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The regulations at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C provide that, unless otherwise designated, a PRCDA shall consist of a county which includes all or part of a reservation and any county or counties which have a common boundary with the reservation. 42 CFR 136.22(a)(6). The regulations also provide that after consultation with the Tribal governing body or bodies on those reservations included within the PRCDA, the Secretary may, from time to time, redesignate areas within the United States for inclusion in or exclusion from a PRCDA. 42 CFR 136.22(b). The regulations require that certain criteria be considered before any redesignation is made. The criteria are as follows:

(1) The number of Indians residing in the area proposed to be so included or excluded;

(2) Whether the Tribal governing body has determined that Indians residing in the area near the reservation are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe;

(3) The geographic proximity to the reservation of the area whose inclusion or exclusion is being considered; and

(4) The level of funding which would be available for the provision of PRC. Additionally, the regulations require that any redesignation of a PRCDA be made in accordance with the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). 42 CFR 136.22(c). In compliance with this requirement, the IHS is publishing this Notice and requesting public comments.

The Iowa Tribe is located in White Cloud, Kansas, and operates their PRC program as a Tribal Health Program out of the White Cloud Health Center. The

IHS and the Iowa Tribe estimate that approximately 77 Tribal members reside in Jackson County, Kansas, and Holt County, Missouri, and would become PRC eligible through the proposed redesignation and expansion of the Tribe's PRCDA.

If the Iowa Tribe's PRCDA redesignation and expansion is finalized as proposed, the Tribe's expanded PRCDA would overlap the PRCDA's of three other Tribes: the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation (Jackson County, Kansas), and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation (Jackson County, Kansas). The Iowa Tribe and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska share a PRC program, but currently have different PRCDA's; the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri has submitted a concurrent request for redesignation and expansion of their own PRCDA. Both redesignation requests were submitted to the IHS through the same correspondence from the White Cloud Health Center. If the Iowa Tribe's and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's PRCDA's are each redesignated and expanded as requested, the Tribes would have identical, overlapping PRCDA's, simplifying the administration and operation of their local PRC program.

The IHS has consulted with the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation regarding the potential for overlapping PRCDA's in Jackson County, Kansas. Neither the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation nor the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation expressed concerns regarding the proposed redesignation and expansion.

Under 42 CFR 136.23, those otherwise eligible Indians who do not reside on a reservation, but reside within a PRCDA, must be either members of the Tribe or other IHS beneficiaries who maintain close economic and social ties with the Tribe. In this case, applying the aforementioned PRCDA redesignation criteria required by operative regulations codified at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C, the following findings are made:

1. By expanding the PRCDA to include Jackson County, Kansas, and Holt County, Missouri, the Iowa Tribe's PRC eligible population will increase by an estimated 77 Tribal members.

2. The Iowa Tribe communicated its governing body's determination that their members residing in the proposed expansion counties are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe. The IHS therefore finds that the Tribe's

members within the proposed, expanded PRCDA are socially and economically affiliated with the Iowa Tribe.

3. The expanded PRCDA counties form a contiguous area with the existing PRCDA. Holt County, Missouri, shares a common boundary with the Iowa Tribe's reservation lands in Richardson County, Nebraska. Jackson County, Kansas, is contiguous with Brown County, which includes part of the Iowa Tribe's reservation lands and is currently included in the Iowa Tribe's PRCDA. Members of the Iowa Tribe reside in each of the counties proposed for inclusion in the expanded PRCDA. For these reasons, the IHS has determined the additional counties proposed for inclusion herein to be geographically proximate, meaning "on or near," to the Tribe's reservation.

4. The White Cloud Health Center has indicated that the PRC program can continue providing the same level of care to the PRC eligible population if the PRCDA is expanded as proposed, without requiring additional funding or reduction of the current medical priority level.

Accordingly, the IHS proposes to expand the PRCDA of the Iowa Tribe to include the counties of Jackson in the State of Kansas, and Holt in the State of Missouri.

This Notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to prior approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

Roselyn Tso,

Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Notice of Proposed Purchased/ Referred Care Delivery Area Redesignation for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that the Indian Health Service (IHS) proposes to expand the geographic boundaries of the Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska (Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, or Tribe) to include the counties of Doniphan and Jackson in the

State of Kansas, and Holt in the State of Missouri. The current PRCDA for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri includes Brown County, Kansas, and Richardson County, Nebraska. The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri Tribal members who reside outside of the PRCDA are eligible for direct care services; however, they are not eligible for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) services. The sole purpose of this expansion would be to authorize additional Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri members and beneficiaries to receive PRC services.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by January 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. You may submit comments in one of four ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the "Submit a Comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Carl Mitchell, Director, Division of Regulatory and Policy Coordination, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 09E70, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the above address.

4. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments before the close of the comment period to the address above.

If you intend to deliver your comments to the Rockville address, please call telephone number (301) 443-1116 in advance to schedule your arrival with a staff member.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT John Rael, Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 10E85C, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone (301) 443-0969 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment.

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The regulations at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C provide that, unless otherwise designated, a PRCDA shall consist of a county which includes all or part of a reservation and any county or counties which have a common boundary with the reservation. 42 CFR 136.22(a)(6). The regulations also provide that after consultation with the Tribal governing body or bodies on those reservations included within the PRCDA, the Secretary may, from time to time, redesignate areas within the United States for inclusion in or exclusion from a PRCDA. 42 CFR 136.22(b). The regulations require that certain criteria be considered before any redesignation is made. The criteria are as follows:

(1) The number of Indians residing in the area proposed to be so included or excluded;

(2) Whether the Tribal governing body has determined that Indians residing in the area near the reservation are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe;

(3) The geographic proximity to the reservation of the area whose inclusion or exclusion is being considered; and

(4) The level of funding which would be available for the provision of PRC. Additionally, the regulations require that any redesignation of a PRCDA be made in accordance with the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). 42 CFR 136.22(c). In compliance with this requirement, the IHS is publishing this Notice and requesting public comments.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri is located in Reserve, Kansas. The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's PRC program is operated, as authorized by Tribal resolution, by the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska as a Tribal Health Program out of the White Cloud Health Center. The IHS and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri estimate that

approximately seven Tribal members reside in Doniphan and Jackson Counties, Kansas, and Holt County, Missouri, and would become PRC eligible through the proposed redesignation and expansion of the Tribe's PRCDA.

If the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's PRCDA redesignation and expansion is finalized as proposed, the Tribe's expanded PRCDA would overlap the PRCDA's of three other Tribes: the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation (Jackson County, Kansas), and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation (Jackson County, Kansas). The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska share a PRC program, but currently have different PRCDA's; the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska has submitted a concurrent request for redesignation and expansion of their own PRCDA. Both redesignation requests were submitted to the IHS through the same correspondence from the White Cloud Health Center. If the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's and the Iowa Tribe's PRCDA's are each redesignated and expanded as requested, the Tribes would have identical, overlapping PRCDA's, simplifying the administration and operation of their local PRC program. The IHS has consulted with the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation and the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation regarding the potential for overlapping PRCDA's in Jackson County, Kansas. Neither the Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation nor the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation expressed concerns regarding the proposed redesignation and expansion.

Under 42 CFR 136.23, those otherwise eligible Indians who do not reside on a reservation, but reside within a PRCDA, must be either members of the Tribe or other IHS beneficiaries who maintain close economic and social ties with the Tribe. In this case, applying the aforementioned PRCDA redesignation criteria required by operative regulations codified at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C, the following findings are made:

1. By expanding the PRCDA to include Doniphan and Jackson Counties in Kansas, and Holt County, Missouri, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri's PRC eligible population will increase by an estimated seven Tribal members.

2. Through communication with the Tribe and information relayed by the White Cloud Health Center, the IHS understands that the Tribe's governing body has determined that its members

residing in the proposed expansion counties are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe. The IHS therefore finds that the Tribal members within the proposed, expanded PRCDA are socially and economically affiliated with the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri.

3. The expanded PRCDA counties form a contiguous area with the existing PRCDA, and members of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri reside in each of the counties proposed for inclusion in the expanded PRCDA. Jackson County, Kansas and Doniphan County, Kansas both share a common boundary with Brown County, Kansas, where the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri has reservation lands. Holt County, Missouri, shares a common boundary with Richardson County, Nebraska, where the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri has reservation lands. For these reasons, the IHS has determined the additional counties proposed for inclusion herein to be geographically proximate, meaning “on or near,” to the Tribe’s reservation.

4. The White Cloud Health Center has indicated that the PRC program can continue providing the same level of care to the PRC eligible population if the PRCDA is expanded as proposed, without requiring additional funding or reduction of the current medical priority level.

Accordingly, the IHS proposes to expand the PRCDA of the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska to include the counties of Doniphan and Jackson in the State of Kansas, and Holt in the State of Missouri.

This Notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to prior approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

Roselyn Tso,

Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with

attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting 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: National Advisory Council on Aging.

Date: May 13–14, 2025.

Closed: May 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate of applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (In Person Meeting).

Closed: May 14, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: NIA IRP Review.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (In Person Meeting).

Open: May 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Agenda: Call to Order and Director’s Status Report; Council Business; Meeting Adjourned.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (In Person Meeting).

Contact Person: Kenneth Santora, Director, Office of Extramural Activities, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 496–9322, ksantora@nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute’s/Center’s home page: www.nia.nih.gov/about/naca, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 5, 2024.

Miguelina Perez,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; HHS–NIH–CDC–SBIR PHS 2025–1 Diagnostics to Detect Host Immunity to *Coccidioidomycosis* (Valley fever) or *Histoplasmosis* (Topic 145).

Date: January 9, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F52A, Rockville, MD 20892 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Shilpakala Ketha, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F52A, Rockville, MD 20892, (301) 761–6821, shilpa.ketha@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 5, 2024.

Lauren A. Fleck,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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