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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**[60Day-20-1204; Docket No. CDC-2020-0053]**

**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 efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on the "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Asthma Call-back Survey (ACBS)" (OMB Control No. 0920-1204, expiration date 11/30/2020). The ACBS is an in-depth asthma survey conducted on a subset of BRFSS

respondents with an asthma diagnosis. The goal of this survey is to strengthen the existing body of asthma data and to address critical questions surrounding the health and experiences of persons with asthma.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DATE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2020-0053 by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulation.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to Regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; E-mail: omb@cdc.gov.

**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. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. 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;

2. Evaluate 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. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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 submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Asthma Call-back Survey (ACBS) - Revision - National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) is requesting a three-year Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance to revise and continue to collect information under the "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Asthma Call-back Survey (ACBS)" (OMB Control No. 0920-1204, expiration date 11/30/2020). The ACBS is funded by the NCEH National Asthma Control Program (NACP) in the Asthma and Community Health Branch (ACHB). The NACP provides its 40 participating states with technical and methodological assistance.

The ACBS is a follow-up survey on asthma and is administered on behalf of NCEH by the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) BRFSS Program. The BRFSS (OMB Control No. 0920-1061, expiration date 3/31/2021) is a nationwide system of customized, cross-sectional telephone health surveys. The BRFSS information collection is conducted in a continuous, three-part telephone interview process: screening, participation in a common BRFSS core survey, and participation in optional question modules that states use to customize survey content. BRFSS coordinators in the health departments in U.S. states, territories, and the District of Columbia (collectively referred to as "states" and "jurisdictions") are responsible for both the BRFSS and the ACBS administration. The ACBS is conducted within two days after the BRFSS survey.

The purpose of ACBS is to gather state-level asthma data and to make them available to track the burden of the disease, to monitor adherence to asthma guidelines, and to direct and evaluate interventions undertaken by asthma control programs located in state health departments. Beyond asthma prevalence estimates, for most states, the ACBS provides the only sources of adult and child asthma data on the state and local level.

Data collection for ACBS involves screening, obtaining permission, consenting, and telephone interviewing on a subset of the BRFSS respondents from participating states. The ACBS eligible respondents are BRFSS adults, 18 years and older, who report ever being diagnosed with asthma. In addition, some states include children, below 18 years of age, who are randomly selected subjects in the BRFSS household. Parents or guardians serve as ACBS proxy respondents for their children ever diagnosed with asthma. If both the BRFSS adult respondent and the selected child in the household have asthma, then only one or the other is eligible for the ACBS.

State BRFSS Coordinators submit de-identified data files to CDC on a monthly or quarterly basis for cleaning and weighting. The CDC BRFSS ACBS operation team returns clean, weighted data files to the state of origin for its use. The ACBS adds considerable state-level depth to the existing body of asthma data. It addresses critical questions surrounding the health and

experiences of persons with asthma. Health data include symptoms, environmental factors, and medication use among persons with asthma. Data on their experiences include activity limitation, health system use, and self-management education. These asthma data are needed to direct and evaluate interventions undertaken by asthma control programs located in state health departments. Federal agencies and other entities also rely on this critical information for planning and evaluating efforts and to reduce the burden from this disease. The CDC makes annual ACBS datasets available for public use and provides guidance on statistically appropriate uses of the data.

The time burden estimates are based on the 2016 ACBS data collection, which is the most recent data released. The burden table reflects the landline and cell phone data collection methods used in 2016 and later years. Additionally, the time burden accounts for reporting burden incurred by the states for the monthly or quarterly adult and child ACBS data submissions to CDC. The total estimated annualized time burden for all respondents is 6,615 hours. Participation in the ACBS is voluntary and there are no costs to respondents other than their time.

#### Estimated Annualized Burden to Respondents

Type of Respondents	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hrs.)	Total Burden Hours
BRFSS Adults	ACBS Landline Screener - Adult	17,800	1	1/60	297
	ACBS Cell Phone Screener - Adult	16,733	1	1/60	279
BRFSS Parents or Guardians of Children	ACBS Landline Screener - Child	2,576	1	1/60	43
	ACBS Cell Phone Screener - Child	3,824	1	1/60	64
ACBS Adults	ACBS Adult Consent and Questionnaire	23,166	1	10/60	3,861
ACBS Parents or Guardians of Children	ACBS Child Consent and Questionnaire	3,787	1	10/60	631
State BRFSS Coordinators	ACBS Adult Data Submission Layout	40	12	155/60	1,240
	ACBS Child Data Submission Layout	40	12	25/60	200
Total					6,615

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