collection
techniques or other forms of information
technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic
submissions of responses; and
5. Assess information costs.

Proposed Project

Generic Clearance for CDC/ATSDR
Formative Research and Tool
Development (OMB Control No. 0920–
1154, Exp. 3/31/2026)—Extension—
Office of Science (OS), Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC) requests approval for
an Extension of a Generic Clearance for
CDC/ATSDR Formative Research and
Tool Development. This information
collection request is designed to allow
CDC to conduct formative research
information collection activities used to
inform many aspects of surveillance,
communications, health promotion, and
research project development at CDC.
Formative research is the basis for
developing effective strategies including
communication channels, for
influencing behavior change. It helps
researchers identify and understand the
characteristics, interests, behaviors and
needs of target populations that
influence their decisions and actions.

Formative research is integral in
developing programs, as well as
improving existing and ongoing
programs. Formative research looks at
the community in which a public health
intervention is being or will be
implemented and helps the project staff
understand the interests, attributes and
needs of different populations and
persons in that community. Formative
research occurs before a program is
designed and implemented, or while a
program is being conducted.

At CDC, formative research is
necessary for developing new programs
or adapting programs that deal with the
complexity of behaviors, social context,
cultural identities, and health care that
underlie the epidemiology of diseases
and conditions in the U.S. CDC
conducts formative research to develop
public-sensitive communication
messages and user-friendly tools prior to
developing or recommending
interventions, or care. Sometimes these
studies are entirely behavioral but most
often they are cycles of interviews and
focus groups designed to inform the
development of a product.

Products from these formative
research studies will be used for
prevention of disease. Findings from
these studies may also be presented as
evidence to disease-specific National
Advisory Committees, to support
revisions to recommended prevention
and intervention methods, as well as
new recommendations.

Much of CDC's health communication
takes place within campaigns that have
fairly lengthy planning periods and/or
timeframes that accommodate the
standard federal process for approving
data collections. Short-term qualitative
interviewing and cognitive research
techniques have previously proven
invaluable in the development of
scientifically valid and population-

appropriate methods, interventions, and instruments.

This request includes studies investigating the utility and acceptability of proposed sampling and recruitment methods, intervention contents and delivery, questionnaire domains, individual questions, and interactions with project staff or electronic data collection equipment. These activities will also provide information about how respondents answer questions and ways in which question response bias and error can be reduced.

This request also includes collection of information from public health programs to assess needs related to initiation of a new program activity or expansion or changes in scope or implementation of existing program activities to adapt them to current needs. The information collected will be

used to advise programs and provide capacity-building assistance tailored to identify needs.

Overall, these development activities are intended to provide information that will increase the success of the surveillance or research projects through increasing response rates and decreasing response error, thereby decreasing future data collection burden to the public. The studies that will be covered under this request will include one or more of the following investigational modalities: (1) structured and qualitative interviewing for surveillance, research, interventions and material development; (2) cognitive interviewing for development of specific data collection instruments; (3) methodological research; (4) usability testing of technology-based instruments and materials; (5) field testing of new methodologies and materials; (6)

investigation of mental models for health decision-making to inform health communication messages; and (7) organizational needs assessments to support development of capacity. Respondents who will participate in individual and group interviews (qualitative, cognitive, and computer assisted development activities) are selected purposively from those who respond to recruitment advertisements.

In addition to utilizing advertisements for recruitment, respondents who will participate in research on survey methods may be selected purposively or systematically from within an ongoing surveillance or research project. Participation of respondents is voluntary. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 20,000 annual burden hours. There is no cost to participants other than their time to participate.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average hours per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
General public and health care providers	Screener	10,000	1	15/60	2,500
	Interview	5,000	1	1	5,000
	Focus Group Interview	5,000	1	2	10,000
	Survey	5,000	1	30/60	2,500
Total					20,000

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: