

and end at 5:30 p.m. on September 26 and 4:15 p.m. on September 27. Registration for observers will close September 12, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Sheraton Chapel Hill, 1 Europa Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Meeting information is available at <http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conferences/dert/mixtures/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Danielle Carlin, Program Administrator, Division of Extramural Research and Training, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD K3-04, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (telephone) 919-541-1409, (e-mail) [danielle.carlin@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.carlin@nih.gov) or Dr. Cynthia Rider, Toxicologist, Division of the National Toxicology Program, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD K2-12, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (telephone) 919-541-7638, (e-mail) [cynthia.rider@nih.gov](mailto:cynthia.rider@nih.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The NIEHS is hosting a workshop to identify and address key issues in mixtures research. For this workshop, the term "mixtures" refers to combined exposures. The NIEHS will use the results from the workshop to inform the development of an intramural and extramural mixtures research strategy. This workshop will also provide input to the scientific community for advancing mixtures research.

##### Preliminary Agenda and Workshop Objectives

The preliminary agenda and other information are available on the workshop Web site (<http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conferences/dert/mixtures/>). The meeting is organized with plenary talks and breakout groups for in-depth discussion. The public is invited to attend the breakout groups as observers.

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Identify and prioritize the knowledge gaps and challenges in mixtures research specific to each of the following disciplines: toxicology, epidemiology, exposure science, risk assessment, and statistics
- Obtain advice on integrating multidisciplinary capabilities to address critical topics in mixtures research
- Provide recommendations for research on key topics
- Inform the development of a long-term NIEHS mixtures research agenda
- Foster collaborations between extramural and NIEHS scientists

##### Registration

This workshop is open to the public for attendance as observers. Registration is available on-line (<http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/conferences/dert/mixtures/>). The registration deadline is September 12, 2011; however, registration will close sooner if the 85 spaces for observers are filled. At that time, persons wishing to attend the workshop will be placed on a wait list.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in the workshop should contact Dr. Danielle Carlin at 919-541-1409 or [danielle.carlin@nih.gov](mailto:danielle.carlin@nih.gov). TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least 5 business days in advance of the event.

Dated: August 16, 2011.

##### Linda S. Birnbaum,

Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Medicare Program; Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces public meetings of the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports (Panel). Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Panel will discuss the short-term (10 year) projection methods and assumptions in projecting Medicare health spending for Parts C and D and may make recommendations to the Medicare Trustees on how the Trustees might more accurately estimate health spending in the short run. They will also discuss the long term (75 year) projection methods and assumptions in projecting the National Health Expenditures and Medicare expenditures. The Panel's discussion is expected to be very technical in nature and will focus on the actuarial and economic assumptions and methods by which Trustees might more accurately measure health spending. Although panelists are not limited in the topics they may discuss, the Panel is not expected to discuss or recommend

changes in current or future Medicare provider payment rates or coverage policy.

**Meeting Date:** September 9, 2011, 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at HHS headquarters at 200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201, Room 738G.

**Comments:** The meeting will allocate time on the agenda to hear public comments at the end of the meeting. In lieu of oral comments, formal written comments may be submitted for the record to Donald T. Oellerich, OASPE, 200 Independence Ave., SW., 20201, Room 405F. Those submitting written comments should identify themselves and any relevant organizational affiliations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald T Oellerich (202) 690-7409, [Don.oellerich@hhs.gov](mailto:Don.oellerich@hhs.gov). Note: Although the meeting is open to the public, procedures governing security procedures and the entrance to Federal buildings may change without notice. Those wishing to attend the meeting must call or e-mail Dr. Oellerich by Tuesday September 6, 2011, so that their name may be put on a list of expected attendees and forwarded to the security officers at HHS Headquarters.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Topics of the Meeting: The Panel is specifically charged with discussing and possibly making recommendations to the Medicare Trustees on how the Trustees might more accurately estimate health spending in the United States. The discussion is expected to focus on highly technical aspects of estimation involving economics and actuarial science. Panelists are not restricted, however, in the topics that they choose to discuss.

**Procedure and Agenda:** This meeting is open to the public. The Panel will likely hear presentations by panel members and HHS staff regarding short range and short range projection methods and assumptions. After any presentations, the Panel will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Panel will not hear public comments during this time. The Panel will also allow an open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 217a; Section 222 of the Public Health Services Act, as amended. The panel is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for

the formation and use of advisory committees.

**Sherry Glied,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects:**

*Title:* State High Performance Bonus System (HPBS) Transmission File Layouts for HPBS Work Measures  
*OMB No.:* 0970-0230

*Description:* There is no longer a High Performance Bonus associated with this information collection. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-171) eliminated the funding for the High Performance Bonus (HPB), but we are still requesting that States continue to submit data necessary to calculate the work measures previously reported under the HPB.

Specifically, The TANF program was reauthorized under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The statute eliminated the funding for the HPB under section 403 (a)(4). Nevertheless the Department is required under section 413(d) to annually rank State performance in moving TANF recipients into private sector employment. We are, therefore, requesting that States continue to transmit monthly files of adult TANF recipients necessary to calculate the work measures

performance data. To the extent States do not provide the requested information, we will extract the matching information from the TANF Data Report. This may result in calculation of the work performance measures based on sample data, which would provide us less precise information on States' performance.

The Transmission File Layouts form provides the format that States will continue to use for the quarterly electronic transmission of monthly data on TANF adult recipients. States that have separate TANF-MOE files on these programs are also requested to transmit similar files. We are not requesting any changes to the Transmission File Layouts form.

*Respondents:* Respondents may include any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
State High Performance Bonus System (HPBS) Transmission File Layouts for HPBS Work Measures .....	42	2	12	1,008

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,008

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

**Robert Sargis,**

*Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Methodology for Determining Whether an Increase in a State's Child Poverty Rate is the Result of the TANF program—NPRM

*OMB No.:* 0970-0186

*Description:* In accordance with Section 413(i) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR part 284, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to extend without change the following information collection requirements. For instances when Census Bureau data show that a State's child poverty rate increased by 5 percent or more from one year to the next, a State may submit independent estimates of its child poverty rate. If HHS determines that the State's independent estimates are not more reliable than the Census Bureau estimates, HHS will require the State to submit an assessment of the impact of the TANF program(s) in the State on the child poverty rate. If HHS determines from the assessment and other information that the child poverty rate in the State increased as a result of the TANF program(s) in the State, HHS will then require the State to submit a corrective action plan.

*Respondents:* The respondents are the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; when reliable Census Bureau data become available for the Territories, additional respondents might include Guam and the Virgin Islands.