

each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal year 2003, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.5 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2003 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2002 updated by 3.5 percent for FY 2003. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.5 percent for FY 2003. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.5 percent for FY 2003. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.5 percent for FY 2003. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.556 percent for FY 2003.

The following reflect an update of 3.5 percent.

**REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW TRICARE VOLUME**

United States census region	Rate@
<b>Northeast:</b>	
New England .....	\$598
Mid-Atlantic .....	574
<b>Midwest:</b>	
East North Central .....	496
West North Central .....	468
<b>South:</b>	
South Atlantic .....	592
East South Central .....	641
West South Central .....	540
<b>South:</b>	
South Atlantic .....	592
East South Central .....	641
West South Central .....	540
<b>West:</b>	
Mountain .....	539
Pacific .....	635

@Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment—71.556 percent.

**Beneficiary Cost-Share:** Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$159 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2002

**Cap Amount:** Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$750 per day for FY 2003.

The following reflect an update of 3.5 percent for FY 2003.

**PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS FY 2003**

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3–5 hours)
<b>Northeast:</b>		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT) .....	\$240	\$181
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA) .....	259	195
<b>Midwest:</b>		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI) .....	228	171
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS) .....	228	171
<b>South:</b>		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL) .....	247	185
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS) .....	266	200
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK) .....	266	200
<b>West:</b>		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV) .....	269	202
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI) .....	263	198

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2002.

Dated: September 9, 2002.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Science Board**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Enduring Freedom Lessons Learned will meet in closed session on September 26–27, 2002, at the US Central Command and the US Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. This Task Force will review current activities of Operation Enduring Freedom to determine both

near and longer-term technical and operational considerations that could be used to improve this operation and future campaigns initiated in the War Against Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate operational policy and procedures, command and control, intelligence, combat support activities, weapon system performance, and science and technology requirements.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Science Board**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on the Role and Status of DoD Red Teaming Activities will meet in closed session on September 24, 2002; November 14, 2002; and December 17, 2002, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will review the role and status of Red Teaming in the Department of Defense (DoD) and recommend ways to make it a more effective tool.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate current and past Red Team activities

within the Department of Defense and its agencies, as well as other government and non-government organizations (including those initiated since September 11). The Task Force will prepare recommendations that are relevant to red teaming that portrays both state and non-state adversaries. It will also look at how the Department should work with other government departments and agencies to foster effective red teaming. The Task Force will address issues of red team products, processes and organization.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

**DATE(S):** October 15, 2002 from 0800 a.m. to 1710 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Veronica Rice, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2119.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Matters To Be Considered

Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend,

appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: September 6, 2002.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 15, 2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 11, 2002.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Lender's Application Process (LAP).

*Frequency:* Quarterly, Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 121. Burden Hours: 20.

*Abstract:* The Lender's Application Process is submitted by lenders who are eligible for reimbursement of interest and special allowance, as well as Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL) claims payment, under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The information will be used by ED to update Lender Identification Numbers (LIDs) lender's names, addresses with 9-digit zip codes, and other pertinent information.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2148. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the e-mail address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory