

each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System (i.e., the update factor for inpatient psychiatric facilities). For FY 2009, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.2 percent. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2009 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2008 updated by 3.2 percent for FY 2009. Partial hospitalization rates for full-day and half-day programs will also be updated by 3.2 percent for FY 2009. The cap amount for high-volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.2 percent for FY 2009. The beneficiary cost share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by 3.2 percent for FY 2009.

Per Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 199.14, the same area wage indexes used for the CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system shall be applied to the wage portion of the applicable regional per diem for

each day of the admission. The wage portion shall be the same as that used for the CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system. For wage index values greater than 1.0, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 69.7 percent for FY 2009. For wage index values less than or equal to 1.0, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 62 percent. Additionally, Title 32, CFR Part 199.14, requires that hospital specific and regional per diems shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare prospective payment system.

The following reflect an update of 3.2 percent for FY 2009.

**REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009**

United States Census Region	Regional rate
Northeast:	
New England .....	\$730
Mid-Atlantic .....	703
Midwest:	

**REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009—Continued**

United States Census Region	Regional rate
East North Central .....	607
West North Central .....	573
South:	
South Atlantic .....	723
East South Central .....	774
West South Central .....	659
West:	
Mountain .....	658
Pacific .....	778
Puerto Rico .....	496

*Beneficiary cost share:* Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of Active Duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$193 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2008.

*Cap Amount:* Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$917 per day for FY 2009.

The following reflect an update of 3.2 percent for FY 2009.

**PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS**

[Fiscal year 2009]

United States Census Region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (Maine, N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.) .....	\$293	\$221
Mid-Atlantic:		
(N.Y., N.J., Penn.) .....	318	239
Midwest:		
East North Central (Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.) .....	280	209
West North Central:		
(Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Neb., Kan.) .....	280	209
South:		
South Atlantic (Del., Md., D.C., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.) .....	301	226
East South Central:		
(Ky., Tenn., Al., Miss.) .....	325	245
West South Central:		
(Ark., La., Texas, Okla.) .....	325	245
West:		
Mountain (Mon., Idaho, Wyo., Col., N.M., Ariz., Utah, Nev.) .....	328	248
Pacific (Wash., Ore., Calif., Alaska, Hawaii) .....	322	241
Puerto Rico .....	209	158

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2008.

Dated: November 4, 2008.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID: USAF-2008-0033]

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to delete a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force is deleting a system of records in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on December 12, 2008, unless comments

are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Officer, Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, SAF/XCISI, 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20330-1800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth Brodie at (703) 696-7557.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The Department of Air Force proposes to delete a system of records notice from its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The proposed deletion is not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of new or altered systems reports.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

**Morgan E. Frazier,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

**F024 AF DP A**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Application for Early Return of Dependents (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

**REASON:**

The records collected in this system notice have been incorporated into System of Record Notice (SORN) F036 AF PC C, Family Services Volunteer and Request for Early Return Records (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793). Because these records are accurately referenced in another system notice, system notice F024 AF DP A is duplicative and should be deleted.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID: USAF-2008-0031]

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to alter a system of records notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force proposes to alter a system of

records notice to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** The actions will be effective on December 12, 2008 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Officer, Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, SAF/XCX, 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20330-1800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kenneth Brodie at (703) 696-7557.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Air Force's record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 522a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on October 24, 2008, to the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals, dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: November 3, 2008.

**Morgan E. Frazier,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

**F031 11 SPS A**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Presidential Support Files (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

**CHANGES:**

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Delete entry and replace with "Presidential Advance Agent Scheduling System Records."

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Delete entry and replace with "Headquarters, United States Air Force Presidential Flight Support, 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Room 4C887, Washington DC 20330-1670."

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "Active duty Air Force personnel, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard military personnel."

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "Individual's name, date of birth, work/home/cell phone numbers, work/home addresses, Social Security Number (SSN), passport number and dates, security clearance status, training requirement status, and Spouse's name."

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; 10 U.S.C. 8032, the Air Staff; general duties; and EO 9397 (SSN)."

**PURPOSE(S):**

Delete entry and replace with "The system contains records used to schedule and execute worldwide travel for Air Force Presidential Advance Agents."

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**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Delete entry and replace with "Department of the Air Force, 1777 N Kent St (RPN), Suite 3200, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2110."

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**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Delete entry and replace with "Information is received from the individual and personnel records."

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**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Active duty Air Force personnel, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard military personnel.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Individual's name, date of birth, work/home/cell phone numbers, work/home addresses, Social Security Number (SSN), passport number/dates, security clearance status, training requirement status, and Spouse's name.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; 10 U.S.C. 8032, the Air Staff; general duties; and EO 9397 (SSN).

**PURPOSE(S):**

The system contains records used to schedule and execute worldwide travel