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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed collection; 60-day comment request: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery (NICHD)

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery ” for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). This collection was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to OMB for approval and solicits comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Dr. Jennifer Guimond, Project Clearance Liaison, Office of Science Policy, Reporting, and Program Analysis, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development , National Institutes of Health, 31

Center Drive, Room 2A18, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892 or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-1877 or E-mail your request, including your address to: Jennifer.guimond@nih.gov.

Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 requires: written comments and/or suggestions from the public

and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: (1)

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical

utility; (2) 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)

Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4)

Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to

respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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on Agency Service Delivery (NICHD), 0925-0643, Expiration Date 10/31/2014,

EXTENSION, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human

Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: There are no changes being requested for this

submission. The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner

qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in

accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By

qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions

and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide information about the NICHD's customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the NICHD and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the NICHD's services will be unavailable.

The NICHD will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;

- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the

study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 4,950.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Collection	No. of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Per Response (in hours)	Total Annual Burden Hours
Conference/Training – Pre and Post Surveys	100	1	15/60	25
Usability Testing	100	1	30/60	50
Focus Groups	750	1	1	750
Customer Satisfaction Survey	13,500	1	15/60	3,375
In-depth Interviews or Small Discussion Group	750	1	1	750
Total	15,200	15,200		4,950

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