

this purpose, with associated Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) coverage.

Deemed PHS employment provides the covered individual with immunity from lawsuits and related civil actions resulting from the performance of medical, surgical, dental, and related functions within the scope of deemed employment.

Health centers must submit to HRSA an annual deeming sponsorship application on behalf of their individually named volunteers. For deeming to apply, such annual applications for each individual volunteer must be approved by HRSA, and deeming status for liability protections to apply during the calendar year is documented by a Notice of Deeming Action.

HRSA is proposing several changes to the Application for Deemed Health Center Program Award Recipients to Sponsor VHPs for Deemed PHS Employment, to be used for deeming sponsorship applications for Calendar Year 2022 and thereafter, to improve question clarity, clarify required documentation, and support HRSA's analysis and understanding of program impact. Specifically, the Application includes the following proposed changes:

- *Updated application language:* Specifically, throughout the application, alternate terminology was utilized to provide greater clarity and specificity. These changes were based on grantee

feedback and various forms of information received from the HRSA Helpline. These changes are not substantive in nature;

- *Updated language and requested documents in section III of the application:* Specifically, section III was edited to clarify the qualifications for eligible individuals and clarify program expectations where individuals have a history of disciplinary action or malpractice; and
- *Deleted former section IV:* It has been determined that the information requested in this section, which related to offsite events and particularized determinations is not necessary to evaluate eligibility for deeming.

The FTCA Program has a web based application system, the Electronic Handbooks. These electronic application forms decrease the time and effort required to complete the older, paper-based OMB approved FTCA application forms. The application includes Acknowledgments of Deemed Status Requirements, Acknowledgment of Required Performance Conditions, and Information on the Volunteers Sponsored for Deeming.

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 21, 2020, vol. 85, No. 140; pp. 44101–02. No public comments were received.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* Deeming sponsorship applications must address certain specified criteria required by law in

order for deeming determinations to be issued. The application submissions provides HRSA with the information required to determine whether an individual meets the requirements for deemed PHS employment for purposes of providing liability protections under section 224(q) of the PHS Act.

*Likely Respondents:* Respondents include Health Center Program funds recipients seeking to sponsor their volunteer health professionals for deemed employment for purposes of FTCA coverage.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Application for Deemed Health Center Program Award Recipients to Sponsor VHPs for Deemed PHS Employment .....	1,156	3	3,468	2	6,936
Total .....	1156	.....	3468	.....	6936

HRSA specifically requests comments on (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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Center For Scientific Review: Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material,

and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Myocardial Ischemia and Metabolism.

*Date:* October 29–30, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health Rockledge II 6701 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Richard D Schneiderman, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138,

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Cardiovascular Sciences.

*Date:* October 29, 2020.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Margaret Chandler, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4126, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1743, margaret.chandler@nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: CounterACT-Countermeasures against Chemical Threats—Exploratory Applications.

*Date:* November 3-4, 2020.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Geoffrey G Schofield, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4040-A, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1235, geoffreys@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Shared Instrumentation: Flow Cytometry.

*Date:* November 4, 2020.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Rass M Shaiyiq, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2359, shaiyiq@csr.nih.gov.

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Dated: September 30, 2020.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-OD-20-022: Covid-19 U01 Applications.

*Date:* October 16, 2020.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* John Bishop, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5182, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 408-9664 bishopj@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Health Disparities and Equity Promotion Study Section.

*Date:* October 28-30, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Jessica Bellinger, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3158, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-4446, bellingerjd@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Clinical Neuroplasticity and Neurotransmitters Study Section.

*Date:* October 29-30, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Suzan Nadi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5217B, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1259, nadis@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group; Genetics of Health and Disease Study Section.

*Date:* November 2-3, 2020.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Christopher Payne, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm. 2208, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-3702, christopher.payne@nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Interactive Digital Media STEM Resources for Pre-College and Informal Science Education Audiences (SBIR/STTR).

*Date:* November 2, 2020.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Marie-Jose Belanger, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm 6188, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1267, belangerm@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases.

*Date:* November 2, 2020.

*Time:* 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Scott Jakes, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4198, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 495-1506, jakesse@mail.nih.gov.

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