

AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 2013.

**Richard Kronick,**  
*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Eisenberg Conference Center, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaime Zimmerman, Designated Management Official, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (301) 427-1456. For press-related information, please contact Alison Hunt at (301) 427-1244.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management on (301) 827-4840, no later than Friday, November 1, 2013. The agenda, roster,

and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Ms. Campbell's phone number is (301) 427-1554.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Purpose

The National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality is authorized by Section 941 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 299c. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to AHRQ's conduct of its mission including providing guidance on (A) Priorities for health care research, (B) the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on health care quality and (C) the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships.

The Council is composed of members of the public, appointed by the Secretary, and Federal ex-officio members specified in the authorizing legislation.

##### II. Agenda

On Friday, November 15, 2013, there will be a subcommittee meeting for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. The subcommittee meeting is open to the public. The Council meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair and approval of previous Council summary notes. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will begin with the AHRQ Director presenting an update on current research, programs, and initiatives. Following the Director's Update, the agenda includes updates on Affordable Care Act implementation, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute and the subcommittee on Strategic Direction. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ Web site at [www.AHRQ.gov](http://www.AHRQ.gov) no later than Friday, November 8, 2013.

**Richard Kronick,**  
*AHRQ Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Meetings

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Five AHRQ Subcommittee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The subcommittees listed below are part of AHRQ's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee. Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. Each subcommittee meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

**Note:** Due to the Federal government shutdown, AHRQ is republishing its Study Section meetings with new dates. Please see below.

**DATES:** See below for dates of meetings:

1. *Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR)*  
Date: October 23-24, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 23 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
2. *Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR)*  
Date: October 28, 2013 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on October 28 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
3. *Health Care Research and Training (HCRT)* (Telephone Conference Call)  
Date: October 30, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 30 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
4. *Health System and Value Research (HSVR)*  
Date: October 31, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 31 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
5. *Healthcare Information Technology Research (HITR)*  
Date: October 31-November 1, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 31 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings of Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR), Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR), Health System and Value Research (HSVR), and Health System

and Value Research (HSVR) will take place at: Hyatt Regency Hotel Bethesda, One Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Conference Call of Health Care Research and Training (HCRT) meeting will take place at: AHRQ, (Conference Room TBD), 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** (to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of the meetings.)

Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), AHRQ announces meetings of the scientific peer review groups listed above, which are subcommittees of AHRQ's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee. Each subcommittee meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: October 24, 2013.

**Richard Kronick,**  
AHRQ Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-7570 or send comments to LeRoy Richardson, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

*Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Surveillance (0920-0892, Expiration 07/31/2014)—Extension—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

Steady increases in the rate and severity of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) indicate a clear need to conduct longitudinal assessments to continue to monitor changes in CDI epidemiology, including changes in risk factors for disease, as well as increases. The surveillance population will consist of persons residing in the catchment area of the participating Emerging Infections Program (EIP) sites who are 1 year of age or older. This surveillance poses no more than minimal risk to the study participants as there will be no interventions or modifications to the care study participants receive. EIP surveillance personnel will perform active case finding from laboratory reports of stool specimens testing positive for *C. difficile* toxin and abstract data on cases using a standardized case report form. For a subset of cases (e.g., community-associated *C. difficile* cases) sites will administer a health interview.

CDC requests Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extension of standardized data collection for an additional three years. The epidemiology of *C. difficile* continues to evolve and incidence of disease is still high with no significant declines being observed. Continuing to understand what put persons at risk for *C. difficile* in the community is critical to inform prevention strategies. There are no changes in the burden estimates or data collection instruments from what is shown in the current inventory.

A total of 600 individuals who develop CDI will be contacted for a telephone interview annually and of those it is estimated that 500 will meet study inclusion criteria. The interview screening is estimated to take 5 minutes and the full telephone interview is estimated to take 40 minutes. Therefore, the total estimated annualized burden for this data collection is estimated to be 383 hours.

There are no costs to the respondents other than their time.

### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Type of respondents                                          | Form name                 | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Avg. burden per response (in hrs.) | Total burden (in hrs.) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Persons in the community infected with <i>C. difficile</i> . | Screening Form .....      | 600                   | 1                                  | 5/60                               | 50                     |
|                                                              | Telephone Interview ..... | 500                   | 1                                  | 40/60                              | 333                    |
| Total .....                                                  | .....                     | .....                 | .....                              | .....                              | 383                    |