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Re: Household Pulse Survey Phase 3.9
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Household Pulse Survey Phase 3.9 revision. The Center for American Progress (CAP) is an independent, nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans. Our Early Childhood Policy team conducts research and analysis on a range of child and family policies that affect infant and child health and development, including child care access and affordability, workforce development, and quality of care. While the Household Pulse Survey was initiated during the most disruptive period of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has also provided much-needed, greater and more reliable insight into families' child care arrangements and costs. Our understanding of the child care landscape and recommendations to improve conditions are better informed by the administrative dataset produced by the Household Pulse Survey, and we encourage the Census Bureau to reconsider proposed changes that would eliminate questions regarding child care arrangements.

Our full comment is submitted as an attachment.