

ACTION: Notice of a proposed bulletin.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that GSA is posting online a proposed FTR bulletin that contains the data dictionary that large Federal agencies must use in collecting data regarding employee relocation and in reporting such data to GSA. Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX may be viewed on GSA's Web site at <http://www.gsa.gov/relopolicy>. By this Notice, GSA is seeking comment on the proposed bulletin. After a review of the comments received, a final bulletin will be posted on the GSA Web site and will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX" under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search." Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX." Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, ATTN: Hada Flowers, Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Proposed GSA Bulletin FTR 10-XXX in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including

any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Mr. Henry Maury, Office of Governmentwide Policy (M), Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management (MT), General Services Administration at (202) 208-7928 or via e-mail at henry.maury@gsa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Request; 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden. To obtain copies of

the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above e-mail address within 60 days.

Proposed Project: National Blood Collection and Utilization Survey—Extension—OMB No. 0990-0313—The Office of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

Abstract: The NBCUS is a biennial survey of the blood collection and utilization community to produce reliable and accurate estimates of national and regional collections, utilization and safety of all blood products.

The objective of the NBCUS is to produce reliable and accurate estimates of national and regional collections, utilization, and safety of all blood products—red blood cells, fresh frozen plasma, and platelets, as well as related cellular therapy products. This survey will significantly improve the federal government's capacity to understand the dynamics of blood supply, safety and availability, and to provide a quantitative basis for assessing strategic and regulatory agendas. An important purpose of the 2011 survey is to help the federal government continue to monitor trends in blood availability since a variety of factors have come to play that have reduced the number of people eligible to give blood and, as stated in the evolving National Strategic Plan for Blood, this information is critical to ensure an adequate supply of safe blood in the United States.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Hospitals, blood collection centers, cord blood banks	3,000	1	1	3,000

Terry Nicolosi,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Implementation of Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5) for Adjustments to the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rates for Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid and Title IV-E Foster Care, Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the adjusted Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rates for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) as required under Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Section 5001 of the ARRA provides for temporary increases in the FMAP rates to provide fiscal relief to States and to protect and maintain State Medicaid and certain other assistance programs in a period of economic downturn. The increased FMAP rates apply during a recession adjustment period that is defined in ARRA as the period beginning October 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These percentages are effective for the quarter beginning January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010.

A. Background

The FMAP is used to determine the amount of Federal matching for specified State expenditures for assistance payments under programs under the Social Security Act ("the Act"). Sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B) of the Act require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish the FMAP rates each year. The Secretary calculates the percentages using formulas in sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B), and statistics from the Department of Commerce of average income per person in each State and for the Nation as a whole. The percentages must be within the upper and lower limits given in section 1905(b) of the Act. The percentages to be applied to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are specified separately in the Act, and thus are not based on the

statutory formula that determines the percentages for the 50 States.

Section 1905(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating the FMAP as follows:

The FMAP for any State shall be 100 per centum less the State percentage; and the State percentage shall be that percentage which bears the same ratio to 45 per centum as the square of the per capita income of such State bears to the square of the per capita income of the continental United States (including Alaska) and Hawaii; except that (1) the FMAP shall in no case be less than 50 per centum or more than 83 per centum, and (2) the FMAP for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa shall be 50 per centum.

Section 4725 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended section 1905(b) to provide that the FMAP for the District of Columbia for purposes of titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (CHIP) shall be 70 percent. The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) (Pub. L. 110-275) amended the FMAP applied to the District of Columbia for maintenance payments under title IV-E programs to make it consistent with the 70 percent Medicaid match rate.

Section 5001 of Division B of the ARRA provides for a temporary increase in FMAP rates for Medicaid and title IV-E Foster Care, Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance programs. The purpose of the increases to the FMAP rates is to provide fiscal relief to States and to protect and maintain State Medicaid and certain other assistance programs in a period of economic downturn, referred to as the "recession adjustment period." The recession adjustment period is defined as the period beginning October 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010.

B. Calculation of the Increased FMAP Rates Under ARRA

Section 5001 of the ARRA specifies that the FMAP rates shall be temporarily increased for the following: (1) Maintenance of FMAP rates for FY09, FY10, and first quarter of FY11, so that the FMAP rate will not decrease from the prior year, determined by using as the FMAP rate for the current year the greater of any prior fiscal year FMAP rates between 2008-2010 or the rate calculated for the current fiscal year; (2) in addition to any maintenance increase, the application of an increase in each State's FMAP of 6.2 percentage points; and (3) an additional percentage point increase based on the State's increase in unemployment during the recession adjustment period. The resulting increased FMAP cannot exceed 100 percent. Each State's FMAP

will be recalculated each fiscal quarter beginning October 2008. Availability of certain components of the increased FMAP is conditioned on States meeting statutory programmatic requirements, such as the maintenance of effort requirement, which are not part of the calculation process.

Expenditures for which the increased FMAP is not available under title XIX include expenditures for disproportionate share hospital payments, certain eligibility expansions, services received through an IHS or Tribal facility (which are already paid at a rate of 100 percent and therefore not subject to increase), and expenditures that are paid at an enhanced FMAP rate. The increased FMAP is available for expenditures under part E of title IV (including Foster Care, Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance programs) only to the extent of a maintenance increase (hold harmless), if any, and the 6.2 percentage point increase. The increased FMAP does not apply to other parts of title IV, including part D (Child Support Enforcement Program).

For title XIX purposes only, for each qualifying State with an unemployment rate that has increased at a rate above the statutory threshold percentage, ARRA provides additional relief above the general 6.2 percentage point increase in FMAP through application of a separate increase calculation. For those States, the FMAP for each qualifying State is increased by the number of percentage points equal to the product of the State matching percentage (as calculated under section 1905(b) and adjusted if necessary for the maintenance of FMAP without reduction from the prior year, and after applying half of the 6.2 percentage point general increase in the Federal percentage) and the applicable percent determined from the State unemployment increase percentage for the quarter.

The unemployment increase percentage for a calendar quarter is equal to the number of percentage points (if any) by which the average monthly unemployment rate for the State in the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period for which data are available exceeds the lowest average monthly unemployment rate for the State for any 3-consecutive-month period beginning on or after January 1, 2006. A State qualifies for additional relief based on an increase in unemployment if that State's unemployment increase percentage is at least 1.5 percentage points.

The applicable percent is: (1) 5.5 percent if the State unemployment