

IV.A.1.f prohibits CentraCare from soliciting the employment of any physician that has departed CentraCare pursuant to the Consent Orders for a period of two years.

Paragraph V requires CentraCare to give advanced notification for future acquisitions or employment contracts involving certain adult primary care, pediatrics, and OB/GYN services in the St. Cloud area for a period of three years.

Paragraph VI requires CentraCare during the First Release Period to facilitate and not interfere with the search for alternate St. Cloud area employment by former SCMG employees, such as APPs and nurses. Paragraph VI also prohibits CentraCare from attempting to re-hire those employees for a period of two years.

Paragraph VII specifies the rules governing the work of the monitor.

The remaining order provisions are standard reporting requirements to allow the Commission to monitor ongoing compliance with the provisions of the Decision and Order.

In addition to the Decision and Order, the Consent Agreement includes an Order to Suspend Enforcement of CentraCare's Non-Competes and Maintain Assets that goes into effect immediately. The purposes of this Order are (1) to permit former SCMG physicians to explore alternative employment opportunities in the St. Cloud area; and (2) to maintain those assets and personnel from the SCMG to make the transition to a different practice as easy as possible.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark**  
Secretary.

#### **Concurring Statement of Maureen K. Ohlhausen**

I have reason to believe that CentraCare Health System's (CentraCare) acquisition of St. Cloud Medical Group, P.A. (SCMG), if consummated, would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 18, by substantially lessening competition for the provision of adult primary care, pediatric, and OB/GYN services in St. Cloud, Minnesota. I also believe the Consent Agreement, subject to final approval, represents the outcome most likely to minimize competitive harm and care disruption to the residents of the St. Cloud area. I write separately because, although it is a close determination, I do not believe SCMG meets the stringent failing firm

criteria set forth in the Horizontal Merger Guidelines and case law.<sup>1</sup>

Because of SCMG's financial challenges and facts unique to the SCMG practice structure and management, physicians are leaving the group, and compelling evidence indicates that, absent the acquisition, additional physicians plan to leave the group and possibly the area. This would diminish the competitive significance of SCMG and create potential disruptions to care and possible physician shortages in the St. Cloud area. These circumstances raise serious concerns about the likelihood that the Commission will be able to preserve competition and access to care for patients if it were to prevail in its challenge.

Given this difficult scenario, I agree with my colleagues that the Consent Agreement presents the best opportunity to keep the SCMG physicians in the market, ensure ongoing access to care and minimal disruption for area patients, and permit the expansion of local competitive alternatives to CentraCare for the relevant physician services. Accordingly, I support the Consent Agreement on the basis that it is in the public interest.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**[30Day-17-16AWK]**

#### **Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the

<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., U.S. Dep't of Justice & Fed. Trade Comm'n, Horizontal Merger Guidelines § 11 (2010); *Citizen Publishing v. United States*, 394 U.S. 131 (1969) (establishing a three-prong test for satisfying the failing firm defense); *Fed. Trade Comm'n v. Arch Coal, Inc.*, 329 F. Supp. 2d 109, 154 (D.D.C. 2004).

following: (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 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### **Proposed Project**

Survey of Surveillance Records of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* from 1960 to Present—New—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### **Background and Brief Description**

The Zika virus response necessitates the collection of county and sub-county level records for *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*, the vectors of Zika virus. This information will be used to update species distribution maps for the United States and to develop a model aimed at identifying where these vectors can survive and reproduce. CDC is seeking a six-month OMB clearance to collect information.

In February, 2016, OMB issued emergency clearance for a county-level survey of vector surveillance records (OMB Control No. 0920-1101, expiration date 8/31/2016). The previous survey aimed to describe the current reported distribution of the Zika virus vectors *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. The survey revealed that we are lacking records from recent years of both species from areas where we expect to find Zika vectors based on

historical records and environmental suitability. It is likely that the reason for this is because from 2004–2015 most vector surveillance focused on vectors of West Nile virus (*Culex* spp.) rather than Zika vectors.

As part of the Zika response, efforts to identify *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus* in the continental U.S. were substantially enhanced during 2016 and funding will be provided to states to continue to enhance surveillance for these vectors. By repeating the survey, we will have a more complete assessment of where these vectors are currently being reported. In the new survey, we will also seek information on locations of the mosquito traps at sub-

county spatial scales. Such information will aid in (1) targeting vector control efforts to prevent mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission in the continental U.S. and (2) targeting future vector surveillance efforts.

The purpose of the mosquito surveillance survey is to collect county and sub-county-level records for *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*, the vectors of Zika virus. The resulting maps and models will inform the public and policy makers of the known distribution of these vectors, identify gaps in vector surveillance, and target allocation of surveillance and prevention resources.

Respondents will include vector control professionals, entomologists, and public health professionals who will be contacted by email, primarily through listserv(s) of professional organizations. They will be asked for their voluntary participation in a short survey to assess the distribution of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* at county and sub-county spatial scales in the U.S.

This information collection request is authorized by Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241). The total estimated annualized number of burden hours is 125. There will be no anticipated costs to respondents other than time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Vector Control professionals, entomologists, and Public Health Professionals.	Survey of county-level surveillance records of <i>Aedes aegypti</i> and <i>Aedes albopictus</i> .	500	1	15/60

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**Proposed Project**

Application Form and Related Forms for the Operation of the National Death Index (NDI) (OMB No. 0920-0215, Expiration 10/31/2016)—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.), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States. To improve understanding of population health, influences on health, and health outcomes, NCHS compiles data about a wide variety of health indicators. Information can be analyzed by NCHS and other entities to help guide public health and health policy decisions.

The National Death Index (NDI) is a centralized NCHS repository of identifiable information about deaths that have occurred in the United States since 1979. The NDI is compiled from records submitted annually to NCHS by all state vital statistics offices. NCHS maintains the NDI to facilitate medical epidemiology and research. Researchers may request NDI data and services by completing an initial NDI Application Form and submitting records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. Additional forms used for NDI administration include the Repeat Request Form and the Transmittal Form.

The standard search against the NDI file provides the relevant states and dates of death, and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects. Using the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause