



FEDERAL REGISTER SUMMARY

February 16-28 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>	None
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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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
2/17/09	HHS Office of the Secretary	Extended comment period for the Draft Strategic National Vaccine Plan (see the “Other Notices” section of the 1/14/09 <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-495.htm). New comment deadline: 3/31/09 The comment deadline is being extended based on requests from stakeholders wanting to coordinate their responses. This vaccine plan is built on achieving five goals: improved vaccines, safe vaccines, an informed public, a stable supply of vaccines, and global prevention of death and disease. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3388.htm .

- 2/17/09 SSA **Social Security Rulings (SSRs) related to determining childhood disability under Title XVI, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.**
Effective date for the six SSRs: 3/19/09
 SSRs make valuable information (“precedential decisions”) available to the public on various Social Security programs that are authorized in the *Social Security Act*, including the SSI program. These rulings help to determine childhood disability under the SSI program. Although SSRs do not have the strength of law or regulations, they are binding on all facets of SSA. These SSRs address the Functional Equivalence domains listed below.
 “Acquiring and Using Information” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3379.htm>.
 “Interacting and Relating With Others” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3382.htm>.
 “Moving About and Manipulating Objects” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3383.htm>.
 “Caring for Yourself” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3384.htm>.
 “Health and Physical Well-Being” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3385.htm>.
 the “Whole Child Approach” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3375.htm>.
- 2/18/09 SSA **Social Security Rulings (SSRs) related to determining childhood disability under Title XVI, the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.**
Effective date for the two rulings: 3/20/09
 These rulings, like the ones listed above, also make valuable information available to the public, and help to determine childhood disability in the SSI program. The decisions are listed below.
 “Documenting a Child’s Impairment-Related Limitations” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3378.htm>.
 The Functional Equivalence Domain – “Attending and Completing Tasks” – see the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3380.htm>.
- 2/23/09 ED **“List of Correspondence” from the Department to individuals explaining the interpretations and/or regulations for the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* for the period 7/1/09 – 9/30/09.**
 Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)
 The Department’s correspondence covers Parts C and D of IDEA. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3814.htm>.
- 2/25/09 GAO **Request for nominations for the Health Information Technology (HIT) Policy Committee.**
 Government Accountability Office (GAO)
Deadline for nominations: 3/6/09
 Based on provisions in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, GAO is requesting nominations for positions on the HIT Policy Committee. This Committee will make recommendations on the implementation of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. For more information about the National coordinator, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/onc/mission/>. See the document at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3906.htm>.

2/26/09 OMB
 Executive Office
 of the President

Request for comments on “how to improve the process and principles governing regulation.”
Comment deadline: 3/16/09

Based on the President’s 1/26/09 directive regarding regulatory review, OMB is required to produce recommendations for a new Executive Order on federal regulatory review. For over 20 years, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), within OMB, has reviewed federal regulations to ensure their adherence to Presidential priorities and to coordinate regulatory policy. OMB’s recommendations will offer ideas on disclosure and transparency, OIRA’s relationship with agencies, the role of cost-benefit analysis, and encouraging public participation, just to name a few. See the document at:
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-4080.htm>.

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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2/19/09	HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	<p>Request for comments due to the delay of the effective date for the rule governing competitive acquisition of certain durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program (see the 1/26/09 “Other Notices” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> for the White House memo or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-1639.htm, and see the “Final Rules” section of the 1/16/09 <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-863.htm.</p> <p>Comment deadline: 3/23/09</p> <p>This temporary delay will permit the Administration to further review the issues of law and policy as outlined in the President’s memo. See the document at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-3491.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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2/23/09	HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP)	<p>Meeting Dates: 3/10/09 and 3/11/09 at 8:30 a.m. both days Meeting Place: The Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter, Seven Concourse Parkway, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>ACCLPP provides advice and guidance to the Secretary of HHS, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the CDC Director related to the practical use of scientific knowledge and technological developments for preventing childhood lead poisoning. On the agenda is a discussion on achieving the goal of Healthy People 2010 to eliminate childhood lead poisoning, and updates from various workgroups. For more information about ACCLPP, including prior meeting minutes, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/ACCLPP/acclpp_main.htm. For more information about the meeting, contact Claudine Johnson at 770-488-3629.</p>
2/24/09	HHS President's Council on Bioethics	<p>Meeting Dates: 3/12/09 and 3/13/09 at 9:00 a.m. both days Meeting Place: Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>The Council advises the President on ethical issues related to advances in biomedical science and technology. On the agenda is a discussion of public and national bioethics commissions in the U.S. Issues discussed at prior meetings have included standards for the determination of death, and children and bioethics. The Council will accept comments either at the meeting or in writing at info@bioethics.gov. For more information about the Council and prior meetings, go to: http://www.bioethics.gov. For more information about this meeting, contact Diane M. Gianelli at 202-296-4669 or at info@bioethics.gov.</p>
2/25/09	ATBCB Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board	<p>Meeting dates: 3/16/09 at 10:00 a.m., 3/17/09 "closed" meetings, and 3/18/09 at 9:30 a.m. Meeting Place: Embassy Suites D.C. Convention Center Hotel, 900 10th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>ATBCB oversees the development of accessibility guidelines as they relate to the <i>Americans with Disabilities Act</i> and other laws. On the agenda are reports from various committees on emergency transportable housing, airport terminal access, and accessible design in education, just to name a few. For more information about the meeting, contact David Capozzi at 202-272-0010 (voice) or at 202-272-0082 (TTY).</p>

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

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None

