

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

[0917-ZA05]

**Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Years 1998 and 1999**

Notice is given that the Director of Indian Health Service, under the authority of sections 321(a) and 322(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 248(a) and 249(b) and section 601 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601), has approved the following reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care in facilities operated by the Indian Health Service for Calendar Year 1998 and Calendar Year 1999: Medicare, and Medicaid Beneficiaries and Beneficiaries of other Federal agencies. Also, with respect to Medicaid inpatient rates, Indian Health Service facilities may elect to receive payments for physician services by meeting those requirements under an approved State Medicaid plan.

|  | Calendar year 1998 | Calendar year 1999 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician Service)</b> |                    |                    |
| Lower 48 States .....  | \$1,040            | \$1,065            |
| Alaska .....   | 1,300              | 1,331              |
| <b>Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)</b>                |                    |                    |
| Lower 48 States .....  | 168                | 172                |
| Alaska .....   | 241                | 241                |
| <b>Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Medicare)</b>                          |                    |                    |
| Lower 48 States .....  | 138                | 138                |
| Alaska .....   | 210                | 210                |
| <b>Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate</b>             |                    |                    |
| Lower 48 States .....  | 420                | 420                |

|              | Calendar year 1998 | Calendar year 1999 |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Alaska ..... | 533                | 533                |

**Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)**

Established rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

**Effective Date of Calendar Year 1998 and Calendar Year 1999 Rates**

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 1998 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 1998 and the Calendar Year 1999 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 1999.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

**Michel E. Lincoln,**

*Acting Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request; Preventing Problem Behavior Among Middle School Students**

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, for the opportunity for public comment on the proposed data collection projects, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

**PROPOSED COLLECTION:**

*Title:* Preventing Problem Behavior Among Middle School Students.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension, OMB Number 0925-0436, Expiration Date 6/30/99.

**Need and Use of Information**

**Collection:** The purpose of this study is to test the efficacy of a comprehensive program of interventions that include participatory classroom curriculum, parent education and enhanced school environment. Middle schools in one school district in Maryland were assigned to either a special intervention treatment condition or usual education (control) condition. The intervention is sequentially structured with curricula implemented in each grade of middle school. Classroom-administered questionnaires were administered to all middle schools prior to the intervention to establish baseline levels of the variables of interest, including substance use, school misconduct, parent and peer influences, and school climate. Data is collected annually after the completion of the grade level intervention. Information about parenting style will be collected on a sample of parents of participating student using telephone interviews.

As of the expiration of the current OMB approval, data will have been collected on one cohort of middle school students annually throughout middle school (6-8 grade) and two years of data collection on the second cohort of students (grades 6 and 7). Completion of the study as proposed includes collecting data on the second cohort in grade 8 and follow-up measurement of both cohorts in grade 9. Data will also be collected on a sample of parents.

*Frequency of Response:* Data will be collected 2 times over a two-year period.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Governments.

*Type of Respondents:* Children and their parents.

*Respondent and Burden Estimate Information:*

| Type of respondent         | Estimated number of respondents | Estimated number of annual responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden hours requested |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Children in Cohort 1 ..... | 1370                            | 1   | .91                               | 1248  |
| Children in Cohort 2 ..... | 1390                            | 1   | .91                               | 1264  |
| Parents .....              | 250                             | 1   | 1.0                               | 375   |
| Total .....                | 3010                            | .....   | .....                             | 2887  |

*Annualized cost to respondents* (based on \$10.00 per hour): \$28,870.00.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques for other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Bruce Simons-Morton, Chief, Prevention Research Branch, Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Building 6100, Room 7B05, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510 or call non-toll free number (301) 496-1126 or E-mail your request, including your return address to [bm79K@nih.gov](mailto:bm79K@nih.gov).

**COMMENT DUE DATE:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: January 18, 1999.

**Benjamin Fulton,**

*Executive Officer, NICHD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Fogarty International Center; Notice of Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of meetings of the Fogarty International Center Advisory Board.

The meetings will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the

provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Fogarty International Center Advisory Board Subcommittee.

*Date:* February 8, 1999.

*Closed:* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Lawton Chiles International House, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Irene W. Edwards, Information Officer, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B2C08, 31 Center Drive MSC 2220, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-2075.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of Committee:* Fogarty International Center Advisory Board.

*Date:* February 8-9, 1999.

*Open:* February 9, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* Presentation by the Director and two presentations on Medical Bioethics.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Lawton Chiles International House, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Closed:* February 9, 1999, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Lawton Chiles International House, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Irene W. Edwards, Information Officer, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B2C08, 31 Center Drive MSC 2220, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-2075.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.934, Fogarty International Research Collaboration Award; 93.989, Senior International Fellowship Awards Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 19, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel "Analytical Chemistry and Stability Testing of Treatment Drugs".

*Date:* February 17, 1999.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Lyle Furr, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-1644.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 19, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as