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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

RIN 0917–AA23

Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2024

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is provided that the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) has approved the rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by the IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), under the authority of sections 321(a) and 322(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 248 and 249(b)), Public Law 83–568 (42 U.S.C. 2001(a)), and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), has approved the following rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2024 for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, beneficiaries of other federal programs, and for recoveries under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651–2653). The inpatient rates for Medicare Part A are excluded from the table below. That is because Medicare inpatient payments for IHS hospital facilities are made based on the prospective payment system, or (when IHS facilities are designated as Medicare Critical Access Hospitals) on a reasonable cost basis. Since the inpatient per diem rates set forth below do not include all physician services and practitioner services, additional payment shall be available to the extent that those services are provided.

Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician/Practitioner Services)

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$5,083.

Alaska: \$4,326.

Outpatient per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$719.

Alaska: \$1,060.

Outpatient per Visit Rate (Medicare)

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$667.

Alaska: \$961.

Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$963.

Alaska: \$1,341.

Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)

Established Medicare rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

Effective Date for Calendar Year 2024 Rates

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2024 rates will be effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2024, to the extent consistent with payment authorities, including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

Roselyn Tso,

Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket Number: USCG–2023–0922]

Designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education as a Designated Entity and Appointment of Dr. Amy Donahue as a Member of the Commission

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) as a designated non-federal entity for the purposes of participation in its management by an authorized Coast Guard employee. Dr. Amy Donahue, the Provost of the Coast Guard Academy, has been authorized to serve as a member of NECHE to provide oversight of, advice to, and coordination with, NECHE. Dr. Donahue will not participate in the day-to-day operations of NECHE.

DATES: The designation and authorization are effective on November 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2023–0922 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call or email Commander Jeffrey G. Janaro, Coast Guard Academy, telephone 860–444–8255, email jeff.g.janaro@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard announces the designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) as a “designated entity” under 10 U.S.C. 1589 and 1033. The Coast Guard also announces the participation of the Coast Guard Academy Provost Dr. Amy Donahue in the management of the entity as a Commissioner. Sections 1589 and 1033 allow the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to specify certain non-federal entities as “designated entities” in which a member of the armed forces or a civilian employee may be authorized to participate in a specific capacity. The Secretary delegated this authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard through the Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3 (paragraph II.14).

A “designated entity” must meet the requirements of 10 U.S.C. 1033. In relevant part, section 1033 requires an entity to be a non-profit organization and perform one of the statutorily enumerated functions, including accreditation of service academies and other schools of the armed forces. NECHE is a voluntary non-government association that provides accreditation to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Therefore, NECHE is an entity that may be designated under 10 U.S.C. 1033 and, in turn, 10 U.S.C. 1589.

Section 1589 also allows the Secretary concerned to authorize an employee, including a civilian officer, to participate, without compensation, in the management of a designated entity for the purposes of oversight, advice to, and coordination with that designated entity. An employee’s participation may not extend to the day to day operations of the entity. The Coast Guard Academy announces the authorization of Dr. Amy Donahue, the Provost of the Coast Guard Academy, to participate in the management of NECHE within limits of 10 U.S.C. 1033 and 10 U.S.C. 1589. Specifically, and in

accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1589, Dr. Donahue will serve in her official capacity, and without additional compensation, provide oversight, advice, and coordination with NECHE. Dr. Donahue's participation will not, however, extend to participation in the day-to-day operations of the NECHE.

The effective date of NECHE's designation and Dr. Donahue's authorization is November 21, 2023. This notice is issued under the authority in 10 U.S.C. 1033(c) and 1589(c).

E.J. Van Camp,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Notice of Teleconference Meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, is announcing that the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Public Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet by video teleconference as noted below.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on January 22, 2024, at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Alaska time (AKT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be virtual only using the Microsoft Teams meeting platform. To view a tutorial on how to join a Teams meeting, please go to <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/office/join-a-meeting-in-microsoft-teams-1613bb53-f3fa-431e-85a9-d6a91e3468c9>.

The video feature will be turned off for all attendees except for the EVOS PAC, EVOS Trustee Council staff, presenters, and speakers during public comment to limit bandwidth use and maximize connectivity during the meeting. Please remain muted until you are called upon to speak.

Connect to meeting using Microsoft Teams link (video and audio):

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWZhMzRhYjYtMWRmZC00NDMyLWE2MjYtN2FYjk3NDA3ZmNi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b

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Meeting ID: 295 318 667 17

Passcode: 6w862W

Join with a video conferencing device

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Conference ID: 116 345 794 2,

Alternate VTC instructions

Or call in (audio only)

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States, Anchorage, Phone Conference

ID: 853 894 310#, Find a local number

| Reset PIN

Please check the EVOS Trustee Council website for updates regarding the virtual meeting at <http://evostc.state.ak.us/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grace Cochon, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, telephone number: (907) 786-3620; email: grace_cochon@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EVOS PAC was created pursuant to Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The EVOS PAC advises the EVOS Trustee Council on decisions relating to the allocation of settlement funds for restoration, monitoring, and other activities related to the oil spill.

The EVOS PAC meeting agenda will include discussion of the Gulf Watch Alaska Long-Term Research and Monitoring Program's budget reallocation proposal. An opportunity for public comments will be provided. The final agenda and materials for the meeting will be posted on the EVOS Trustee Council website at <http://evostc.state.ak.us>. All EVOS PAC meetings are open to the public.

Public Input

Interested persons may choose to make oral comments at the meeting during the designated time. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for advance placement on the public speaker list for this meeting.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The meeting is open

to the public. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the EVOS PAC to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by January 12, 2024, so that the information may be made available to the EVOS PAC for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) and/or in writing in the following formats: A hard copy with original signature and/or an electronic copy (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, or rich text file).

Public Disclosure of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

Lisa Fox,

Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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