

One survey will be administered to caregivers and a second is a self-report survey administered to children, adolescents and young adults age 9–27. The survey version will be based on the

child participant’s age and ability to self-report on healthcare utilization, service and support needs, co-occurring conditions, and healthcare transition. CDC requests OMB approval for an

estimated 1,510 annual burden hours. There are no costs 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)
Caregivers	Survey 1	1,310	1	30/60	565
Caregivers	Survey 2	180	1	30/60	90
Caregivers	Survey 3	90	1	30/60	45
Caregivers	Survey 4	1,600	1	10/60	266
Children and adolescents	Self-report Survey 1	575	1	15/60	144
Young adults	Self-report Survey 2	800	1	30/60	400
Total	1,510

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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 “National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS)” 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 October 2, 2025 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one anonymous 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. 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 Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) (OMB Control No. 0920–0980, Exp. 2/28/

2026)—Revision—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is requesting OMB approval for the National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS) to collect data from outbreak environmental assessments routinely conducted by local, state, territorial, or tribal food safety programs during foodborne outbreak investigations. Prior to the development of NEARS, environmental assessment data were not collected at the national level. The data reported through this surveillance system provides timely information on the causes of outbreaks, including environmental factors associated with outbreaks, and are essential to environmental public health regulators’ efforts to respond more effectively to outbreaks and prevent future, similar outbreaks.

NEARS was developed by the Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net), a collaborative network of CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and state and local food safety programs. The network consists of environmental health specialists (EHS), epidemiologists, and laboratorians. EHS-Net developed a standardized protocol for identifying, reporting, and analyzing data relevant to foodborne illness outbreak environmental assessments. While conducting environmental assessments during foodborne outbreak investigations is routine for food safety program officials, reporting information from the environmental assessments to CDC is not routine. Local, state, federal,

territorial, and tribal food safety programs are the primary respondents for this data collection. One official from each participating program will report environmental assessment data on outbreaks. These programs are typically located in public health or agriculture agencies. In the U.S., there are approximately 3,000 such agencies. Not every one of these agencies will register in NEARS or respond every year.

It is not possible to determine exactly how many outbreaks will occur in the future, nor where they will occur. Forty programs reported outbreaks to NEARS from 2021–2024. Based on our experience over those years, we expect a maximum of six additional sites (two per year) to register with and report data to NEARS over the next PRA cycle, for a total of 46 reporting programs. We also expect each program to report an average of six outbreaks annually, for a total of 276 outbreaks annually.

The activities associated with NEARS that require a burden estimate consist of registration, training, observing and reporting the data, and interviewing managers and reporting the data. Food safety programs interested in participating in NEARS must first register to use the system, which takes about 10 minutes. We anticipate six new programs to join in the next three years, resulting in two new programs per year. Therefore, the total estimated annual burden associated with registration is one hour (10 minutes × 2 programs = 0.3 hours rounded to one hour).

The second activity is the training for the new food safety program personnel participating in NEARS. These staff will be encouraged to attend a Microsoft Teams (*i.e.*, webinar) training session on using the NEARS data entry system, conducted by CDC staff. We estimate the burden of this training to be a maximum of two hours. Respondents will only be required to take this training one time. Assuming two new programs annually and about five staff being trained at each participating program, the total estimated annual burden associated with this training is 20 hours (2 programs × 5 staff × 2 hours).

New food safety program personnel participating in NEARS will also be encouraged to complete CDC’s Environmental Assessment Training Series (EATS). This e-Learning course provides training to staff on how to use a systems approach in foodborne illness outbreak environmental assessments. We estimate the burden of this training to be a maximum of 10 hours. Respondents will only take this training one time. Assuming a maximum participation of up to two new programs annually and approximately five staff being trained at each program, the estimated annual burden associated with this training is 100 hours (2 programs × 5 staff × 10 hours).

Program respondents (one official from each participating program) will record environmental assessment data on pen and paper for each establishment associated with an outbreak. Most outbreaks are associated with only one

establishment; however, some are associated with multiple establishments. We estimate a maximum of four establishments will be associated with any given outbreak. Recording for each assessment will take about 25 minutes. The annual burden for this activity is 460 hours (276 outbreaks × 4 establishments × 25 minutes).

Program respondents will conduct a manager interview with each establishment associated with an outbreak and initially record the data with pen and paper. Each interview will take about 20 minutes. The annual burden for this activity is 368 hours (276 outbreaks × 4 establishments × 20 minutes). Respondents will also report this environmental assessment and manager interview data into the NEARS web-based system. This data entry is expected to take approximately 25 minutes for the environmental assessment data and 20 minutes for each manager interview (assuming a maximum of four). The annual burden for this activity is 207 hours (276 outbreaks × 45 minutes). Retail food managers interviewed are another group of respondents. Again, assuming a maximum number of 276 outbreaks, the estimated annual burden is 368 hours (276 outbreaks × 4 establishments × 20 minutes each).

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 1,524 annual burden hours. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Food safety program personnel	NEARS registration	2	1	10/60
	NEARS introduction training	10	1	2
	NEARS e-learning (screenshots)	10	1	10
	NEARS environmental assessment (recording form)	46	24	25/60
	NEARS manager interview form	46	24	20/60
Retail food personnel	NEARS web entry (screenshots)	46	6	45/60
	NEARS manager interview form	1,104	1	20/60

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services, Health and Human
Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier: ____/OMB Control Number: ____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

Under the 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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Conditions of Participation for Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs); *Use:* The purpose of this package is to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate, with change, the information collection request. CORFs

provide coordinated outpatient diagnostic, therapeutic, and restorative services to rehabilitate individuals who are injured, disabled or ill. Physical, occupational and speech-language therapy may be provided at a single, off-site location. CORFs must provide the following core services:

- Physician consultation and supervision of staff, oversight of treatment plans, and facility administration;
- Physical therapy and social or psychological services.

The information collections (ICs) described herein enable the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure CORFs comply with the initial and ongoing Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoPs) specified at Title 42 Code for Regulations (CFR) Section 485, Subpart B. These CoPs help assure a minimal level of patient health and safety in participating facilities and help ensure that Medicare requirements are being met. The only CoP with ICs is 42 CFR 485.66 and the burden estimates are designated as: IC-1a: § 485.66(a)—for Newly Certified CORFs to Develop Utilization Review Plan and IC-1b: § 485.66—for Currently Certified CORFs to Conduct Annual Utilization Reviews.

The previous iteration of this package included an estimated annual burden of 1,504 hours and an annual cost of \$103,776. For this reinstatement, the total annual hourly burden is revised to 1,260 hours, with an annual burden cost of \$108,190. The 16% decrease in burden hours (from 1,504 to 1,260) is primarily due to the decrease in number of certified CORFs from 188 in the prior iteration to 155 in this reinstatement and the addition of IC-1a for newly certified CORFs to develop a utilization review plan which was unintentionally omitted in prior request but is not a new requirement. *Form Number:* CMS-10282 (OMB control number: 0938-1091); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 158; *Total Annual Responses:* 158; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,260. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Claudia Molinar at 410-786-8445.)

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