



FEDERAL REGISTER

SUMMARY

August 1-15 2009

Funding Notices - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
8/4/09	ED Office of Innovation and Improvement	Corrected Request for applications under the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program (TQP) (see the 5/27/09 "Funding Notices" section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-12180.htm). Revisions made to the <i>Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008</i> now require the Department to make changes in the previously published funding notice (5/27/09). The substantive changes involve the degree program and the Teaching Residency Program. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18614.htm .
8/12/09	ED Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)	Request for applications under the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) program for fiscal year 2009. Application deadline: 9/11/09 (reopened from a previous deadline) AIVRS is authorized in the <i>Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i> , as amended. The program provides grants to Indian Tribes that are located on federal and state reservations. The Indian Tribes administer the grants that are used to pay for 90 percent of vocational rehabilitation services for American Indians. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-19333.htm .

Other Notices – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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8/4/09	HHS	<p>The methodology used to calculate higher federal matching funding in the third quarter—Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP).</p> <p>Note: The comment deadline (8/19/09) passed prior to the publication of this <i>Federal Register Summary</i>.</p> <p>Under provisions contained in the <i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)</i>, HHS is authorized to temporarily increase the FMAP rates for Medicaid, foster care, and adoption assistance to provide relief to states and to protect state Medicaid programs during this time of economic downturn. The increased FMAP rates apply during “a recession adjustment period” that began on 10/1/08 and is scheduled to end on 12/31/10. FMAP is used to determine the amount of the federal match for state expenditures for assistance programs. The methodology used adjusts FMAP rates for eligible states that qualify based on unemployment rates as provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18544.htm.</p>
8/4/09	HUD	<p>Request for comments on proposed fair market rents (FMRs) for Section 8 and the Moderate Rehabilitation Program for fiscal year 2010.</p> <p>Comment deadline: 9/2/09</p> <p>The <i>U.S. Housing Act of 1937</i> requires the Secretary to publish FMRs at least annually. FMRs, which cover existing housing across the country, allow individuals and families to rent safe and affordable housing under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) and allow individuals who are homeless to rent rehabilitated dwellings under the Moderate Rehabilitation Program. FMRs are calculated using data sources from the 2000 Census, the American Community Survey, and the Consumer Price Index. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-18507.pdf.</p>
8/5/09	GAO	<p>Request for nominations for the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).</p> <p>Deadline for nominations: 10/1/09.</p> <p>Based on authority contained in the <i>Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)</i>, GAO is requesting letters of nomination and resumes to fill seats on the Commission. MACPAC was established to “review Medicaid and CHIP access and payment policies and to advise Congress on issues affecting Medicaid and CHIP.” For more information about CHIP and MACPAC, go to: http://www.hhs.gov/asrt/ob/docbudget/2010budgetinbriefn.html. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18596.htm.</p>

Proposed Rules – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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Final Rules – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

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8/7/09	CPSC Consumer Product Safety Commission	<p>Revised guidance document related to children’s products containing lead—inaccessible component parts (see the 1/15/09 “Proposed Rules” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-717.htm). Effective date: 8/14/09 <i>The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA)</i> discusses lead limits and how they <u>do not</u> apply to “any component part of children’s product that is not accessible to a child through normal and reasonably foreseeable use and abuse.” The guidance document addresses physical accessibility, testing and certification, abuse tests, and other aspects of component parts of children’s products. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18852.htm.</p>
8/12/09	ED Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)	<p>Request for comments on an interim final rule that amends the regulations governing the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) program. Comment deadline: 9/11/09 AIVRS, which is authorized in the <i>Rehabilitation Act of 1973</i>, as amended, makes grants that cover 90 percent of the cost of vocational rehabilitation services for American Indians. The governing bodies of Indian Tribes that are located on federal and state reservations administer the grants. This rule will permit new and continuing awards, in fiscal year 2009, to Indian Tribes by eliminating the need for a prolonged comment period imposed by “proposed rulemaking” related to changing the definition of “consortium” to accommodate those grantees who wish to form a “separate legal entity” for purposes of the AIVRS program. Many small Indian Tribes join together to form a “separate legal entity” because it’s the best way to apply for and administer grants that ensure health, social, and welfare services for their members. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-19335.htm.</p>

Meeting Notices – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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8/4/09	HHS Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (ACHDNC)	Meeting Dates: 9/24 and 9/25/09 at 8:30 a.m. Meeting Place: Bethesda Marriott-Pooks Hill, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD AND via webcast. On the day of the meeting, go to: http://events.SignUp4.com/ACHDNC0909 and click on the meeting link. This committee advises the Secretary on appropriate application of universal newborn screening tests, policies, guidelines, and programs that help reduce morbidity and mortality in newborns and children at risk for heritable disorders. On the agenda are presentations and discussions on the process for newborn screening candidate conditions, newborn screening quality measures, just to name a few. For more information about the meeting, contact Alaina M. Harris at 301-443-0721 or at aharris@hrsa.gov/ .
8/5/09	HHS Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development's (NICHD) National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council's (NACHHD) Subcommittee on Planning and Policy	Meeting Date: 8/24/09 at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (open portion of the meeting). Meeting Place: NIH, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Room 2A03, Bethesda, MD NACHHD advises and makes recommendations to the director of NICHD on matters related to research. The agenda for this meeting includes a director's reports, a budget update, and a legislative update. For more information about NACHHD, go to: http://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/overview/advisory/nachhd/ .
8/11/09	CPSC Consumer Product Safety Commission	Meeting Date: 8/25/09 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting Place: CPSC, Hearing Room, 4th Floor, Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD CPSC is responsible for "protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction," including products for children. At this public hearing, CPSC is seeking public comments on its agenda and priorities for fiscal year 2011, and on its current strategic plan. A copy of the strategic plan can be found at: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/reports/2003strategicAnnotated.pdf . For more information about CPSC, go to: http://www.cpsc.gov/about/about.html For more information about the hearing, contact Todd A. Stevenson at 301-504-0127 or at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov .

- 8/11/09 HHS
NIH's National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
Meeting Date: 9/11/09 at 10:30 a.m. (open portion of the meeting)
Meeting Place: NIH, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD
NIDCD, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was established in 1988 with a mandate to "conduct and support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language." On the agenda are staff reports on divisional, programmatic, and special activities. Written statements may be filed with the contact person listed below. For more information about NIDCD go to: <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/learn/mission.asp>. For more information about the meeting, contact Craig A. Jordan Ph.D. at 301-496-8693 or at Jordan@nidcd.nih.gov.
- 8/11/09 HHS
Administration of Children and Families' (ACF) National Commission on Children and Disasters (NCCD)
Meeting Date: 9/15/09 at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: ACF, 901 D Street, SW, Washington, D.C.
NCCD is charged with conducting a comprehensive study of the needs of children related to preparation for and response to all hazards. On the agenda are reports from four subcommittees: Pediatric Medical Care; Education, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice; Evacuation, Transportation and Housing; and Human Services Recovery. Written comments may be submitted to: Roberta.lavin@acf.hhs.gov and NCCD has scheduled time for oral comments during the meeting. For more information about NCCD, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohsepr/children/nccd.html>. For more information about the meeting, contact Roberta Lavin at 202-401-9306 or at the e-mail address given above.
- 8/11/09 HHS
Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)
Meeting Dates: 9/17/09 at 1:00 p.m. and 9/18/09 at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Place: Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD AND via audio conference call – dial 1-800-369-1701. Enter: Leader's name as Dr. Geoffrey Evans and password as ACCV.
ACCV advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of HHS regarding the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. On the agenda are updates from the Department of Justice, the National Vaccine Program Office, the Immunization Safety Office, just to name a few. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should submit a request in writing, along with a copy of the text, to Kay Cook at: kcook@hrsa.gov. For more information about ACCV, go to: <http://www.hrsa.gov/Vaccinecompensation/accv.htm>. For more information about the meeting, contact Key Cook at 301-443-6593 or at the e-mail address given above.
- 8/14/09 DOI
Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs' Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (ABEC)
Meeting Dates: 9/16/09 at 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) and 9/17/09 at 12:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Meeting Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA. On 9/17/09 public comments will be taken via conference call at 1-888-387-8686, enter passcode as 4274201.
ABEC was established to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the needs of Indian children with disabilities based on authority contained in the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004*. On the agenda are various Advisory Board reports, public comments, and the board's annual report. For more information about the Advisory Board, go to: http://enan.bia.edu/site_res_view_folder.aspx?id=4107d81d-2cf3-4942-836a-d472cf143a96. For more information about the meeting, contact Dr. Jeffrey Hamley at 505-563-5260 or Sue Bement at 505-563-5274.

Presidential Documents – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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8/5/09	The White House	<p>Memorandum for heads of executive departments and agencies directing them to adopt the final NIH guidelines entitled, “National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research” (see the 3/11/09 “Presidential Documents” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> (Executive Order) or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-5441.htm and The 7/7/09 “Other Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> (final guidelines) or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-15954.htm).</p>
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