

avoid any confusion and possible effects on the prompt sale and/or distribution of such vaccine, the Secretary has determined that the effective date for the enactment of the excise tax for trivalent influenza vaccines should be July 1, 2005. Thus, trivalent influenza vaccines are included as covered vaccines under Category XIV of the Table as of July 1, 2005. Petitioners may file petitions related to trivalent influenza vaccines as of July 1, 2005.

Petitions filed concerning vaccine-related injuries or deaths associated with trivalent influenza vaccines must be filed within the applicable statute of limitations. The filing limitations applicable to petitions filed with the VICP are set out in section 2116(a) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa-16(a)). In addition, section 2116(b) of the PHS Act lays out specific exceptions to these statutes of limitations that apply when the effect of a revision to the Table makes a previously ineligible person eligible to receive compensation or when an eligible person's likelihood of obtaining compensation significantly increases. Under this provision, persons who may be eligible to file petitions based on the addition of a new vaccine under Category XIV of the Table may file a petition for compensation not later than 2 years after the effective date of the revision if the injury or death occurred not more than 8 years before the effective date of the revision of the Table (42 U.S.C. 300aa-16(b)). Thus, persons whose petitions may not be timely under the limitations periods described in section 2116(a) of the PHS Act, may still file petitions concerning vaccine-related injuries or deaths associated with trivalent influenza vaccines until July 1, 2007, as long as the vaccine-related injury or death occurred on or after July 1, 1997 (8 years prior to the effective date of the addition that included trivalent influenza vaccines as covered vaccines).

The Secretary plans to amend the Table through the rulemaking process by including trivalent influenza vaccines as a separate category of vaccines in the Table. July 1, 2005, will remain the applicable effective date when the Secretary makes a corresponding amendment to add trivalent influenza vaccines as a separate category on the Table through rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4978-N-03]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Indian Housing Operating Cost Study

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 13, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4114, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aneita Waites, (202) 708-0713, extension 4114, for copies of proposed forms and/or other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Indian Housing Operating Cost Study, 1937 Act Housing Operating Costs Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2577-XXXX [to be assigned].

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula uses Allowable Expense Level (AEL) data in determining the operating subsidy portion of the IHBG grant for Tribes that continue to operate housing units developed under 1937 Act programs. During recent Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee sessions several Committee members indicated that AEL did not adequately recognize the real cost of operating housing in Indian Country and that the AEL values needed to be replaced with a more current, accurate measure of the costs to operate housing in tribal areas. HUD committed to working with the Tribes to address this concern. There is no database with information about current operating costs of 1937 Act housing programs in Indian Country. The information gathered in this form will be used to establish a current, accurate cost database, and will support continued discussions on the role of AEL in the IHBG formula.

Agency form number, if applicable: Not applicable.

Members of affected public: Tribal Governments.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents: 269 tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) manage the 1937 Act housing for Tribes. Estimated response time is 2 hours. Estimated total responses based on 75% return rate is 202. Estimated total reporting burden is 404 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: New collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: April 1, 2005.

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