would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments to: PHS Privacy Act Officer, Room 17–45, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: 301–443–2055 (This is not a toll-free number).

Comments received will be available for inspection at the above address from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Hurdis M. Griffith, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 2132 Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20201, 202–205–8660 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHS proposes to establish a new system of records: 09–37–0024, "Studies of Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention, HHS/OASH/ODPHP." This system of records will be used by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) to study the impact of preventive medicine interventions and public education efforts on health service delivery, patient behavior, and health outcome.

The system will contain records of patients of the clinicians participating in these studies, as well as normal volunteers, relatives of the patients, and the providers of services. Examples of the information collected are: Patient or provider name, study identification number, address, relevant telephone numbers, Social Security Number (voluntary), date of birth, weight, height, sex, race; medical, psychological and dental information, laboratory and diagnostic testing results; registries; social, economic and demographic data; health services utilization; immunization status; insurance and hospital cost data, employers; characteristics and activities of health care providers.

The records in this system will be maintained in a secure manner commensurate with their content and use. The System Manager will control access to the data. Access to identifiers and to link files is strictly limited to the authorized personnel whose duties require such access. Procedures for determining authorized access to identified data are established as appropriate for each location. Personnel, including contractor personnel, who may be so authorized include those directly involved in data collection and in the design of research studies, e.g., interviewers and interviewer

supervisors; project managers; and statisticians involved in designing sampling plans. Other one-time and special access by other employees is granted on a need-to-know basis as specifically authorized by the System Manager. Researchers authorized to conduct research will typically access the system through the use of encrypted identifiers sufficient to link individuals with records in such a manner that does not compromise confidentiality of the individual. The collection and maintenance of data is consistent with legislation and regulations regarding the protection of human subjects, informed consent, and confidentiality.

The proposed routine uses are compatible with the stated purposes of the system. The first routine use permits the disclosure of information to researchers under carefully controlled conditions. The second routine use permits the disclosure of information to a member of Congress when a constituent has requested assistance. The third routine use permits HHS to disclose information to the Department of Justice in the event of litigation. The fourth routine use permits disclosure of information to a contractor for the purpose of analyzing or refining the data. The fifth routine use permits disclosure of information for the purpose of quality assessment, audit, or utilization review. The sixth routine use permits disclosure to Federal and State agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of locating individuals for follow-up studies. The seventh routine use permits the disclosure of information to student volunteers who need the records to carry out their official functions.

The following notice is written in the present, rather than the future tense, to avoid the unnecessary expenditures of public funds for republishing the notice after the system has become effective.

Dated: December 30, 1994.

Ellen Wormser,

Director, Office of Organization and Management Systems.

09-37-0024

SYSTEM NAME:

Studies of Preventive Medicine, Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention, HHS/OASH/ODPHP.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are located at the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and Contractor research facilities that collect or provide research data for this system. Primary record storage sites are listed in Appendix I. A current list of additional contractor sites is available by writing to the System Manager at the address below.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Patients (adults and children) of the clinicians participating in these studies; individuals who are representative of the general population or of special groups including, but not limited to: Normal controls, normal volunteers, family members and relatives; providers of services.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system contains records about individuals as relevant to these studies: Medical records (treatment, laboratory screening and diagnostic tests, and preventive services); (2) clinician surveys (use of screening, counseling and preventive services); and (3) patient surveys (height, weight, race/ethnicity, health behavior, health conditions). Examples of information include, but are not limited to: Patient or provider name, study identification number, address, relevant telephone numbers, Social Security Number (voluntary), date of birth, weight, height, sex, race; medical, psychological and dental information, laboratory and diagnostic testing results; registries; social, economic and demographic data; health services utilization; immunization status; insurance and hospital cost data, employers; characteristics and activities of health care providers.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Authorization to collect these data is provided under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241), General Powers and Duties of Public Health Service.

PURPOSE(S):

The purpose of this system of records is to enable the study of the impact of preventive medicine interventions and public education efforts of health service delivery, patient behavior, and health outcome. Information from the system of records will be shared within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with such Public Health Service (PHS) agencies as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) including the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA), the Indian Health Service (IHS), the National Institutes for Health (NIH), the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research