

Entities to CureTB (OMB Control No. 0920–1186, Exp. 02/29/2024)—Revision—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

The CureTB program works to prevent the spread of tuberculosis (TB) among people who cross international borders. To reduce disease transmission and the emergence of drug-resistant TB, CureTB connects people with TB to healthcare services as they move between the United States and other countries. The program is a collaboration between CDC’s Division of Global Migration Health (DGMH) and the County of San Diego’s Tuberculosis Control Program. CureTB collaborates with health authorities throughout the United States and around the world to link people with TB to care at their destinations. Health departments, healthcare providers, and others seeking help in linking patients to ongoing TB care in other countries can refer patients to CureTB.

Information will be collected from the referring entities, which are State and local health departments and Federal

immigration and detention agencies. Whenever the referring entities provide clinical services to an individual with TB who has imminent plans to relocate, and an individual needs continuity of care in their new location, CDC CureTB is contacted to assist with coordinating that care. TB patients may also be a respondent if critical clinical or contact data is missing and requires follow-up by CureTB to complete a patient’s referral information set. The request for CDC CureTB services comes from the referring entities and they supply the information at the time the patient is likely to leave their jurisdiction. The referring entities update information only if relevant information to the patient’s care becomes available to them after their first communication with CDC CureTB. Therefore, information is already largely collected by CDC CureTB only at one point in time, with subsequent information only collected if departure is delayed or when initially pending information becomes available and this is beyond the control of CDC.

Post relocation of the TB patient, data is also collected from the receiving physicians to determine patient outcomes. CDC CureTB contacts the

physician an average of every two months during the standard six-month TB treatment process. The data provides valuable information on globally mobile populations and allows CDC to assist in continuity of TB care and monitor the effectiveness of the program.

The continuous expansion and use of the CureTB Program requires certain processes be evaluated. The Supplemental CureTB Program Partner Satisfaction Assessment Questionnaire will guide CureTB in making appropriate program improvements to best serve referring partners. The Questionnaires will not be used to collect demographic or clinical information, rather, they will ask the referring partners about their experience separately from the other forms already used for demographic and clinical information for each patient.

As part of this revision request, CureTB is updating the number of respondents and total burden hours. There are no changes to the data collection instruments. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 1,139 annual burden hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
U.S. Health Departments .....	CureTB Transnational Notification .....	100	3	30/60
TB patients referred by U.S. health departments.	CureTB Transnational Notification .....	200	1	5/60
TB patients referred by ICE .....	CureTB Transnational Notification .....	600	1	45/60
TB treating physicians in new country .....	CureTB Telephone Script Clinician/foreign health authority Referral Follow-up.	900	3	10/60
U.S. Health Departments .....	CureTB Contact/Source Investigation (CI/SI) Notification.	20	5	30/60
U.S. Health Department (Local & State) .....	CureTB Partner Feedback (Satisfaction Assessment)—Questionnaire 1.	100	1	10/60
U.S. Health Department .....	CureTB Partner Feedback (Satisfaction Assessment)—Questionnaire 2.	50	1	6/60

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “Pulmonary Function Testing Course Approval Program” to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on October 30, 2023 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) 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 submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

**Proposed Project**

Pulmonary Function Testing Course Approval Program. (OMB Control No. 0920-0138, Exp. 3/31/2024)—Extension—National Institute for

Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

NIOSH has the responsibility under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Cotton Dust Standard, 29 CFR 1920.1043, for approving courses to train technicians to perform pulmonary function testing in the cotton industry. Successful completion of a NIOSH-approved course is mandatory under this Standard. In addition, regulations at 42 CFR 37.95(a) specify that persons administering spirometry tests for the national Coal Workers’ Health Surveillance Program must successfully complete a NIOSH-approved spirometry training course and maintain a valid certificate by periodically completing NIOSH-approved spirometry refresher training courses. Also, 29 CFR 1910.1053(i)(2)(iv), 29 CFR 1910.1053(i)(3), 29 CFR 1926.1153(h)(2)(iv) and 29 CFR 1926.1153(h)(3) specify that pulmonary function tests for initial and periodic examinations in general industry and construction performed under the respirable crystalline silica standard should be administered by a spirometry technician with a current certificate from a NIOSH-approved spirometry course. To carry out its responsibility, NIOSH maintains a Pulmonary Function Testing Course Approval Program. The program consists of an application submitted by potential sponsors (universities, hospitals, and private consulting firms) who seek NIOSH approval to conduct courses, and if approved, notification to NIOSH of any course or faculty changes during the approval period, which is limited to five years. NIOSH is requesting a three-year approval.

The application form and added materials, including an agenda, curriculum vitae, and course materials are reviewed by NIOSH to determine if

the applicant has developed a program which adheres to the criteria required in the Standard. Following approval, any subsequent changes to the course are submitted by course sponsors via letter or email and reviewed by NIOSH staff to assure that the changes in faculty or course content continue to meet course requirements. Course sponsors also voluntarily submit an annual report to inform NIOSH of their class activity level and any faculty changes.

Sponsors who elect to have their approval renewed for an additional five year period submit a renewal application and supporting documentation for review by NIOSH staff to ensure the course curriculum meets all current standard requirements. Approved courses that elect to offer NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Courses must submit a separate application and supporting documents for review by NIOSH staff. Institutions and organizations throughout the country voluntarily submit applications and materials to become course sponsors and carry out training. Submissions are required for NIOSH to evaluate a course and determine whether it meets the criteria in the Standard and whether technicians will be adequately trained as mandated under the Standard.

NIOSH will disseminate a one-time customer satisfaction survey to course directors and sponsor representatives to evaluate our service to courses, the effectiveness of the program changes implemented since 2005, and the usefulness of potential Program enhancements. The annualized figures slightly overestimate the actual burden, due to rounding of the number of respondents for even allocation over the three-year clearance period. Application form contains no changes. The estimated annual burden to respondents is 178 hours. There will be no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Potential Sponsors .....	Initial Application .....	3	1	10
	Annual Report .....	34	1	30/60
	Report for Course Changes .....	24	1	30/60
	Renewal Application .....	13	1	6
	Refresher Course Application .....	3	1	8
	One-Time Customer Satisfaction Survey .....	34	1	30/60

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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CMS-855A]

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services, Health and Human  
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 (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 April 16, 2024.

**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, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

**CMS-10884** Prior Authorization Demonstration for Certain Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services  
**CMS-855A** Medicare Enrollment Application for Institutional Providers  
Under the 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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

##### Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* Prior Authorization Demonstration for Certain Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services; *Use:* Section 402(a)(1)(f) of the

Social Security Amendments of 1967 (42 U.S.C. 1395b-1(a)(1)(f)) authorizes the Secretary to "develop or demonstrate improved methods for the investigation and prosecution of fraud in the provision of care or services under the health programs established by the Social Security Act (the Act)." Pursuant to this authority, CMS seeks to develop and implement a Medicare demonstration project, which CMS believes will assist in developing improved procedures for the identification, investigation, and prosecution of Medicare fraud occurring in ambulatory surgical centers providing services to Medicare beneficiaries.

The information required for the prior authorization request includes all documentation necessary to show that the service meets applicable Medicare coverage, coding, and payment rules. Prior to rendering the services, ASC providers should submit this information to the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs). Trained clinical reviewers at the MACs will review the information required for this collection to determine if the requested services are medically necessary and meet Medicare requirements. If an ASC provider does not submit a prior authorization request before rendering the service and submitting a claim to Medicare for payment, the MAC will request the required information from the ASC provider to determine if the service meets applicable Medicare coverage, coding, and payment rules before the claim is paid. *Form Number:* CMS-10884 (OMB Control Number: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; *Number of Respondents:* 4,038; *Number of Responses:* 95,579; *Total Annual Hours:* 59,904. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kelly Wojciechowski at [kelly.wojciechowski@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:kelly.wojciechowski@cms.hhs.gov) or Justin Carlisle at [Justin.Carlisle@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Justin.Carlisle@cms.hhs.gov)).

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Enrollment Application for Institutional Providers; *Use:* Various sections of the Social Security Act (Act), the United States Code (U.S.C.), Internal Revenue Service Code (Code) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) require providers and suppliers to furnish information concerning the amounts due and the identification of individuals or entities that furnish medical services to beneficiaries before payment can be made.