Scoping Process

This notice initiates a public scoping period for the PEIS. Please review the information in this notice and additional information about the S–K Program, located on the NOAA S–K Program website (see the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above).

NOAA is particularly interested in receiving comments regarding biological, cultural, or ecological issues that the analysis should address. We also encourage comments that assist us in further delineating the proposed project, its potential to affect the human environment, means for avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating those effects, the preliminary range of alternatives, any additional reasonable alternatives that should be considered, and other issues of public concern. To promote informed decision-making, we especially encourage commenters to submit any scientific data, studies, or research that you feel is relevant to the analysis.

To facilitate the public and agency involvement in the PEIS process, NOAA will hold three public-scoping meetings during the scoping period. The meetings will be virtual in format. The scoping meetings will solicit input from the public and interested public agencies regarding the scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in the draft PEIS. Three virtual public scoping meetings (in webinar format only) will be held in each of three regions, as follows:

- Eastern and Gulf of Mexico Region (includes Atlantic States, Gulf of Mexico States, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico)—March 9, 2021
  - 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)
  - 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)
- Western Region (includes Pacific States, Idaho, Alaska)—March 10, 2021
  - 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)
  - 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (AKST)
- Western Pacific Region (includes Hawaii and Pacific Territories)—March 11, 2021
  - March 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HST)
  - March 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (CHST)

Use the webinar link and dial-in information below to join one of the public scoping meetings:

Webinar Link: https://kearsandwest.webex.com/meet/webexalias3
Access Code: 146 622 5582

Participants are encouraged to download the Webex Meetings app ahead of the meetings, using this link: https://www.webex.com/downloads.html. Then use the meeting link above to join a public scoping meeting at the appropriate time. You may also participate by phone toll-free by calling 1–844–621–3956, then entering the Access Code above when prompted.

After the comment period closes, NOAA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information when developing the draft PEIS. Upon completion of the draft PEIS, a document announcing its availability and an opportunity to comment will be published in the Federal Register.

**Authority:** This PEIS will be prepared under the authority of, and in accordance with, the requirements of NEPA, implementing regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and NOAA’s policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Notice of Waiver of the Referral Requirement for TRICARE Prime Enrollees, Not Including Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs), So They May Receive COVID–19 Vaccines From Any TRICARE-Authorized Non-Network Provider Without Incurring Point-of-Service Charges Where Applicable

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of waiver.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise TRICARE Prime enrollees, not including ADSMs, of a waiver to the referral requirement so they may receive COVID–19 vaccines, a clinical preventive service, from any TRICARE authorized non-network provider.
COVID–19 vaccine in persons aged 18 years and older for the prevention of COVID–19. The recommendation was published in an early release of the MMWR on December 20, 2020; thus, this vaccine may also be covered by TRICARE.

Except under very special circumstances, a beneficiary enrolled in TRICARE Prime is required to obtain a referral for care through a designated primary care manager (or other authorized care coordinator) prior to obtaining care under the TRICARE program, otherwise POS charges apply. The DHA believes the widespread need for COVID–19 vaccines and the fact that supply of these vaccines may be limited is a special circumstance necessitating the waiver of the referral requirement for TRICARE Prime enrollees so they may receive a COVID–19 vaccine, a clinical preventive service, from any TRICARE authorized non-network provider without incurring POS charges where applicable. This waiver will apply for the period of the U.S. President’s declaration of the COVID–19 national emergency.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2021–SCC–0027]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Reaffirmation Agreement

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 26, 2021.

Addresses: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the docket ID number ED–2021–SCC–0027. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provides the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Reaffirmation Agreement.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0133.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.