

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondent	Form number	Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Microbiologist	57.216	Optional Person-Level Reporting of Weekly Respiratory Pathogens Vaccination for Long-Term Care Residents—LTCF Component (manual).	1,071	52	61	56,620
Information Technology.	57.216	Optional Person-Level Reporting of Weekly Respiratory Pathogens Vaccination for Long-Term Care Residents—LTCF Component (.csv).	119	52	63	6,497
Microbiologist	57.217	Optional Person-Level Reporting of Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel—HPS and LTCF Components (manual).	1,159	12	61	14,140
Information Technology.	57.217	Optional Person-Level Reporting of Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel—HPS and LTCF Components (.csv).	129	12	63	1,625
Microbiologist	57.218	Weekly Respiratory Pathogen and Vaccination Summary for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities (manual).	11,725	52	36	365,820
Information Technology.	57.218	Weekly Respiratory Pathogen and Vaccination Summary for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities (csv).	1,632	52	36	50,918
Microbiologist	57.219	Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary (manual)—LTC and HPS.	13,328	12	45	119,952
Information Technology.	57.219	Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary (.csv).	7,501	12	45	67,509
Microbiologist	57.509	Weekly Patient COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Dialysis Facilities—Manual.	107	12	45	963
Microbiologist	57.509	Weekly Patient COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Dialysis Facilities—CSV.	2,802	12	40	22,416
Microbiologist	57.510	COVID-19 Module Dialysis Outpatient Facility—manual.	500	12	20	2,000
Microbiologist	57.510	COVID-19 Module Dialysis Outpatient Facility—.csv.	500	12	10	1,000
Total				1,697,390

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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) received approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the National Center for Health

Statistics (NCHS) Rapid Surveys System (RSS), which includes fielding several surveys per year. The June 30, 2023 clearance approved the Round 1 survey. Seven subsequent rounds of the RSS were additionally approved. In accordance with the Terms of Clearance, NCHS will publish a 30-day **Federal Register** Notice announcing each new survey so that public comments can be received about the specific content of each survey. This notice includes specific details about the questions that would be asked in the ninth round of the RSS and serves to allow 30 days for public and affected agency comments, consistent with OMB's terms of clearance.

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 Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Rapid Surveys System (RSS) Round 9 (OMB Control No. 0920-1408) 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 NCHS, collect data about the health of the population of the United States. The RSS (OMB control No. 0920-1408) collects data on emerging public health topics, attitudes, and behaviors using cross-sectional samples from two commercially available, national probability-based online panels. The RSS then combines these data to form estimates that approximate national representation in ways that many data collection approaches cannot. The RSS collects data in contexts in which decision makers’ need for time-sensitive data of known quality about emerging and priority health concerns is a higher priority than their need for statistically unbiased estimates.

The RSS complements NCHS’s current household survey systems. As quicker turnaround surveys that require less accuracy and precision than CDC’s more rigorous population representative surveys, the RSS incorporates multiple

mechanisms to carefully evaluate the resulting survey data for their appropriateness for use in public health surveillance and research (e.g., hypothesis generating) and facilitate continuous quality improvement by supplementing these panels with intensive efforts to understand how well the estimates reflect populations at most risk. The RSS data dissemination strategy communicates the strengths and limitations of data collected through online probability panels as compared to more robust data collection methods.

The RSS has three major goals: (1) to provide CDC and other partners with time-sensitive data of known quality about emerging and priority health concerns; (2) to use these data collections to continue NCHS’s evaluation of the quality of public health estimates generated from commercial online panels; and (3) to improve methods to communicate the appropriateness of public health estimates generated from commercial online panels. The RSS is designed to have several rounds of data collection each year with data being collected by two contractors with probability panels. A cross-sectional nationally representative sample will be drawn from the online probability panel maintained by each of the contractors. As part of the base (minimum sample size), each round of data collection will collect 2,000 responses per quarter. The RSS can be expanded by increasing the number of completed responses per round or the number of rounds per year as needed up to a maximum of 28,000 responses per year per contractor or 56,000 total responses per year. Additionally, each data collection may include up to 2,000 additional responses per quarter (8,000 for the year) to improve representativeness. This increases the maximum burden by up to 16,000 responses per year. The RSS may also target individual surveys to collect data only from specific subgroups within existing survey panels and may supplement data collection for such groups with additional respondents from other probability or nonprobability samples. An additional 12,000 responses per year may be used for these developmental activities.

Each round’s questionnaire will consist of four main components: (1) basic demographic information on respondents to be used as covariates in analyses; (2) new, emerging, or supplemental content proposed by NCHS, other CDC Centers, Institute, and Offices, and other HHS agencies; (3) questions used for calibrating the survey weights; and (4) additional content selected by NCHS to evaluate against relevant benchmarks. NCHS will use questions from Components 1 and 2 to provide relevant, timely data on new, emerging, and priority health topics to be used for decision making. NCHS will use questions from Components 3 and 4 to weight and evaluate the quality of the estimates coming from questions in Components 1 and 2. NCHS submits a 30-day **Federal Register** Notice with information on the contents of each round of data collection.

NCHS calibrates survey weights from the RSS to gold standard surveys. Questions used for calibration in this round of RSS will include social and work limitation, health information technology use, telephone use, language used at home, and civic engagement. All of these questions have been on the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) in prior years allowing calibration to these data.

Finally, all RSS rounds will include several questions that were previously on NHIS or other suitable federal surveys for benchmarking to evaluate data quality. Panelists in the RSS will be asked about health status, chronic conditions, disability, whole person health, social support and loneliness, social connectivity and isolation, social parenting support, symptoms of depression and anxiety (PHQ-2 and GAD-2), immunization, body mass index, nicotine use, social determinants of health, and health care access and utilization. The estimated total annual burden hours for the three-year approval period remains at 28,079 burden hours. The NCHS RSS Round 9 (2026) data collection is based on 8,000 complete surveys and 20 cognitive interviews for a total of 2,687 hours. There are no costs 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)
Adults 18+	Survey: NCHS	8,000	1	20/60
	RSS Round 9			
Adults 18+	Cognitive Interviews	20	1	1

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; 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
a second opportunity for public
comment on the notice. Interested
persons are invited to send comments
regarding the burden estimate 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 on the collection(s) of
information must be received by the
OMB desk officer by June 11, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written 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.

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](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

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. 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 (44 U.S.C.
3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies
to publish a 30-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 that summarizes
the following proposed collection(s) of
information for public comment.

Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection*
Request: Extension of a currently
approved collection; *Title of*
Information Collection: Medical Loss
Ratio (MLR) for Medicare Advantage
(MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans
(PDP); *Use:* Sections 1857(e)(4) and
1860D-12 of the Social Security Act
(which incorporates section 1857(e)(4)
by reference), and implementing
regulations at 42 CFR part 422, subpart
X, and part 423, subpart X, set forth a
requirement that Medicare Advantage
(MA) organizations and Part D
Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) sponsors
report the medical loss ratio (MLR) for
each MA or Part D contract to CMS for
each contract year, and that such MLRs
must meet a statutory standard of 85
percent. MA organizations and Part D
sponsors are subject to sanctions for
failure to meet the 85 percent minimum
MLR requirement, including remittance
of funds to CMS, a prohibition on
enrolling new members, and, ultimately,
contract termination. CMS uses the
submitted information to determine
whether an MA or Part D contract has
satisfied the minimum MLR
requirement with respect to a contract

year, and whether the contract must
remit funds to CMS and/or face
additional sanctions. *Form Number:*
CMS-10476 (OMB control number:
0938-1232); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected*
Public: Business or other for profits and
Not for profits institutions; *Number of*
Respondents: 660; *Total Annual*
Responses: 660; *Total Annual*
Hours: 40,356. (For policy questions
regarding this collection contact Deven
Gosalia at 410-786-8264.)

2. *Type of Information Collection*
Request: Extension of a currently
approved collection; *Title of*
Information Collection: Medicare
Advantage Appeals and Grievance Data
Form; *Use:* Part 422 of Title 42 of the
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
distinguishes between certain
information a Medicare Advantage (MA)
organization must provide to each
enrollee (on an annual basis) and
information that the MA organization
must disclose to any MA eligible
individual (upon request). This
requirement can be found in
§ 1852(c)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act
and in 42 CFR 422.111(c)(3) which
states that MA organizations must
disclose information pertaining to the
number of disputes, and their
disposition in the aggregate, with the
categories of grievances and appeals, to
any individual eligible to elect an MA
organization who requests this
information. Medicare demonstrations
also are required to conform to MA
appeals regulations and thus are
included in the count of organizations.
Such demonstrations, as well as MA
organizations, are collectively referred
to as "MA plans" in this Supporting
Statement. Data collection/disclosure
categories are based on the MA plan's
grievance and appeals processes as
prescribed under 42 CFR part 422,
subpart M. *Form Number:* CMS-R-282
(OMB control number: 0938-0778);
Frequency: Semi-annually; *Affected*
Public: Private Sector. Business or other
for profits and Not for profits
institutions; *Number of Respondents:*
932; *Total Annual Responses:* 67,432;
Total Annual Hours: 6,252. (For policy
questions regarding this collection
contact Sabrina Edmonston at 410-786-
3209.)

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