

**Proposed Project**

Nursing Homes' Access to Influenza Vaccine and Use of Rapid Influenza Tests and Antivirals—New—National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID)—Uncontrolled nursing home influenza outbreaks can result in illness in ≥ 60 percent and death in ≥ 10 percent of residents. Vaccine is the primary means to prevent influenza and its complications. However, outbreaks can occur despite high vaccination levels. The use of rapid diagnostic tests and the timely administration of antiviral

medications can lessen the impact of influenza outbreaks. In 1998, a study was conducted among nursing homes in 9 states to determine the use of vaccine, rapid influenza tests, and antivirals, amantadine and rimantadine. Since that time, new rapid diagnostic tests and neuraminidase inhibitor antiviral medications have been approved. In addition, a substantial delay in the distribution of influenza vaccine and a possible vaccine shortage are anticipated for the 2000–01 influenza season.

The purpose of this study is to assess nursing homes' access to vaccine in 2000–01, the use of rapid influenza diagnostic tests, and the influenza inhibitor antivirals. A survey will be mailed to a sample of randomly selected nursing homes in the same 9 states surveyed in 1998. The results will be used to evaluate resident and staff vaccination levels and the use of rapid influenza tests and antiviral medications. We will also assess the relationship between access to vaccine and the occurrence of outbreaks. There is no cost to the respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden/ respondents (in hrs)	Total burden
Nursing Home staff .....	1017	1	10/60	170

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**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title: LIHEAP Household Report*

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*Description:* The report is an annual activity which is required by law of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grantees for receipt of federal LIHEAP block grant funds. States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto are required to report statistics for the previous federal fiscal year on the number and income levels of LIHEAP applicant and assisted households, and the number of LIHEAP assisted households with at least one member who is elderly, disabled or a young child. Insular areas receiving less than \$200,000 annually in LIHEAP funds and Indian Tribal Grantees are required to submit data

only on the number of households receiving heating, cooling, energy crisis, or weatherization benefits. The information is being collected for the Department's annual LIHEAP report to Congress. The data also provide information about the need for LIHEAP funds. Finally, the data are being used in the calculation of LIHEAP performance measures under the Government Performance Results Act of 1993.

Respondents: State Governments, Tribal Governments and Territories

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Recommended LF LIHEAP assist. household .....	52	1	25	1,300
Recommended SF LIHEAP assist. household .....	132	1	1	132
Recommended format for LIHEAP applicant households .....	52	1	13	676
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....	.....	.....	.....	2,108

**Additional Information**

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

**OMB Comment**

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for ACF.

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