

consist mainly of non-academic, community-based primary care practices with well-established relationships with their subject population. PBRNs therefore offer a potentially valuable resource for identifying, enrolling, and following women and children for the NCS.

Recognizing this, AHRQ requested that the Resource Center participate in the design of a pilot study of PBRNs' ability to participate in the NCS. The proposed NCS pilot study will test the ability of PBRNs to collect, process, and manage data similar to that which is expected to be collected and processed in the NCS. This pilot study will allow the Resource Center to determine the factors that enable or hinder the collection of such data at primary care practices, as well as make an overall determination of the feasibility of PBRN practices' participation in the NCS.

The pilot study will involve use of in-person interviews, developmental assessments of children, self-administered parent/guardian questionnaires, and physical exams including the collection of urine. The pilot study will evaluate the feasibility of having PBRNs participate in the NCS using several indicators:

The ability of practices to use self-administered questionnaires to collect and manage the medical and dietary history data of pregnant women and of children ages 1 and 5;

The ability of practices to effectively collect and manage data from a physical examination of study subjects (including health status and urine collection);

The ability of practices to facilitate a developmental assessment of children conducted at age one and age five;

The amount of burden data collection places on practices;

The characteristics of successful and unsuccessful practices in the study;

The ease of data collection across different patient populations and data collection modes and;

To make the necessary determinations, assessments and surveys will be conducted with PBRN practice patients as well as with a small number of patients who ordinarily receive care elsewhere, and PBRN staff will also be surveyed.

Methods of Collection

The data will be collected from 36 practices per respondent category, meaning 36 practices will collect data

on pregnant women, 36 practices will collect data on children aged 1 and 5. It is expected that some practices will collect data on more than one respondent group. Each practice will recruit 14 patients per respondent group using convenience sampling procedures. A total of 504 pregnant women and 504 children and their parents (half will be 1 year old and half will be 5 years old) will be involved in the data collection. Because a small proportion (20%) of patients will be asked to visit another practice participating in the pilot study in order to test the ability of practices to collect and manage data on non-member patients, the NCS will require some providers to collect data on some patients they do not normally care for.

The method of data collection for the patient assessment includes self-administered questionnaires, physical examination, and collection of a urine sample. The practice will contact potential participants through a mailing and a phone call. Non-respondents will not be contacted again.

Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Data collection	Number of respondents	Estimated time per respondent in hours	Estimated total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate	Labor rates
Pregnant woman: Data collected at their current practice ..	403	2.5	1007.5	17.18*	\$17,308.85
Pregnant woman: Data collected at a practice other than usual source of care	101	3	303	17.18*	5,205.54
Parent of a 1 year old or 5 year old: Data collected at their current practice	403	4	1,612	17.18*	27,694.16
Parent of a 1 year old or 5 year old: Data collected at a practice other than usual source of care	101	4.5	454.5	17.18*	7,808.31
1 year old or 5 year old: Data collected at their usual practice	403	4	1,612	0	0.00
1 year old or 5 year old: Data collected at their usual practice	101	4.5	454.5	0	0.00
Total	1512	3.6	5443.50	\$58,016.86

*Based on the average hourly wage across private and public sector jobs in the United States, National Compensation Survey, July 2002. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Estimated Costs to the Federal Government

The total cost to the government for activities directly related to this data collection is estimated to be \$780,411.

Request for Comments

In accordance with the above cited legislation, comments on the AHRQ information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of AHRQ, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of

the AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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