

a. The Agency or any component thereof, or
 b. Any employee of the Agency in his or her official capacity, or
 c. Any employee of the Agency in his or her individual capacity where the DOJ has agreed to represent the employee, or

d. The United States Government, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, CMS determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation.

8. To a CMS contractor (including, but not limited to FIs and carriers) that assists in the administration of a CMS-administered health benefits program, or to a grantee of a CMS-administered grant program, when disclosure is deemed reasonably necessary by CMS to prevent, deter, discover, detect, investigate, examine, prosecute, sue with respect to, defend against, correct, remedy, or otherwise combat fraud or abuse in such programs.

9. To another Federal agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States (including any state or local governmental agency), that administers, or that has the authority to investigate potential fraud or abuse in, a health benefits program funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, when disclosure is deemed reasonably necessary by CMS to prevent, deter, discover, detect, investigate, examine, prosecute, sue with respect to, defend against, correct, remedy, or otherwise combat fraud or abuse in such programs.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Information is maintained on paper, computer diskette and on magnetic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

The records are retrieved by name and identification number.

SAFEGUARDS:

CMS has safeguards for authorized users and monitors such users to ensure against excessive or unauthorized use. Personnel having access to the system have been trained in the Privacy Act and systems security requirements. Employees who maintain records in the system are instructed not to release any data until the intended recipient agrees to implement appropriate administrative, technical, procedural, and physical safeguards sufficient to protect the confidentiality of the data and to prevent unauthorized access to the data.

In addition, CMS has physical safeguards in place to reduce the exposure of computer equipment and thus achieve an optimum level of protection and security for the HELPLINE system. For computerized records, safeguards have been established in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) standards and National Institute of Standards and Technology guidelines, e.g., security codes will be used, limiting access to authorized personnel. System securities are established in accordance with HHS, Information Resource Management (IRM) Circular #10, Automated Information Systems Security Program; CMS Automated Information Systems (AIS) Guide, Systems Securities Policies, and OMB Circular No. A-130 (revised), Appendix III.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained for a period of 10 years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Division of Call Center Operations, Customer Teleservice Operations Group, Center for Beneficiary Choices, CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, C2-26-20, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

For purpose of access, the subject individual should write to the system manager who will require the system name, health insurance claim number, address, date of birth, and sex, and for verification purposes, the subject individual's name (woman's maiden name, if applicable), and social security number (SSN). Furnishing the SSN is voluntary, but it may make searching for a record easier and prevent delay.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

For purpose of access, use the same procedures outlined in Notification Procedures above. Requestors should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. (These procedures are in accordance with department regulation 45 CFR 5b.5(a)(2)).

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The subject individual should contact the systems manager named above, and reasonably identify the record and specify the information to be contested. State the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification. (These procedures are in accordance with department regulation 45 CFR 5b.7).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The data contained in these records are furnished by the individual, or in the case of some situations, through third party contacts that make calls to the 1-800 Medicare Helpline. Updating information is also obtained from the Enrollment Data Base, Common Working File, and the Master Beneficiary Record maintained by the Social Security Administration.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; NCCAM Customer Service Data Collection

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. A notice of this proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 2003, page 8610-8611, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to announce a final 30 days for public comment. NIH may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: NCCAM Customer Service Data Collection. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* NCCAM provides the public, patients, families, health care providers, complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners, and others with the latest scientifically based information on CAM and information about NCCAM's programs through a variety of channels including its toll-free telephone information service and its quarterly newsletter. NCCAM wishes to measure customer satisfaction with NCCAM telephone interactions and the NCCAM

newsletter and to assess which audiences are being reached through these channels. This effort involves a telephone survey consisting of 9 questions, which will be asked of 50 percent of all callers, for an annual total of approximately 4,059 respondents; and a newsletter survey consisting of 10 questions, which will be sent as a print survey to all newsletter subscribers, for an annual total of approximately 823

respondents. NCCAM will use the data collected from the surveys to help program staff measure the impact of their communication efforts, tailor services to the public and health care providers, measure service use among special populations, and assess the most effective media and messages to reach these audiences. *Frequency of Response:* Once for the telephone survey, and periodically for the newsletter survey

(to measure any changes in customer satisfaction). *Affected Public:* Individuals and households. *Type of Respondents:* For the telephone survey, patient, spouse/family/friend of patient, health care providers, physicians, CAM practitioners, or other individuals contacting the NCCAM Clearinghouse; for the newsletter survey, subscribers to the NCCAM newsletter. The annual reporting burden is as follows.

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Telephone survey				
Individuals or households	4,059	1	0.075	305
Newsletter survey				
Individuals or households	823	2	0.050	82
Annualized totals	4,882			387

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$5,545 for the telephone survey and \$1,312 for the newsletter survey. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more

information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Christy Thomsen, Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, NCCAM, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 401, Bethesda, MD 20892-5475; or fax your request to 301-480-3519; or e-mail thomsenc@mail.nih.gov. Ms. Thomsen can be contacted by telephone at 301-451-8876.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: May 1, 2003.

Christy Thomsen,

Director, Office of Communications and Public Liaison, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Licensing Opportunity and Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") Opportunity; Live Attenuated Vaccine To Prevent Disease Caused by West Nile Virus

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) of the NIH is seeking licensees and/or CRADA partners to further develop, evaluate, and commercialize modified West Nile virus (WNV) chimeras as a live attenuated vaccine against infections of WNV in humans. NIAID is also seeking licensees to commercialize modified WNV chimeras as live attenuated veterinary vaccines against infections of WNV in animals.

DATES: Respondents interested in licensing the invention will be required to submit an "Application for License to Public Health Service Inventions" on or before August 11, 2003, for priority consideration.

Interested CRADA collaborators must submit a confidential proposal summary to the NIAID (attention Richard K. Williams, Ph.D. at the address mentioned below) on or before August 11, 2003, for consideration. Guidelines for preparing full CRADA proposals will be communicated shortly thereafter to all respondents with whom initial confidential discussions will have established sufficient mutual interest. CRADA and PHS License Applications submitted thereafter may be considered if a suitable CRADA collaborator or Licensee(s) has not been selected.

ADDRESSES: Questions about licensing opportunities should be addressed to Peter Soukas, J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-