



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). NHSN is the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system that provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2026-0761 by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number.

CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal

(www.regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 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;
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; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (OMB Control No. 0920–0666, Exp. 3/31/2029)
— Revision — National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infection Diseases (NCEZID),
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collects data from healthcare facilities in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) under OMB Control Number 0920–0666. CDC’s NHSN is the nation’s most widely used healthcare-associated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections. In addition, NHSN allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and important healthcare process measures such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.

NHSN provides medical facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data collection and reporting capabilities needed to:

- identify infection prevention problems by facility, state, or specific quality improvement project
- benchmark progress of infection prevention efforts
- comply with state and federal public reporting mandates, and ultimately,
- drive national progress toward elimination of HAIs.

NHSN serves over 25,000 medical facilities including acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient dialysis centers, ambulatory surgery centers, and nursing homes. Additionally, healthcare facilities in five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands) are voluntarily reporting to NHSN.

While ensuring data security, integrity, and confidentiality, NHSN gives healthcare facilities the ability to see their data in real-time and share that information with clinicians and facility leadership, as well as with other facilities (e.g., a multihospital system) and partners such as health departments or quality improvement organizations. CDC provides the standard national measures for HAIs as well as analytic tools that enable each facility to assess its progress and identify where additional efforts are needed. In addition, NHSN is the conduit for facilities to comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) infection reporting requirements.

The ICR previously approved in March 2026 for 5,896,801 responses, 4,509,135 burden hours and \$263,651,599 in annual cost. The proposed changes in this new ICR include revisions to 72 existing data collection forms. These revisions include the addition, modification, or removal of certain questions and the adjustment of burden to more accurately reflect the time needed to respond to the NHSN modules. In this Revision, CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 3,519,732 annual burden hours.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondents	Form Number & Name	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Avg. Burden per Response (Hours)	Total Burden (Hours)
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.100 NHSN Registration Form	2,000	1	5	167
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.101 Facility Contact Information	2,000	1	10	333

Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.102 NHSN Help Desk Customer Satisfaction Survey	26,400	1	2	880
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.103 Patient Safety Component-Annual Hospital Survey	5,400	1	145	13050
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.104 NHSN Facility Administrator Change Request Form	800	1	5	67
Epidemiologists	57.105 Group Contact Information	1,000	1	5	83
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.106 Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan	7,821	12	15	23463
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.108 Primary Bloodstream Infection (BSI)	6,000	12	45	54000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.111 Pneumonia (PNEU)	150	2	33	165
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.112 Ventilator-Associated Event (VAE)	5463	8	31	22580
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.113 Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE)	334	1	33	184
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.114 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	6000	12	25	30000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.115 Custom Event	600	91	38	34580
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.116 Denominators for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	1,100	12	240	52800
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.117 Denominators for Specialty Care Area (SCA)/Oncology (ONC)	500	12	300	30000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.118 Denominators for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Other locations (not NICU or SCA)	5500	60	300	1650000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.120 Surgical Site Infection (SSI)	3,800	12	13	9880
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.121 Denominator for Procedure	3,800	12	13	9880
Epidemiologists	57.122 HAI Progress Report State Health Department Survey	55	1	50	46
Pharmacist	57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Initial Set-up	1200	1	4800	96000
Pharmacist	57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-	4300	2	120	17200

	Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Yearly Maintenance				
Pharmacist	57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Monthly	5,500	12	5	5500
Pharmacist	57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Initial Set-up	800	1	2400	32000
Pharmacist	57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Yearly Maintenance	4,700	1	120	9400
Pharmacist	57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables-Monthly	5,500	12	5	5500
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.126 MDRO or CDI Infection Form	720	12	33	4752
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.127 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcome Measures Monthly Monitoring	5,500	29	15	39875
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.128 Laboratory-identified MDRO or CDI Event	4800	12	23	22080
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.129 Adult Sepsis	50	12	28	280
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.130 Infectious Diseases of Public Health Concern	1825	365	35	388573
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.130 Infectious Diseases of Public Health Concern	1825	365	5	55510
Information Technology	57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT-CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS, HYPO, LOSMEN)-IT Initial Set up	4980	1	1500	124500
Information Technology	57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT-CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS,	20	1	1200	400

	HYPO, LOSMEN)-IT Yearly Maintenance				
Information Technology	57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (RPS ONLY Daily FHIR Submission) - IT Initial Set Up	495	1	1000	8250
Information Technology	57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (RPS ONLY Daily FHIR Submission) - Yearly Maintenance	5	1	800	67
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.132 Patient Safety Component Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HOB, HT- CDI, Adult Sepsis, RPS, HYPO, LOSMEN, Claims Data)-Infection Preventionist	5500	1	8	733
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.132 Patient Safety Digital Reporting Plan (RPS CSV)	25	365	2	304
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.133 Patient Safety Attestation	3500	1	10	583
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.137 Long-Term Care Facility Component – Annual Facility Survey	6,270	1	135	14108
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.138 Laboratory- identified MDRO or CDI Event for LTCF	286	24	22	2517
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.139 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTCF	738	12	10	1476
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.140 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) for LTCF	373	24	37	5520
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.141 Monthly Reporting Plan for LTCF	546	12	5	546
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.142 Denominators for LTFC Locations	724	12	35	5068
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.143 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTFC	434	12	5	434
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.145 Long Term Care Antimicrobial Use (LTC- AU) Module- Digital Upload Specification Tables	16,500	12	5	16500
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.150 LTAC Annual Survey	395	1	99	652

Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.151 Rehab Annual Survey	395	1	83	546
Occupational Health RN/Specialist	57.211 Weekly Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Cumulative Summary for Non-Long-Term Care Facilities-Manual	117	12	25	585
Occupational Health RN/Specialist	57.214 Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary-Manual	22,440	1	120	44880
Occupational Health RN/Specialist	57.214 Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary-.CSV	1,920	1	55	1760
Occupational Health RN/Specialist	57.215 Seasonal Survey on Influenza Vaccination Programs for Healthcare Personnel	15,426	1	45	11570
Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologist	57.300 Hemovigilance Module Annual Survey	57	1	30	29
Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologist	57.301 Adverse Reaction Investigaton Form	47	5	20	78
Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologist	57.302 Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI) Rapid Alert Form	3	1	7	1
Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologist	57.303 Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI) Investigation Form	3	1	60	3
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.400 Outpatient Procedure Component — Annual Ambulatory Surgery Center Survey	350	1	10	58
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.401 Outpatient Procedure Component - Monthly Reporting Plan	350	12	10	700
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.402 Outpatient Procedure Component Same Day Outcome Measures	50	1	42	35
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.403 Outpatient Procedure Component - Denominators for Same Day Outcome Measures	50	400	20	6667
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.404 Outpatient Procedure Component - SSI Denominator	300	100	22	11000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.405 Outpatient Procedure Component - Surgical Site (SSI) Event	300	36	39	7020

Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.408 Monthly Survey Patient Days & Nurse Staffing	2500	12	300	150000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.500 Outpatient Dialysis Center Practices Survey	6900	1	153	17595
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.501 Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan	7400	12	5	7400
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.502 Dialysis Event	7400	30	50	185000
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.503 Denominator for Outpatient Dialysis	7400	12	10	14800
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.504 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for Dialysis	1730	12	60	20760
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.507 Home Dialysis Center Practices Survey	550	1	65	596
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.600 Neonatal Component Late Onset Sepsis Meningitis (LOSMEN) Module FHIR/CDA Digital Measure Reporting Plan -Infection Preventionist	5500	12	2	2200
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.601 Late Onset Sepsis/ Meningitis Denominator Form: Late Onset Sepsis/ Meningitis Denominator Form: Data Table for monthly electronic upload	300	6	5	150
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.602 Late Onset Sepsis/ Meningitis Event Form: Data Table for Monthly Electronic Upload	300	6	5	150
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.700 Medication Safety-Digital Measure Reporting Plan (HYPO)-Infection Preventionist	5500	1	5	458
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.701 Medication Safety Component-Annual Hospital Survey	10	1	150	25
Registered Nurse	57.800 Claims Data Upload	5500	12	5	5500
Information Technology	57.800 Claims Data - Initial IT Set-Up	5500	1	45	4125
Infection Preventionist/Microbiologist	57.800 Patient Safety Component Claims Data Reporting Plan-IT Initial Set Up	5500	1	30	2750
Epidemiologist	57.801 External Validation Summary Report	20	2	15	10

Information Technology	57.802 Bed Capacity-IT Initial Set Up	25	1	20	8
Information Technology	57.803 Daily Facility Operating Status	3826	730	5	232748
Information Technology	57.900 NHSN FHIR digital Quality Measures (dQMs) Facility Technical Assessment for NHSNLink UI	50	1	25	21
Information Technology	57.901 NHSNCoLab Pilot Site Demographics	21	1	25	9
Information Technology	57.902 NHSNCoLab Pilot Site Technical Assessment	21	1	25	9
Total					3,519,732

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