

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–20–0881; Docket No. CDC–2019–0086]

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 proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled “Data Calls for the Laboratory Response Network.” This is data collected from its members concerning their capacity to respond to public health emergencies.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before December 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2019–0086 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](https://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–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](https://www.regulations.gov).

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([regulations.gov](https://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, of the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: 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

Data Calls for the Laboratory Response Network (OMB Control No. 0920–0881, Exp. 3/31/2020)—Extension—National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Laboratory Response Network (LRN) was established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 39 (Attachment 1), which outlined national anti-terrorism policies and assigned specific missions to Federal Departments and agencies. The Administration has stated that it is the policy of the United States to use all appropriate means, to deter, defeat, and respond to all terrorist attacks on our territory and resources, both with people and facilities. The LRN’s mission is to maintain an integrated national and international network of laboratories that can respond quickly to suspected acts of biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health threats and emergencies.

Federal, state and local public health laboratories join the LRN voluntarily. When laboratories join, they assume specific responsibilities and are required to provide facility information to the LRN Program Office at CDC as well as test results for real samples or proficiency tests. LRN laboratories participate in Proficiency Testing Challenges, Exercises and Validation Studies each year. LRN information collection is covered by OMB Control No. 0920–0852.

CDC may conduct a Special Data Call to obtain additional information from LRN laboratories regarding biological terrorism or emerging infectious disease preparedness. Although the LRN Program Office at CDC has an extensive database of information regarding all network members, LRN Special Data Calls are sometimes needed to address issues concerning the response capabilities of member facilities for priority threat agents or to assess the network’s ability to respond to new emerging threats. Special Data Calls may be conducted via broadcast email that asks respondents to send information via email to the LRN Help Desk or through online survey tools (i.e., Survey Monkey) which require respondents to go to a web link and answer a series of questions (Attachment 3). This request for extension is a generic clearance that is necessary for any impromptu data calls that are needed.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Public Health Laboratorians	Special Data Call	136	1	30/60	68
Total	68

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier CMS-10344]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Correction

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Correction of notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the information provided for [Document Identifier: CMS-10344] titled “Elimination of Cost-Sharing for Full Benefit Dual Eligible Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Services.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham, III, (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the September 25, 2019, issue of the **Federal Register** (84 FR 50453), we published a Paperwork Reduction Act notice requesting a 60-day public comment period for the information collection request identified under CMS-10344, OMB control number 0938-1127, and titled “Elimination of Cost-Sharing for Full Benefit Dual Eligible Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Services.”

II. Explanation of Error

In the September 25, 2019, notice, the information provided in the first column, at the end of the second paragraph, on page 50455, was published with incorrect information in the “*For policy questions*” section. This notice corrects the language found in the “*For policy questions*” section in the first column, at the end of the second paragraph, on page 50455 of the

September 25th notice. All of the other information contained in the September 25, 2019, notice is correct. The related public comment period remains in effect and ends November 25, 2019.

III. Correction of Error

In FR Doc. 2019-20858 of September 25, 2019 (84 FR 50453), page 50455, the language in the first column, at the end of the second paragraph begins with “[For policy questions and ends with “at 410-786-0668],” is corrected to read as follows:

[For policy questions regarding this collection contact Roland O. Herrera at 410-786-0668.)]

Dated: October 11, 2019.

William N. Parham, III,

Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers CMS-10227, CMS-10243, CMS-10316 and CMS-10716]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid 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 (the 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 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates 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 must be received by December 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number __, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS’ website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: