

Synthesis Screening—New—Office of Science (OS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

This data collection form was developed pursuant to the Framework for Nucleic Acid Synthesis Screening, which was released by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in April of 2024. This framework was directed by the *Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development of Artificial Intelligence*, and recommends that providers and

manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids screen their sequences and customers before fulfilling orders to prevent potential misuse.

The Attestation Form will collect basic organizational information and an attestation of compliance from providers and manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids and benchtop nucleic acid synthesis equipment. Data collected includes organization name, location, website, and type of organization. The form also includes primary and secondary contact information such as

name, location, phone number and email address to ensure there is a point of contact with the company in case of questions regarding compliance and record keeping. This data is needed to ensure the self-attestation form can be filed and logged correctly, and to ensure the government can reach out to the correct contact if clarification if necessary.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 20 annual burden hours. There is no cost to 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) | Total burden (in hours) |
|--|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Providers and manufacturers of synthetic nucleic acids and bench top nucleic acid synthesis equipment. | Annual Provider and Manufacturer Self-Attestation Statement. | 60                    | 1                                  | 20/60                                  | 20                      |
| Total .....  | .....  | .....                 | .....                              | .....                                  | 20                      |

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled “Division of Diabetes Translation Programmatic & Participant User Experience Data Collection” (DDTDC). This Generic

information collection, will enable CDC’s Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) to collect data required in a timely manner to support the development, refinement, and improvement of DDT’s education, training, technical assistance (TA), and communication/marketing activities.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before September 24, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2024–0057 by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://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. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

*Please note:* All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://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; Telephone: 404–639–7118; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**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 the existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the 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 collecting information on those to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic responses; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

### Proposed Project

Division of Diabetes Translation Programmatic & Participant User Experience Data Collection (DDTDC)—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

The Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) plays a crucial role in helping prevent Type 2 diabetes, reducing diabetes complications and disability, and reducing diabetes-related disparities across the United States. DDT accomplishes this by providing education, training, technical assistance (TA), and engaging in communication/marketing activities for various key audiences. These customers include national, state, and local partners, grantees, providers (*e.g.*, lifestyle coaches, diabetes educators, healthcare providers, health/medical and community-based organizations), people with prediabetes, diabetes and their family, friends, and caregivers, and other consumers of DDT products and programs.

For DDT to be able to efficiently and effectively do this work and fulfill its mission, it needs to be able to collect information and feedback from intended audiences in a timely manner and with enough frequency to ensure DDT can deliver clear, effective, efficient, and appropriate customer service. This includes, for instance, collecting data on key audiences' needs, and on the reach, uptake, use, customer experience and satisfaction with DDT's services, products, and related programs, including its education, training, TA and communications services and products. However, in the interest of timely provision of services, DDT often forgoes the important step of getting input from its key audiences on the clarity, efficiency, effectiveness, and appropriateness of the services and resources it develops and provides for them. Skipping this information collection step, or doing so with less

frequency, avoids the delay involved in the standard OMB review process increases the risk of DDT wasting both time and money developing and providing education, training, TA, and communication/marketing that will not achieve the intended objectives and will be unclear, irrelevant, or not fully meet the needs of DDT's audiences. It can also have other unintended consequences, such as jeopardizing the credibility of Federal health officials.

The Division of Diabetes Translation Programmatic & Participant User Experience Data Collection (DDTDC) will enable DDT to collect the information they require in a timely manner to:

- Provide clear, effective, efficient, appropriate, and timely education, communication, training, and technical assistance to key audiences and other interested groups, including consumer audiences (*e.g.*, people with prediabetes, diabetes, and their family, friends, and caregivers), providers (*e.g.*, lifestyle coaches, diabetes care and education specialists, healthcare and other providers, health/medical and community-based organizations); and partners (national, state, and local partners).

- Ensure quality and prevent duplication in the development and dissemination of prevention and health information and program activities by DDT to consumers, providers, and state and local partners.

- Conduct exploratory/formative assessments to inform DDT's development of education, communication/marketing, training, and programmatic materials, tools, and resources to support and improve the prevention and management of diabetes. For example, identifying key audiences' knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, motivators, and information needs.

- Assess the impact of programs, messages, educational and training materials among recipients and determine to what extent they meet relevant service-related DDT objectives and goals.

The following are examples of the areas of focus that the data collection activities under this generic information collection mechanism may include:

- Reach, uptake, use, customer experience, and satisfaction with the CDC-recognized lifestyle change programs for Type 2 diabetes prevention, as well as related outcomes (*e.g.*, participant retention and recruitment rates).

- Satisfaction with CDC-recognized lifestyle change programs toolkits, such as the Personal Success Tool and Champion toolkits.

- Reach, uptake, use, customer experience, and satisfaction with diabetes education, type 2 prevention, and diabetes management innovations (such as the Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support services promotion initiative) and related short-term effects on knowledge, awareness, practices (such as information seeking), and outcomes (such as enrollment of people with diabetes or prediabetes).

- Reach, uptake, satisfaction, customer experience, and short-term outcomes of CDC's training and technical assistance resources (such as a webinar or online toolkit).

- Needs assessments for customer experience with, utilization of, and short-term outcomes of technical assistance and trainings for diabetes prevention and management.

- Understandability, ease of use, and appropriateness of diabetes education messages, toolkits, programs, and marketing materials.

- Exploratory assessments of knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, beliefs, barriers, and facilitators to uptake and use of lifestyle change programs for diabetes type 2 prevention and diabetes management services and related innovations, resources, tools, and materials.

Data collection methods proposed include, but are not limited to in-depth individual interviews, cognitive interviews, intercept interviews, group-based discussions (including focus groups and dyads/triads), surveys or questionnaires, knowledge assessments, observational assessments, and implementation and utilization data reporting. Respondents would include key audiences and stakeholders of CDC's work, including representatives of state and local DDT-funded organizations; national, state, and local DDT partners (not CDC-funded); providers of type 2 diabetes prevention and diabetes management programs and services, including lifestyle coaches, diabetes care and education specialists, healthcare and other providers; health/medical and community-based organizations implementing programs and services related to type 2 diabetes prevention and diabetes management; people with—and at risk for—diabetes or with prediabetes; family, friends, and caregivers of people with—and at risk for—diabetes or with prediabetes.

As the methods for data collection and audiences may vary with each request submitted under this proposed generic clearance, for each data collection request unique instruments (*e.g.*, surveys, interview guides) will be developed to address the specific topics that information will be collected on.

Questions to be asked may focus, for example, on collecting data on the audiences’ needs and on the reach, uptake, use, customer experience and satisfaction with DDT’s services, products, and programs. Such information will enable DDT to identify

ways to improve its services, products, and programs to better meet its audiences’ needs and achieve its mission of supporting the prevention of diabetes and reducing diabetes-related complications and disparities across the United States.

The estimated annualized hourly burden anticipated for all data collection methods would total 2,000 hours and include eight to ten data collection activities over the course of a year. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Type of respondents   | Data collection methods   | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response | Total burden hours |
|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Representatives of state and local DDT-funded organizations; National, State, and Local DDT partners; Providers of type 2 Diabetes Prevention and Diabetes Management Programs and Services; People, family, friends, and caregivers of people with—and at risk for—Diabetes or with Prediabetes. | Interviews; Surveys or Questionnaires; Knowledge Assessments; Motivation Assessments, Observational Assessments; Implementation and Utilization Data Reporting. | 4,000                 | 1                                  | 30/60                       | 2,000              |
| Total .....   | .....   | .....                 | .....                              | .....                       | 2,000              |

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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 “National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS)” 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 May 7, 2024 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments 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**

National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) (OMB Control No. 0920–0212, Exp. 12/31/2024)—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States. This three-year clearance request for National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) includes the collection of all inpatient and ambulatory Uniform Bill–04 (UB–04) claims data or electronic health record (EHR) data as well as the collection of hospital-level information via a questionnaire from a sample of 601 hospitals.

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) was conducted intermittently from 1973 through 1985, and annually since 1989. The survey is conducted under authority of Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k). The National Hospital Discharge Survey (NHDS) (OMB No. 0920–0212, Exp. Date 01/31/2019), conducted continuously between 1965 and 2010, was the Nation’s principal source of data on inpatient utilization of short-stay, non-institutional, non-Federal hospitals, and was the principal