### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-25-0036; Docket No. CDC-2025-0013]

# 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 to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on the Division of Vital Statistics Proposal for Access to Restricted-Use Data for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). This data collection will be used to assess researcher's requests for access to restricted-use NCHS data for their research projects.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before August 15, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2025-0013 by any 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. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to 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.

Please note: All public comment should be submitted 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; Telephone: 404–639–7570; Email: 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 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 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 submissions of responses; and
  - 5. Assess information collection costs.

### **Proposed Project**

Division of Vital Statistics Proposal for Access to Restricted-Use Data for the National Center for Health Statistics— Existing Collection in use without OMB Approval—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 306(b)(4) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k(b)(4)), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, receive requests for providing data and statistics to the public. NCHS receives requests for restricted-use data from the public through the Division of Vital Statistics Proposal for Access to Restricted-Use Data. This is a request for approval from OMB to collect information via the Division of Vital Statistics proposal over the next three years at an overall burden rate of 600 annual hours.

As part of a comprehensive data dissemination program, the Division of Vital Statistics (DVS), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, requires prospective researchers who need access to restricted-use vital statistics data to complete a research proposal. Researchers self-select whether they need access to restricteduse vital statistics data to answer their research questions. The DVS requires the researcher to complete a research proposal so NCHS understands the research proposed, whether restricteduse vital statistics data are appropriate for the research questions, how the data will be used and what data outputs the researcher needs to satisfy their project. The completed proposal is sent to NCHS DVS for adjudication on whether the proposed research is possible.

To capture the information needed to adjudicate researchers' need for access to restricted-use vital statistics data, this request allows for both number of respondents and time per response for a total estimated annual burden total of 600 hours; 1,800 hours for a three-year clearance period. There is no cost to respondents other than their time to complete the proposal. The resulting information will be for NCHS internal use.

### **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.)
Researcher	Division of Vital Statistics proposal	600	1	1	600

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-25-0976; Docket No. CDC-2025-0020]

# 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 the Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Challenge. This program is a national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by 2027.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before August 15, 2025. **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2025-0020 by any 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; Telephone: 404–639–7118; Email: *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 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 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 submissions of responses; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

### **Proposed Project**

Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Challenge (OMB Control No. 0920– 0976, Exp. 3/31/2026)—Revision— National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Million Hearts® is a national initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes by 2027. To prevent one million cardiovascular events (e.g., heart attacks and strokes), people need to decrease smoking, sodium consumption and

physical inactivity by 20%; improve performance on quality-of-care measures for appropriate aspirin use, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, and smoking cessation to 80%; and improve outcomes for priority populations disproportionately burdened by cardiovascular disease. Over the last nine years, we have seen tremendous progress by providers and health care systems that focus on improving their performance in controlling patients' blood pressure. Getting to 80% blood pressure control (defined as <140/<90 mm Hg) would mean that 10 million more Americans with hypertension would have their blood pressure under control, and be at substantially lower risk for strokes, heart attacks, kidney failure, and other related cardiovascular events. For more information about the initiative, visit https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/. Million Hearts® is a registered trademark of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The challenge is an important way to call attention to the need for improved hypertension control, provides a powerful motivation and target for clinicians, and will improve understanding of successful implementation strategies at the health system level. It will identify clinicians, clinical practices, and health systems that have exceptional rates of hypertension control and recognize them as Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Champions. To support improved quality of care delivered to patients with hypertension, Million Hearts® will document the systems, strategies, processes, and staffing that contribute to the exceptional blood pressure control rates achieved by

Champions.

The challenge is authorized by Public Law 111-358, the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Reauthorization Act of 2010 (COMPETES Act). Applicants for the Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Challenge will be asked to provide two hypertension control rates for the practice's or health system's hypertensive population: a current rate for the most recent 12-month reporting period (e.g., 1/1/2024-12/31/2024) and a previous rate for the 12-month period immediately preceding the most recent reporting period (e.g., 1/1/2023-12/31/ 2023). Applicants will also be asked to provide the prevalence of hypertension in their population (more details provided below), describe some population characteristics (such as urban/rural location, percent minority, % enrolled in Medicaid, % with no