

however, the provider response to the project was far greater than the expectation of the IHS. As a result of the response, preferred provider lists needed to be developed as well as the need to develop complex analyses of reimbursement methodologies for facilities, outpatient and professional providers. Therefore, the pilot termination date was extended to March 31, 1993 (57 FR 10671 on March 27, 1992).

The IHS published notification on June 18, 1992 (57 FR 27262) that additional IHS Areas (Alaska, Nashville and Billings) were added to the pilot project to provide more information from a wide geographic area.

The IHS extended the termination dates for this project on March 1, 1993, 58 FR 11864, and again on October 1, 1996, 61 FR 51298, because additional time was required to complete an evaluation of the pilot and provide IHS the necessary time to assess the results. The last termination date was September 30, 1997.

The IHS review and analyses of the pilot project utilizing the rate quotation methodology has been completed. The overall result show that the rate quotation is a streamlined approach for communicating and establishing favorable rates with providers. Therefore, the IHS has adopted the rate quotation as an alternate approach to

contracting for health care services to increase the number of formal agreements IHS has with health care providers.

This policy will apply only to contract health services programs administered by the IHS, and will not apply to services rendered by traditional Indian medicine men and women under Pub. L. 95-341, Joint Resolution on American Indian Religious Freedom.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

#### Request for Public Comment: 60-day; Proposed Collection: Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, to provide a 60-day advance opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Indian Health Service (IHS) is publishing for comment a summary of a proposed information collection project to be submitted to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**PROPOSED COLLECTION:** Title: 09-17-0006, "Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program". Type of Information Collection Request: 3-year reinstatement, with change, of previously approved information collection, 09-17-0006, "Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program" which expires 12/31/97. Form Numbers(s): IHS-856, 856-2, through 856-8, IHS-815, IHS-816, IHS-818, D-02, F-02, F-04, G-02, G-04, H-07, H-08, J-06, J-07, K-03, K-04, and L-03. Need and Use of Information Collection: The IHS Scholarship Branch needs this information for program administration and uses the information to solicit, process and award IHS Pregraduate, Preparatory and/or Health Professions Scholarship grantees and monitor the academic performance of awardees, to place awardees at payback sites, and for awardees to request additional program. Affected Public: Individuals, not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government. Type of Respondents: Students pursuing health care professions.

Table 1 below provides: Type(s) of Data Collection Instruments, Estimated Number of Respondents, Number of Responses per Respondent, Average Burden Hour per Response, and Total Annual Burden Hour.

TABLE 1

Data collection instrument	Estimated number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden Hour per response *	Total annual burden hours
Scholarship Application .....	875	1	875	1.50	1,312
Checklist .....	875	1	875	0.13	114
Course Verification .....	875	1	875	0.70	613
Faculty/Employer Application .....	1,750	1	1,750	0.83	1,453
Justification .....	875	1	875	0.75	656
Federal Debt .....	875	1	875	0.13	114
MPH only .....	50	1	50	0.83	42
Accept/Decline .....	875	1	875	0.13	114
Stipend Checks .....	100	1	100	0.13	13
Enrollment .....	1,400	1	1,400	0.13	182
Academic Problem/Change .....	100	1	100	0.13	13
Request Assistance .....	217	1	217	0.13	28
Summer School .....	193	1	193	0.10	19
Contract .....	1,400	1	1,400	0.27	378
Placement .....	250	1	250	0.18	45
Graduation .....	250	1	250	0.17	43
Site Preference .....	150	1	150	0.13	20
Travel Reimb .....	150	1	150	0.10	15
Status Report .....	250	1	250	0.25	63
Preferred Assignment .....	200	1	200	0.75	150
Deferment .....	20	1	20	0.13	3
Total .....	11,730	.....	.....	.....	5,395

\* For ease of understanding, burden hours are also provided in actual minutes.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

**Request for Comments:** Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information); (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Send Comments and Requests For Further Information:** Send your written comments, requests for more information on the proposed project, or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions to: Mr. Lance Hodahkwon, Sr., M.P.H., IHS Reports Clearance Officer, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852-1601, or call non-toll free (301) 443-0461, fax (301) 443-1522, or send your E-mail requests, comments, and return address to: [lhodahkw@smtp.ihs.gov](mailto:lhodahkw@smtp.ihs.gov).

**Comment Due Date:** Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before December 8, 1997.

Dated: October 19, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), November 19-21, 1997, National Institutes of Health, Building 5, Room 127, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to

the public on November 19 from 6:30 p.m. to adjournment on November 21 for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the NIDDK, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

A summary of the meeting and roster of members will be provided, upon request by the Committee Management Office, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 6AS-37J, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 594-8892. For any further information, please contact Dr. Allen Spiegel, Scientific Review Administrator, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 9N-222, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 496-4128, at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.847-849, Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases; Digestive Diseases and Nutrition; and Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: October 2, 1997.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Meeting: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Review Committee

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Review Committee, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in November 6-7, 1997 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th and K Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

The meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 6 to discuss administrative details relating to committee business and program review, and for a report from the Director, Division of Extramural Activities, which will include a discussion of budgetary

matters. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications and contract proposals from 9:30 a.m. until recess on November 6, and from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment on November 7. These applications, proposals, and discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Ms. Claudia Goad, Committee Management Officer, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Solar Building, Room 3C26, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, 301-496-7601, will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members upon request. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contract Ms. Goad in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Paula Strickland, Scientific Review Administrator, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Review Committee, NIAID, NIH, Solar Building, Room 4C02, Rockville, Maryland 20892, telephone 301-402-0643, will provide substantive program information.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Immunology, Allergy and Immunologic Diseases Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental Research; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings: