

justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Greensboro and Wilmington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Greensboro (Guilford County) and Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, for travel during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed \$153 (\$123 maximum for lodging and a \$30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE)) to Greensboro (Guilford County), North Carolina, and \$157 (\$127 maximum for lodging and a \$30 allowance for M&IE) to Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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[GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Burlington, Vermont

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of bulletin.

SUMMARY: The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This special rate is applicable to claims for reimbursement covering travel to Burlington during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT),

Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c) and at the request of the Department of the Treasury, has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington, Vermont during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 24 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

G. Martin Wagner,
Associate Administrator, Office of
Governmentwide Policy.

Attachment

November 27, 1996

[GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

TO: Heads of Federal agencies
SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher
actual subsistence expenses for
official travel to Burlington
(Chittenden County), Vermont

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301-304) part 301-8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Department of the Treasury requested establishment of such a rate for Burlington to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates. These circumstances justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Burlington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c), has

increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, for travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed \$159 (\$129 maximum for lodging which includes the tax and a \$30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses) to Burlington, Vermont, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of December 1996:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing analytical and theoretical research on costs, quality, access, and efficiency of the delivery of health services for the research grant program administered by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on December 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant