

providers who meet the criteria for participating in the survey. Responding service providers will return their completed forms by the United States Postal Service, an Internet web-based response form, or by facsimile. The form will be designed to include check box responses and open-ended questions. The form will not require additional

data to be collected or analyzed by the responding provider. The form will take no longer than 20 minutes to complete. The form will include questions regarding facilitators and barriers to CARE Act and MAI funding, training and technical assistance needs, ways in which the number of minority service providers engaged in HIV care might be

increased, new and expanded activities funded by MAI, extent to which MAI funds have met the needs of racial/ethnic communities, the impact of MAI funds on the administration activities, and methods used to track MAI funds.

The estimated response burden for service providers is as follows:

| Estimated number of provider respondents | Estimated responses per provider | Estimated minutes per response | Estimated total minutes burden | Estimated total hour burden |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1,500                                    | 1                                | 20                             | 30,000                         | 500                         |

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-45, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 day of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institute of Health

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#### Proposed collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of the NIDCD Partnership Program

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

(NIDCD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

#### Proposed Collection

*Title:* Evaluation of the NIDCD Partnership Program.

*Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Extension.

*Need and Use of Information*

*Collection:* The NIDCD was established to support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in hearing, smell, balance, taste, voice, speech and language. Although minorities and women will dominate the work force within the next decade, both groups are under represented in the science and health professional field. Because of this concern, the NIDCD, with assistance from the Office of Research on Minority Health, established the Partnership Program in 1994 to increase the number of minority scientists and health care professionals doing research on communication and communication disorders. The proposed survey will yield data about: (1) Reasons

for participation in the program; (2) satisfaction of participants with the program and (3) how participation in the program has lead to the pursuit of a career in the health field. This survey will track the Partnership Program's success at increasing the number of women and minorities who are scientists.

*Frequency of Response:* One.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Type of Respondent:* Partnership Program Participants and Applicants. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 51;

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1;

*Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 30; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 18.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$288. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

**(Note:** The following table is acceptable for the Respondent and Burden Estimate Information, if appropriate, instead of the text as shown above.)

| Type of respondents             | Estimated number of respondents | Estimated number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden hours requested |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| New program participants .....  | 7                               | 1  | .30                               | 3.5   |
| Past program participants ..... | 14                              | 1  | .30                               | 7   |
| Program applicants .....        | 30                              | 1  | .25                               | 7.5   |
| Total .....                     | 51                              | .....  | .....                             | 18  |

*Request for Comments:* Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the

estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the variety of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the data collection and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated

collection techniques and information technology.

*Direct Comments to OMB:* Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of