

(d) Waco, Texas, which means the Waco MSA; and
 (e) Wichita, Kansas, which means the Wichita MSA.

IV. Market Structure and Competitive Concerns

The Complaint alleges that the Proposed Transaction would substantially lessen competition in each of the five relevant markets. In each market, the Proposed Transaction would substantially increase concentration, and it would eliminate actual, direct, and substantial head-to-head competition between Respondents, increasing the likelihood that the merged firm would unilaterally charge higher prices and reduce quality and innovation.

V. Entry Conditions

The Complaint alleges that entry or expansion by competitors would not be timely, likely, or sufficient in magnitude to prevent or to deter the anticompetitive effects of the Proposed Transaction.

VI. Proposed Order

The Consent Agreement requires the divestiture of AmSurg's majority interests in seven ambulatory surgery centers in the five relevant geographic markets. These divestitures are intended to preserve the current level of competition that would otherwise be lost through the Proposed Transaction.

Six of the centers will be divested to SC Affiliates, an affiliate of UnitedHealth Group that operates and supports ambulatory surgery centers nationwide. The remaining center in Panama City will be divested to a physician group that currently owns a minority stake and that will assume full ownership. Accordingly, both proposed divestiture buyers operate ambulatory service centers today and can operate the divested centers independently following the Proposed Transaction.

The Consent Agreement includes standard provisions designed to ensure that the divestitures are completed promptly and effectively. Respondents must provide transition assistance for up to one year, protect confidential information, maintain the viability of the divested assets until transfer, and refrain from interfering with the employment relationships at the facilities. The Consent Agreement also requires appointment of a monitor to oversee compliance with all divestiture and transition obligations. If the Commission determines that either buyer is not suitable or that respondents fail to complete the divestitures, the Consent Agreement provides for the

appointment of a trustee to complete the divestiture process.

The Consent Agreement contains standard reporting and access requirements. The term of the proposed Order is ten years.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the Consent Agreement and proposed Order to aid the Commission in determining whether it should make the proposed Order final. This analysis is not an official interpretation of the proposed Order and does not modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

April J. Tabor,
 Secretary.

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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 “Developmental/Methodological Projects to Improve the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and Related Programs.” 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 March 9, 2026 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received three comments 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

Developmental/Methodological Projects to Improve the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and Related Programs, (OMB No. 0920–1208)—Reinstatement—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. 242k) authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), collect statistics on subjects in the United States, such as the extent and nature of illness and disability; environmental, social, and other health hazards; determinants of health; health resources; and utilization of healthcare. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) has been conducted periodically between 1970 and 1994, and continuously since 1999 by NCHS.

The mission of NHANES programs is to produce descriptive statistics which measure the health and nutritional status of the general population. The continuous operation of NHANES programs presents unique challenges in testing new survey content and

activities, such as outreach or participant screening, etc.

This Generic Clearance request covers developmental projects to help evaluate and enhance NHANES existing and proposed data collection activities to increase research capacity and improve data quality. The information collected through this generic information collection request will not be used to make generalizable statements about the population of interest or to inform public policy; however, methodological findings from these projects may be reported.

The purpose and use of projects under this NHANES generic clearance would include developmental projects necessary for activities such as testing new procedures, equipment, technology and approaches that are going to be folded into NHANES or other NCHS programs; designing and testing examination components or survey questions; creating new studies including biomonitoring and clinical measures; creating new cohorts, including a pregnancy and/or a birth—24 month cohort; testing of the cognitive and interpretive aspects of survey methodology; feasibility testing of proposed new components or modifications to existing components;

testing of human-computer interfaces/ usability; assessing the acceptability of proposed NHANES components among likely participants; testing alternative approaches to existing NHANES procedures, including activities related to improving nonresponse; testing the use of, or variations/adjustments in, incentives; testing content of web-based surveys; testing the feasibility of obtaining bodily fluid specimens (blood, urine, semen, saliva, breastmilk) and tissue samples (swabs); testing digital imaging technology and related procedures (e.g., retinal scan, liver ultrasound, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA)), prescription and over-the-counter dietary supplement bottles; testing the feasibility of, and procedure/processes for, accessing participant’s medical records from healthcare settings (e.g., hospitals and physician offices); testing the feasibility and protocols for home examination measurements; testing survey materials and procedures to improve response rates, including changes to advance materials and protocols, changes to the incentive structure, introduction of new and timely outreach and awareness procedures including the use of social media; conducting crossover studies;

creating and testing digital survey materials; and conducting customer satisfaction assessments.

The types of participants covered by the NHANES Generic Clearance may include current or past NHANES participants; family or household members of NHANES participants; individuals eligible to be participants in NHANES, but who did not screen into the actual survey; convenience samples; volunteers; subject matter experts or consultants such as survey methodologists, academic researchers, clinicians or other health care providers; NHANES data or website users; members of the general public or individuals abroad who would be part of a collaborative development project or projects between NCHS and related public health agencies in the U.S. and/or abroad.

The type of participant involved in each developmental project would be determined by the nature of the project. The details of each project will be included in the specific Generic clearance submission. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. A three-year clearance is requested. The estimated annualized burden hours for this Generic Clearance is 59,465.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Individuals or households	Developmental Projects & Focus Group documents.	35,000	1	1.5
Volunteers	Developmental Projects & Focus Group documents.	300	1	1.5
Individuals or households, Volunteers, NHANES Participants.	24-hour developmental projects	200	1	25
NHANES Participants	Developmental Projects	1,000	1	1.5
Subject Matter Experts	Focus Group/Developmental Project Documents.	15	1	1

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 National Death Index (NDI). The NDI allows NCHS to collect mortality data to support epidemiological research and to furnish mortality information to approved public health and medical investigators.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before August 10, 2026.