

and annually during their terms. Individuals who are selected for appointment will be required to provide detailed information regarding their financial interests and, for example, any work they do for the federal government through research grants or contracts. Disclosure of this information is required in order for CDC ethics officials to determine whether there is a conflict between the SGE's public duties as a member of CHAC and the SGE's private interests, including an appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by federal laws and regulations, and to identify any required remedial action needed to address the potential conflict.

CDC and HRSA review potential candidates for CHAC membership when a vacancy arises and provide a slate of nominees for consideration to the Secretary of HHS for final selection. CDC and HRSA each publish a **Federal Register** notice and will be using a joint process to nominate nominees on a rolling basis; thus, applications received by CDC will be shared with HRSA for consideration. Therefore, potential candidates need only apply in response to one of the **Federal Register** notices. HHS notifies selected candidates of their appointment near the start of the term in December 2024, or as soon as the HHS selection process is completed. Note that the need for different expertise varies from year to year and a candidate who is not selected in one year may be reconsidered in a subsequent year. Candidates should submit the following items:

- A letter of interest or personal statement from the nominee stating how the nominee's expertise would inform the work of CHAC
- A biographical sketch of the nominee (500 words or fewer)
- Current curriculum vitae or resume, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, and email address)
- At least one letter of recommendation from person(s) not employed by HHS. Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person not employed by an HHS agency (*i.e.*, CDC, National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration, etc.).

Nominations may be submitted directly by the individual seeking nomination or by the person/organization recommending the candidate. CDC and HRSA will collect and retain nominations received for up to two years to create a pool of potential CHAC nominees.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled "The Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA)" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a "Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations" notice on January 11, 2023 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

#### Proposed Project

The Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) (OMB Control No. 0920-1294, Exp. 04/30/2023)—Revision—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) seeks a Revision to continue to collect information through the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) for three additional years. MMRIA is a standardized data collection system that allows Maternal Mortality Review Committees (MMRCs) across the country to abstract relevant data (clinical and non-clinical) from a variety of sources, document committee decisions, and analyze data in order to better understand the contributing factors and preventability of pregnancy-related deaths and thus to develop recommendations for prevention.

Pregnancy-related deaths are defined as a death as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy. Considerable racial disparities exist, with persons who are non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native and non-Hispanic

Black persons more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than persons of other race-ethnicity classifications. Findings from analyses of aggregated MMRC data indicate that about four out of five pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

Maternal Mortality Review is a process by which a multidisciplinary committee at the jurisdiction level identifies and reviews cases of death that occur during or within one year of end of pregnancy. Members of MMRCs typically represent public health, obstetrics and gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine, nursing, midwifery, forensic pathology, mental and behavioral health, community-based organizations, and other relevant partners. Through a partnership among the MMRC, state vital records office, and epidemiologists, deaths among females of reproductive age are examined to determine if they occurred during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy (*i.e.*, pregnancy-associated deaths). Through this process, potential cases of pregnancy-related deaths (*i.e.*, death from any cause related to or aggravated by pregnancy or its management) are then identified. Review committees access multiple sources of clinical and non-clinical information to understand the circumstances surrounding a death in order to determine pregnancy-relatedness and develop recommendations for action to prevent similar deaths in the future.

MMRIA is a standardized data collection system designed to support MMRC processes. Data are abstracted and entered into MMRIA from various sources, including death records, autopsy reports, birth and fetal death records, prenatal care records, emergency department visit records, hospitalization records, records from other medical office visits, medical transport records, social and environmental profiles, mental health profiles, and informant interviews. Case narratives for committee reviews are

developed from the abstracted data entered into MMRIA to facilitate committee review, and committee decisions based on their review are also be entered into MMRIA.

The data collected in MMRIA is used to facilitate an understanding of the drivers of maternal mortality and complications of pregnancy and associated disparities and implement data driven recommendations.

The burden estimates presented here are applicable to the 39 jurisdictions with funding support (which support 40 reporting jurisdictions through the cooperative agreements Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees (CDC–RFA–DP19–1908) and Preventing Maternal Mortality: Supporting Maternal Mortality Review Committees (CDC–RFA–DP22–2211) and 13 remaining eligible jurisdictions that may apply to receive funding in FY23 (CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066). These jurisdictions are required to compile a defined set of information about pregnancy-related deaths into MMRIA. It is estimated that information will be collected for a total of 2,240 pregnancy-associated deaths on average, annually, among the 53 jurisdictions with current or potential funding support through CDC–RFA–DP19–1908, CDC–RFA–DP22–2211, and CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066. For 34 jurisdictions, it is estimated that on average, 15 hours of data abstraction are required for each death entered into MMRIA. The other 19 jurisdictions are able to participate in a process to reduce burden by which CDC uploads vital records information into MMRIA rather than jurisdiction staff manually abstracting vital records. For these 19 jurisdictions, the estimated average is 14 hours of abstraction for each death entered into MMRIA. For all jurisdictions with current or potential funding support through CDC–RFA–DP19–1908, CDC–RFA–DP22–2211, and CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066, an additional 24 minutes on average is needed to

enter the committee decisions into MMRIA.

There are four changes that result in this request for revision, with the first three having an impact on the estimated burden for this revision. First, through additional congressional appropriations, an additional 15 jurisdictions are now funding recipients from the time of initial OMB PRA approval. An additional 13 jurisdictions are eligible to apply for FY 23 funding. Overall, this represents an increase from 25 to 53 respondents. Second, CDC estimates a higher number of pregnancy-associated deaths due to utilizing data from the Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System (PMSS) rather than CDC WONDER for these estimates. PMSS estimates of pregnancy-associated deaths are more accurate due to more comprehensive and complete identification of these deaths through multiple case identification methods. Third, CDC has been working with the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems on an initiative that enables CDC to transfer vital records data associated with CDC identified pregnancy-associated deaths directly into a jurisdiction's instance of MMRIA, reducing manual data entry burden for the 19 respondents participating in the initiative. Fourth, to address user identified needs and increase data use for analysis by jurisdictions, a total of 60 new optional fields were added to MMRIA, three fields removed, and two fields combined into one. None of the added fields are required fields; 50 would only be relevant for specific causes of death or only when a specific type of record is available; the majority of new optional fields are drop down fields with minimal response burden.

The changes resulted in an overall increase of 21,932 burden hours. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated annual burden of 33,482 hours. There is no cost for respondents other than their time to participate.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Jurisdictions with current or potential funding support through CDC–RFA–DP19–1908, CDC–RFA–DP22–2211, and CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066 who manually abstract all data into MMRIA.	MMRIA abstraction form.	34	42	15
Jurisdictions with current or potential funding support through CDC–RFA–DP19–1908, CDC–RFA–DP22–2211, and CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066 for which CDC is uploading vital records into MMRIA and jurisdiction staff abstract remaining data manually into MMRIA.	MMRIA abstraction form.	19	42	14

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
All jurisdictions with current or potential funding support through CDC–RFA–DP19–1908, CDC–RFA–DP22–2211, and CDC–RFA–DP–23–0066.	MMRIA committee decision form.	53	42	24/60

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking nominations for membership on the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET). ACET consists of 10 experts including the Chair in fields associated with public health, epidemiology, immunology, infectious diseases, pulmonary disease, pediatrics, tuberculosis, microbiology, and preventive health care delivery.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on ACET must be received no later than August 31, 2023. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be emailed to [nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov](mailto:nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov) with the subject line “ACET 2024 Nomination” or faxed to (404) 639–8600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marah Condit, MS, Committee Management Lead, Office of Policy, Planning, and Partnerships, National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop US8–6, Atlanta, Georgia 30329–4027. Telephone: (404) 639–3423; Email: [MCondit@cdc.gov](mailto:MCondit@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Council for the Elimination of

Tuberculosis (ACET) provides advice and recommendations regarding the elimination of tuberculosis (TB) to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS; and the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ACET (a) makes recommendations on policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; (b) addresses development and application of new technologies; (c) provides guidance and review of CDC’s TB prevention research portfolio and program priorities; and (d) reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating TB.

Nominations are sought for persons who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishment of the objectives of ACET. Nominees will be selected on the basis of their expertise in public health, epidemiology, immunology, infectious diseases, pulmonary disease, pediatrics, tuberculosis, microbiology, or preventive health care delivery. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Members may be invited to serve for up to four-year terms. Selection of members is based on candidates’ qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of ACET objectives.

HHS policy stipulates that committee membership be balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee’s function. Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and cannot be full-time employees of the U.S. Government. Current participation on federal workgroups or prior experience serving on a federal advisory committee does not disqualify a candidate; however, HHS policy is to avoid excessive individual service on advisory committees and multiple committee memberships. Committee members are Special Government Employees, requiring the filing of financial disclosure reports at the beginning of and annually during their terms. CDC reviews potential candidates

for ACET membership each year and provides a slate of nominees for consideration to the Secretary of HHS for final selection. HHS notifies selected candidates of their appointment near the start of the term in July 2024, or as soon as the HHS selection process is completed. Note that the need for different expertise varies from year to year and a candidate who is not selected in one year may be reconsidered in a subsequent year. Candidates should submit the following items:

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