

6. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Note: This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$5 per cassette by calling (202) 452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 13%% for the quarter ended September 30, 1996. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: October 18, 1996.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Proposed Change in Data Source Used To Determine Tribal Child Counts; Request for Comments on Proposed Approach and Process

AGENCY: Administration on Children Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed change in data source used to determine tribal child counts; request for comments on proposed approach and process.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Proposed Self-Certification Process for Tribal Child Counts Used to Calculate Tribal Allotments Under the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The purpose of utilizing a self-certification process for tribal grantees is to assist the Agency in fulfilling its Congressional mandate to serve low-income children under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). To ensure accuracy in determining tribal allotments under the CCDBG, ACF is proposing a new strategy of self-reporting, instead of continuing its current practice of using data reported in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) "Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates Report."

DATES: The Department invites comments on this proposed data collection method, particularly on whether a self-certification process will result in accurate and timely information reflecting current child count data. Written comments must be submitted on or before November 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to: Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 320-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginny Gorman, Administration on Children and Families, Child Care Bureau, Room 320-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction and Purpose

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) provides funding to States, Territories and Federally-recognized Tribes to provide services to children from low-income families who need child care either because a parent is working or attending a training or educational program or because the family is receiving or needs to receive protective services.

The CCDBG statute requires the Secretary to obtain the most recent data

and information necessary, from each appropriate Federal agency, to determine state funding allotments. There is no similar statutory requirement for determining tribal allotments.

The Final Rule implementing the CCDBG program stated that the BIA Indian Service Population and Labor Force Estimates Report, published biennially, was determined to be the most suitable, available data source for CCDBG purposes. However, problems have developed in its use. Due to cutbacks in BIA personnel, this Report has not been published on schedule. The fiscal year (FY) 1996 CCDBG tribal allotments will be based on 1993 data since the scheduled 1995 Report has not yet been published.

In addition, the BIA Report is limited because it does not include Alaska-specific data. Consequently, ACF uses Census data to determine CCDBG allotments for Alaskan grantees. Thus, for purposes of CCDBG allocations, child count data are currently collected from two separate data sources which do not match in the timing of available data or types of information collected.

In order to continue to provide for the best available data source to determine the number of children eligible to receive CCDBG funds in each tribe or tribal consortia, ACF has again reviewed potential data sources.

After a thorough review of the available data options, ACF has determined that it would be in the best interest of the tribes, as well as ACF, to utilize a self-certification process since it would afford tribes the opportunity to select a data source, or utilize a method for counting tribal children, which most accurately reflects its child population.

Further, through a tribal self-certification process, the child count data will be available with minimal lag time and will more accurately reflect the natural fluctuations in child population. With current sources, it can take 2 to 3 years for changes in population (such as reaching a child population of 50) to be reflected in the data source.

This approach supports the President's April 29, 1994, mandate to Federal agencies which reaffirms the government-to-government relationship and directs agencies to design solutions and tailor Federal programs, in appropriate circumstances, to address specific or unique needs of tribal communities.

Proposed Process for Self-Certification

ACF intends to include a new section in the FY 1997 Program Instruction for tribal CCDBG applicants which describes the process for tribes to follow

in submitting their self-certified child counts. Each tribal grantee and each tribe participating in a consortium will be required to submit a declaration signed by the governing body of the tribe or an individual authorized to act for the applicant tribe or organization. The declaration must certify the number of Indian children, as defined in section 3.7(#10) of the CCDBG plan preprint, in the tribe's most recent count, under age 16, who reside on or near the reservation or other tribal service area.

The declaration must be submitted as part of the grantee's application. Each tribe, participating in a consortium, must submit such a declaration to the consortium, who in turn must submit all such declarations as an attachment to the consortium's application.

Tribes are not obligated to conduct a special count to obtain this number for FY 1997 funding. Tribes may submit their most recent child count of such children. A tribe may choose to conduct a special count; however, it must be completed by July 1 of the funding year, and the child count submitted with the CCDBG application on July 1.

It must be noted that CCDBG continues to serve children under age 13. However, for the FY 1997 allocation of funds, ACF intends to allow children under age 16 to be counted in order to give flexibility in the type of data sources tribes may utilize (e.g., the most recent BIA Report). This will allow tribes who do not choose to conduct a separate count to use existing data sources. If an application is submitted without a child count declaration, ACF will calculate the grantee's FY 1997 grant award using the same number of children used to determine the FY 1996 grant award. Beginning in FY 1998, Tribal child counts declarations will include children under age 13, in conformance with the CCDBG statute.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

James A. Harrell,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces forthcoming meetings of public advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This notice also

summarizes the procedures for the meetings and methods by which interested persons may participate in open public hearings before FDA's advisory committees.

FDA has established an Advisory Committee Information Hotline (the hotline) using a voice-mail telephone system. The hotline provides the public with access to the most current information on FDA advisory committee meetings. The advisory committee hotline, which will disseminate current information and information updates, can be accessed by dialing 1-800-741-8138 or 301-443-0572. Each advisory committee is assigned a 5-digit number. This 5-digit number will appear in each individual notice of meeting. The hotline will enable the public to obtain information about a particular advisory committee by using the committee's 5-digit number. Information in the hotline is preliminary and may change before a meeting is actually held. The hotline will be updated when such changes are made.

MEETINGS: The following advisory committee meetings are announced:

Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee

Date, time, and place. November 7 and 8, 1996, 8:30 a.m., Quality Suites, Main Ballroom, Three Research Ct., Rockville, MD.

Type of meeting and contact person. Closed presentation of data, November 7, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; closed committee deliberations, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; open committee discussion, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; open public hearing, November 8, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tracy K. Riley or Danyiel A. D'Antonio, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-5455, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee, code 12534. Please call the hotline for information concerning any possible changes.

General function of the committee. The committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drug products for use in the treatment of dermatologic and ophthalmic disorders.

Agenda—Open public hearing. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in

writing, on issues pending before the committee. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before November 1, 1996, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

Closed presentation of data. On November 7, 1996, the committee will hear trade secret and/or confidential commercial information relevant to pending investigational new drug applications (IND's) and/or new drug applications (NDA's). This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of this information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).

Closed committee deliberations. On November 7, 1996, the committee will review trade secret and/or confidential commercial information relevant to pending IND's and/or NDA's. This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of this information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).

Open committee discussion. On November 7, 1996, the committee will hear presentations and discuss the potential for neurotoxicity of thalidomide raised by the investigational use and possible eventual approval of thalidomide for dermatologic and other indications. On November 8, 1996, the committee will hear presentations and discuss the teratogenicity of thalidomide and issues of pregnancy prevention raised by the investigational use and possible eventual approval of thalidomide for dermatologic and other indications.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner) concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Allergenic Products Advisory Committee

Date, time, and place. November 15, 1996, 2 p.m., Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 29, conference room 121, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.