



# FEDERAL REGISTER

## SUMMARY

October 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>	
		None

**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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10/6/09	EPA	

**Request for comments on a petition received related to the lead dust hazard standards and the definition of lead-based paint.**

**Comment deadline: 10/21/09**

Under provisions contained in the *Toxic Substances Control Act* (TSCA), Section 21, anyone can petition the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to start a rulemaking proceeding to amend or repeal a rule under the Act's jurisdiction. The National Center for Healthy Housing, the Alliance for Healthy Homes, the Sierra Club, et al, have petitioned EPA to: 1) lower the lead dust standards; and 2) lower the lead level in the definition of lead-based paint. The petitioners cite recent studies that address children's lower blood-lead levels when lead standards are set below current levels. For more information about TSCA, go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/tsc.html>. See the document at:  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-23929.htm>.

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

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10/7/09	HHS	<p><b>Request for comments on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) proposal to amend the "Standards for Privacy" contained in the <i>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996</i>."</b></p> <p><b>Comment deadline: 12/7/09</b></p> <p>The <i>Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008</i> (GINA), prohibits discrimination based on a person's genetic information related to health coverage and employment. In particular, section 105 contains a provision entitled "Privacy and Confidentiality" that HHS is using to propose modifications that would: clearly state that "genetic information is health information;" prohibit the use or disclosure of protected health information that is genetic information by health plans for underwriting purposes; amend the "Notice of Privacy Practices" for health plans performing underwriting; make modifications to definitions; and update the definition of "health plan." See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-22492.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-22492.htm</a>.</p>
10/14/09	SSA	<p><b>Request for comments on the Social Security Administration's (SSA) proposal to revise the regulations governing the transfer of accumulated benefit payments by a representative payee.</b></p> <p><b>Comment deadline: 12/14/09</b></p> <p>The <i>Social Security Act</i> authorizes a representative payee, which can be an individual or an organization, to receive Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments on behalf of a beneficiary who cannot manage his or her money. SSA's proposal would permit a representative payee to send accumulated benefit payments directly to the beneficiary if it has been determined that a payee is no longer necessary. The rule as currently written delays payment directly to a beneficiary who is now capable of managing his or her own money. This is especially true in cases involving a beneficiary who is transitioning out of foster care and needs to meet financial obligations such as rent. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24648.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24648.htm</a>.</p>
10/15/09	HUD	<p><b>Request for comments on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) proposed refinements to the income and rent determination requirements in public and assisted housing (see the 8/28/09 "Final Rules" section of the Federal Register Summary or go to: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-20879.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-20879.htm</a>).</b></p> <p><b>Comment deadline: 11/16/09</b></p> <p>This proposed rule is part of the new Administration's review of regulations that were issued during the transition from the prior Administration. HUD has stated its commitment to implement the Enterprise Income Verification system while at the same time acknowledging the problems that public comments highlighted related to the need for further clarification. Addressed in this proposal are: Disclosure of Social Security and employer identification numbers; noncitizens amendments; and the definition of annual income. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24809.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24809.htm</a>.</p>

**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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10/7/09	HHS/DOL/ TREA	<p><b>Request for comments from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Labor (DOL), and the Treasury Department on an interim final rule that implements certain sections of the <i>Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)</i> (see the 10/10/08 “Proposed Rules” section of the <i>Federal Register Summary</i> or go to: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24194.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-24194.htm</a>).</b></p> <p><b>Comment deadline: 1/5/10</b></p> <p><b>Effective date: 12/7/09</b></p> <p>GINA prohibits discrimination based on a person’s genetic information in health coverage and employment. Specifically, sections 101 through 104 forbid discrimination based on genetic information in health plans (group health plans, health insurance issuers in the group and individual markets, and those who issue Medicare supplemental policies) and health insurance coverage. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-22504.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-22504.htm</a>.</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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10/1/09	NIH  Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development’s (NICHD) National Children’s Study (NCS) Advisory Committee	<p><b>Meeting Date: 10/21/09 at 9:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Place: NIH, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD</b></p> <p>NICHD conducts and supports research on issues related to the health of children, adults, families, and populations. NICHD is also authorized, along with a consortium of federal agencies, to conduct the National Children’s Study. The study is a “multi-year study that will examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of more than 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21.” On the agenda is an update for the NCS director, and discussions on outcome assessments, just to name a few. The public may file comments with the contact person. For more information about the meeting, contact Jessica Sapienza at 703-902-1339 or at <a href="mailto:ncs@circlesolutions.com">ncs@circlesolutions.com</a>. For more information about the study, go to: <a href="http://www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov/about/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov/about/Pages/default.aspx</a>.</p>

- 10/6/09 HHS **Meeting Date: 10/20/09 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: The Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, D.C.**  
 Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology's HIT Policy Committee's Workgroup  
 The HIT Policy Committee provides recommendations to the ONC on a policy framework related to the electronic exchange and use of health information that is consistent with the federal health IT strategic plan. On the agenda are experts who are scheduled to testify on the electronic exchange of laboratory information. For more information about ONC and to obtain background materials, go to: <http://healthit.hhs.gov>. For more information about the meeting, contact Jonathan Ishee, J.D., at 202-205-8493 or at [jonathan.ishee@hhs.gov](mailto:jonathan.ishee@hhs.gov).
- 10/9/09 HS **Meeting Dates: 10/19 at 2:00 p.m., 10/21 at 8:30 a.m., and 10/22/09 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: The Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, MD**  
 Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC)  
 HSINAC identifies issues and provides advice and recommendations for the improvement of the Network to the leadership in the department. The Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is a web-based operation that facilitates information sharing and collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal, private sector, and international partners, and facilitates collaboration between areas such as law enforcement and emergency management. On the agenda is a system update demonstration and policy committee reports, just to name a few. For more information about the committee and prior meeting minutes, go to: [http://www.dhs.gov/files/committees/gc\\_1248877706791.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/committees/gc_1248877706791.shtm). For more information about the meeting, contact Gabrielle Gallegos at 202-357-7624.
- 10/13/09 HHS **Meeting Dates: 10/27 and 10/28/09 at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: The Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA**  
 Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP)  
 SACHRP provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS related to the protection of human research subjects. On the agenda is a briefing on "harmonization efforts" by NIH, a presentation on revised accreditation standards, a report on consent issues related to the use of data or specimens, and a panel discussion on informed consent tools and mechanisms for the informed consent document. A public comment period is scheduled both days. For more information about SACHRP, go to: [www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/](http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/). For more information about the meeting, contact Dr. Jerry Menikoff at 240-453-8141 or at [sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov).

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

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10/6/09	The White House	<p><b>The President has proclaimed October 2009 as “National Disability Employment Awareness Month.”</b> In his remarks, the President cited the progress of the past 50 years, but also noted the work still to be done, “In the past half-century, we have made great strides toward providing equal employment opportunities in America, but much work remains to be done. As part of that continuing effort, we must seek to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Only then can Americans with disabilities achieve full participation in the workforce and reach the height of their ambition.” See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24201.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24201.htm</a>.</p>
10/8/09	The White House	<p><b>The President has proclaimed 10/5/09 as “Child Health Day, 2009.”</b> In his remarks, The President addressed the need for all children to have access to affordable, high quality health care. He went on to say that, “As a Nation, we cannot allow our children to fail in reaching their full potential because we fail to meet their basic needs.” He also pointed out his administration’s signing of the reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24446.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24446.htm</a>.</p>