

identify potential refinements to improve coaching strategies (installation phase); (3) iteratively test the refinements (refinement phase); and (4) assess the potential of coaching strategies to improve service delivery and promote family engagement and family satisfaction with home visiting programs (summary phase). Data collection activities include focus groups, online questionnaires, and review of documents and administrative data.

**Need and Proposed Use of the Information:** The COVID-19 public health emergency led the MIECHV Program to rapidly adjust practices, within the bounds of evidence-based home visiting model guidance, to reduce service delivery disruptions while protecting the health and safety of home visiting participants and the home visiting workforce. Largely prompted by the shift to virtual home visits, one of these practice changes was to use coaching to promote positive caregiving skills and family-child interactions. Home visitors suggested that using

coaching strategies enhanced the way that home visitors worked with families, particularly in virtual settings when home visitors were unable to use modeling strategies (e.g., in-person demonstrations by home visitors). Some findings indicate that home visitors who used coaching perceived that it led to improved family engagement and caregiver confidence in interacting with their child. However, other findings suggest that some families may not prefer coaching over modeling and that coaching may create a burden on home visitors. As home visitors transition back to primarily in-person home visits, there is a need for more information about strategies to support the implementation of coaching to effectively promote positive caregiver-child interactions in virtual and in-person settings, while reducing home visitor burden and increasing family acceptance of this strategy. HRSA intends to use the information collected to provide evidence-informed resources and strategies that MIECHV awardees can use to inform their use of coaching

strategies to strengthen home visiting services.

**Likely Respondents:** Respondents include families who receive home visiting services and MIECHV-funded home visiting program staff, which may include program directors, managers, supervisors, and home visitors.

**Burden Statement:** Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

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Program Eligibility Protocol .....	16	1	16	1.00	16.0
Program Staff Focus Group Protocol 1 (Co-definition Phase)	24	1	24	1.50	36.0
Program Staff Focus Group Protocol 2 (Co-definition Phase)	24	1	24	1.50	36.0
Program Staff Focus Group Protocol (Installation & Refinement Phases) .....	24	3	72	1.00	72.0
Program Staff Focus Group Protocol (Summary Phase) .....	24	1	24	1.00	24.0
Family Focus Group Protocol (Co-definition & Summary Phases) .....	48	1	48	1.00	48.0
Home Visitor Questionnaire (Installation & Refinement Phases) .....	40	9	360	0.17	61.2
Family Post-Visit Questionnaire (Refinement Phase) .....	48	6	288	0.08	23.0
Focus Group Participant Characteristics Form (All Phases) ...	120	1	120	0.08	9.6
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>368</b>	.....	<b>976</b>	.....	<b>325.8</b>

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Maria G. Button,**

Director, Executive Secretariat.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Assessing the Use of Informal Contacts To Promote Caregivers' Engagement and Satisfaction With Home Visiting**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than February 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance

Officer, Room 14N39, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Joella Roland, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443-3983.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Assessing the Use of Informal Contacts to Promote Caregivers’ Engagement and Satisfaction with Home Visiting OMB No. 0915-xxxx—[New].

*Abstract:* The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, authorized by Social Security Act, title V, section 511 (42 U.S.C. 711) and administered by HRSA in partnership with the Administration for Children and Families, supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services during pregnancy and for parents with young children up to kindergarten entry. States, tribal entities, and certain nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive funding from the MIECHV Program and have the flexibility to tailor the program to serve the specific needs of their communities. Funding recipients may subaward grant funds to local implementing agencies to provide home visiting services to eligible families in at-risk communities.

This information collection is part of the Assessing and Describing Practice Transitions Among Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Study. This study aims to identify and study practices implemented in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency that support evidence-based

practice and have the potential to enhance home visiting programming. One of the practices the study identified is the use of informal contacts. Informal contacts are any contacts between a home visitor and family that occur between formal home visits (e.g., text messages, emails). The purpose of this information collection is to better understand, through rapid cycle learning, how MIECHV-funded home visiting programs can use informal contacts to improve service delivery and promote caregiver’s engagement and satisfaction.

Information will be collected in four phases designed to (1) identify informal contact strategies (co-definition phase); (2) pilot test and identify refinements to improve the implementation of strategies (installation phase); (3) iteratively test the strategies with refinements to their implementation (refinement phase); and (4) assess the potential of informal contact strategies to improve service delivery and promote family engagement and family satisfaction with home visiting programs (summary phase). Data collection activities include focus groups, online questionnaires, and review of documents and administrative data.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* The onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency prompted home visitors to use telephone, text, and social media direct messaging to informally contact families on a more frequent basis—in some instances, daily. This practice has continued for some programs even after the end of the public health emergency and the transition back to in-person service delivery. Current evidence suggests considerable variation in strategies used by home visiting programs with regards to context, type, frequency, and purpose of informal contacts. While increasing

contacts helped home visitors to build rapport and further address family needs, other findings suggest that informal contacts can place pressure on families to engage with home visitors beyond what they have the capacity for and increase the workloads of home visitors. Given these initial findings and the increased use of informal contacts since the public health emergency, there is a need for more information about how home visitors contact families outside of home visits, variations in strategies, how families perceive the strategies, and how to address challenges around informal contacts. HRSA intends to use collected information to provide evidence-informed resources and strategies that MIECHV awardees can use to effectively engage and communicate with families between scheduled home visits.

*Likely Respondents:* Respondents include families who receive home visiting services and MIECHV-funded visiting program staff, which may include program directors, managers, supervisors, and home visitors.

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## TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

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HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Maria G. Button,**

*Director, Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Biophysics and Biochemistry Fellowship Review, December 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to December 13, 2023, 05:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 28, 2023, 88 FR 83143, Doc 2023-26127.

This meeting is being amended to change the meeting panel name from "Biophysics and Biochemistry Fellowship Review" to "Topics in Biophysics and Biochemistry". The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: November 30, 2023.

**David W. Freeman,**

*Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Institutional Network Applications for Promoting Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Research Training (U2C-TL1).

*Date:* March 26-27, 2024.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, NIDDK, Democracy II, Suite 7000A, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Jason D. Hoffert, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7343, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-9010, [hoffertj@nidk.nih.gov](mailto:hoffertj@nidk.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 29, 2023.

**Miguelina Perez,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Neurological Disorders and Multiple Sclerosis.

*Date:* December 18, 2023.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Aleksey Gregory Kazantsev, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5201, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1042, [aleksey.kazantsev@nih.gov](mailto:aleksey.kazantsev@nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 30, 2023.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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