



FEDERAL REGISTER

SUMMARY

February 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:

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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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2/4/09	SSA	<p>Increased maximum dollar limit for fee agreements for representatives who go before SSA on behalf of Social Security claimants. Effective date: 6/22/09. Based on provisions contained in the <i>Social Security Act</i> and the <i>Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA)</i>, SSA has raised the maximum dollar amount for fee agreements to \$6,000.00, a \$700.00 increase from the 2002 maximum. Representatives are permitted to use SSA's streamlined process for fee approval if they and their claimants agree on a fee that does not exceed the lesser of 25 percent of benefits still due or a certain dollar amount. An SSA official may approve fees up to the new limit. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2332.htm.</p>
2/10/09	HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	<p>Request for comments due to proposed delay in the effective date on the rule governing competitive bidding for durable medical equipment (see the 1/26/09 "Other Notices" section of the <i>Federal Register Summary for the White House memo</i> – or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1639.htm, and see the 1/16/09 "Final Rules" section of the <i>Federal Register Summary for the rule</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-863.htm). Comment deadline: 2/12/09. Note: no explanation given for the short comment deadline. This proposal would permit a 60-day delay in the published effective date (2/17/09) to allow administration officials more time to review issues of law and policy consistent with the instructions in the White House memo. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2839.htm.</p>

2/11/09 HUD
Office of the Secretary

Request for comments due to proposed delay of the effective date on the rule governing income and rent determinations for public and assisted housing (see the 1/26/09 “Other Notices” section of *Federal Register Summary* for the White House memo or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1639.htm>, and see the 1/27/09 “Final Rules” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1248.htm>).
Comment deadline: 3/13/09

This proposal would permit a 60-day delay from the published effective date of 3/30/09. This delay would allow HUD officials to further review issues consistent with the White House memo. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3004.htm>.

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

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None

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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2/2/09 HHS
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Delayed effective date and reopened comment period for the Medicaid Benefit Packages final rule (see the 1/26/09 “Other Notices” section of *Federal Register Summary* for the White House memo or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1639.htm>, and see the 12/3/08 “Final Rules” section of the *Federal Register Summary* or go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-28330.htm>).
New comment deadline: 3/4/09
Effective date of this delay: 1/30/09
New Effective date for this rule: 4/3/09

Based on the “Regulatory Review Plan” published by the White House, the effective date for this rule is delayed 60 days. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2186.htm>.

2/12/09 CPSC
 Consumer
 Product Safety
 Commission

Request for comments on an amended interim final rule for children’s products containing lead (see the 1/15/09 “Proposed Rules” section of the *Federal Register Summary*—this proposal was withdrawn on 2/12/09).
Comment deadline: 3/16/09
Effective date: 2/10/09
The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 provides for lead limits and exemptions to those limits when it is not “technologically feasible to meet the lead limits” as required by law. Examples of exempted electronic devices include component parts that are inaccessible to children because the lead is enclosed within another structure and accessible electronic devices’ component parts that require lead during the production process. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3025.htm>.

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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2/2/09	HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee Immunization Practices (ACIP)	Meeting Dates: 2/25/09 and 2/26/09 at 8:00 a.m. each day Meeting Place: CDC, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Building 19, Kent “Oz” Nelson Auditorium, Atlanta, GA ACIP is responsible for advising the CDC Director on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents and revising the list of vaccines that are to be administered to children. On the agenda are discussions on specific vaccines and vaccine safety and supply issues. For more information about ACIP and prior meeting minutes, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/charter.htm . For more information about the meeting, contact Antonette Hill at 303-639-8836.
2/5/09	HHS Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention – Objectives for 2020	Meeting Date: 2/24/09 at 4:30 p.m. (EST) Meeting Place: On-line via WebEx. For more information, go to http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/advisory/default.asp. This advisory committee is responsible for developing the nation’s health promotion and disease prevention strategies and objectives for 2020 to ensure good health for all Americans. Through the Healthy People Initiative, this committee calls on scientific knowledge and other information gained in the past 10 years, along with current knowledge, data, and trends as the basis for the next round of health promotion and disease prevention activities. While oral comments will not be taken at the meeting, written comments may be submitted at: http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments . For more information about the Healthy People Initiative and this committee, go to: http://www.healthypeople.gov/ . For more information about the meeting, contact Emmeline Ochiai at 240-453-8259.

- 2/5/09 HHS **Meeting Dates: 3/5/09 at 1:00 p.m. and 3/6/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD and via audio conference by dialing 1-888-790-3149 and entering the leader's name as Dr. Geoffrey Evans and the password as ACCV.
 Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (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, and the Center for Biologics, just to name a few. ACCV will accept oral presentations. Send a written request to Michelle Herzog at mherzog@hrsa.gov. For more information about ACCV and prior meeting minutes, go to: <http://www.hrsa.gov/Vaccinecompensation/accv.htm>. For more information about the meeting, contact Michelle Herzog at 301-443-6593 or at the e-mail address given above.
- 2/9/09 EAC **Meeting Dates: 2/26 /09 at 8:30 a.m. and 2/27/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: DoubleTree Orlando Hotel at the Entrance to Universal, 5780 Major Boulevard, Orlando, FL.
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission EAC serves as a clearinghouse on federal elections and oversees the development of voting systems. On the agenda are updates on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. For more information on EAC, go to: <http://www.eac.gov/>. For more information about the meeting, contact Sharmili Edwards at 202-566-3100.
- 2/11/09 DHS **Meeting Date: 2/23/09 at 9:00 a.m.**
Meeting Place: American Red Cross Ballroom, Hall of Service, 1730 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Deadline to register to attend is 2/17/09. Send registration to: privatesectorpreparedness@hsi.dhs.gov or call 703-416-8407.
 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Homeland Security officials have scheduled an open forum to discuss the Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program (PS-Prep), which was established in Title IX of the *9/11 Commission Act of 2007*, and which is intended to "raise the level of private sector preparedness through a number of means..." On the agenda are cost considerations, existing practices, the role of the federal government, key participation factors, just to name a few. For more information about PS-PREP, go to: http://www.fema.gov/media/fact_sheets/vpsp.shtm. For more information about the meeting, contact Donald Grant at 202-646-3850.
- 2/11/09 HHS **Meeting Date: 2/27/09 at 8:30 a.m.**
Meeting Place: HHS Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. and via teleconference. Registration deadline: 2/24/09 at: carol.apelt@acf.hhs.gov, using the words "Meeting Registration in the subject line or call 202-205-4618.
 Administration on Children and Families' (ACF) National Commission on Children and Disasters (NCCD) NCCD was established to assess the needs of children related to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all hazards. On the agenda are subcommittee presentations on acute medical care, case management, sheltering, mental health, just to name a few. For more information about the meeting, contact Roberta Lavin at 202-401-9306 or at Roberts.lavin@acf.hhs.gov.

2/12/09 HHS **Meeting Dates: 3/3/09 and 3/4/09 at 8:30 a.m. both days**
Meeting Place: The Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA
 Secretary's
 Advisory
 Committee on
 Human Research
 Protections
 (SACHRP)
 SACHRP was established to provide advice and recommendations related to the protection of human research subjects. On the agenda are reports dealing with current recommendations to the Office of Human Research Protection and inclusion of Individuals with Impaired Decision-Making in Research. The public will have an opportunity to comment during the meeting. For more information about SACHRP, including previous meeting materials, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/>. For more information about the meeting, contact Jerry Menikoff, J.D., M.D. at 240-453-8141 or at sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov.

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

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2/3/09	The White House Federal Regulatory Review	The President has issued a directive to the OMB Director to “produce within 100 days a set of recommendations for a new Executive Order on federal regulatory review.” Since Executive Order 12866 in 1993, a lot more has been learned about regulatory review and its effect on rendering an effective “second opinion” on agency actions. In order to ensure public safety and health, resources, economic opportunities, and security, OMB is to consult with regulatory agencies to produce recommendations for a new Executive Order on federal regulatory review. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2434.htm .
2/6/09	The White House State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)	The President has asked CMS to withdraw the income eligibility standards that are addressed in letters sent to state health officials on 8/17/07 and 5/7/08 limiting eligibility under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and to “implement SCHIP without the requirements imposed by those letters.” The additional requirements for eligibility stated in the letters limit coverage under state plans for uninsured children. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-2721.htm .