

- Fund and implement training and workforce development programs that build skills and careers related to climate, natural disasters, environment, clean energy, clean transportation, housing, water and wastewater infrastructure, and legacy pollution reduction.

#### IV. Research and Data Collection, Analysis, Utilization

- Priority Action(s)
  - Support research that explores the multiple and complex factors contributing to minority health disparities, including but not limited to environmental factors acting independently or dependently across multiple social levels.
  - Support the spectrum of community engaged research including community-based participatory research and community led research. Additionally, strengthen authentic community engagement in planning, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating effective interventions for diseases disproportionately affecting disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations.
  - Coordinate the design, dissemination, and utilization of an environmental justice and social vulnerability data dashboard and index, for identifying, tracking, and addressing environmental burden and health inequities in disadvantaged communities.
  - Report research data to communities using culturally appropriate and accessible methods.

#### V. Education and Training

- Priority Action(s)
  - Provide data, training, and technical assistance to disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations at higher risk for exposure to harmful environmental and health hazards.
  - Deliver comprehensive training to increase opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged, overburdened, and underserved communities to obtain careers in environmental cleanup, construction, hazardous waste removal, and emergency response.
  - Develop guidance and templates to assist states and tribes in the communication of environmental and health risks to households and communities.
  - Develop environmental justice training programs for Federal staff, primary health care and public

health professionals, and policy and other decision-makers.

#### VI. Performance Measures (Evaluation)

- Priority Action(s)
  - Develop milestones and provide periodic progress to demonstrate accountability and progress.

HHS is requesting information from the public regarding the following questions:

##### Environmental Justice Core Principles

1. What *Environmental Justice Core Principles* should be included in the HHS EJ Strategy to advance environmental justice for disadvantaged communities?
2. How should HHS incorporate *Environmental Justice Core Principles* in the HHS EJ Strategy?

##### Strategic Elements

1. Do the *Strategic Elements* reflect relevant areas of environmental justice that address the needs of disadvantaged communities?
2. Are there additional *Strategic Elements* that should be included in the HHS EJ Strategy?

##### Priority Actions

1. Do the *Priority Actions* capture the urgent, environmental justice issues of today?
2. If not, what additional *Priority Actions* should be included within the HHS EJ Strategy?

##### Research and Data Tools

1. What research methods, research questions, and data tools should HHS use to address environmental justice and social determinants of health?

##### Additional Information

1. What other strategies can be included within the 2022 HHS Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan to address environmental justice and health equity issues for disadvantaged populations?

HHS encourages all potentially interested parties—individuals, associations, governmental, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and private sector entities—to respond. HHS is interested in the questions listed above, but respondents are welcome to address as many or as few as they choose and to address additional areas of interest not listed. To facilitate review of the

responses, please reference the question category and number in your response.

**Arsenio Mataka,**

*Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Indian Health Service

**RIN 0917-AA21**

##### Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2022

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is provided that the Acting Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) has approved the rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by the IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2022.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Acting Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), under the authority of sections 321(a) and 322(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 248 and 249(b)), Public Law 83-568 (42 U.S.C. 2001(a)), and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), has approved the following rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2022 for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, beneficiaries of other federal programs, and for recoveries under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651-2653). The inpatient rates for Medicare Part A are excluded from the table below. That is because Medicare inpatient payments for IHS hospital facilities are made based on the prospective payment system, or (when IHS facilities are designated as Medicare Critical Access Hospitals) on a reasonable cost basis. Since the inpatient per diem rates set forth below do not include all physician services and practitioner services, additional payment shall be available to the extent that those services are provided.

*Inpatient Hospital per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician/Practitioner Services)*

Calendar Year 2022

Lower 48 States: \$4,239

Alaska: \$3,583

*Outpatient per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)*

Calendar Year 2022

Lower 48 States: \$640

Alaska: \$945  
*Outpatient per Visit Rate (Medicare)*  
 Calendar Year 2022  
 Lower 48 States: \$541  
 Alaska: \$792  
*Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary per Diem Rate*  
 Calendar Year 2022  
 Lower 48 States: \$813  
 Alaska: \$1,138

#### *Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)*

Established Medicare rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

#### *Effective Date for Calendar Year 2022 Rates*

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2022 rates will be effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2022, to the extent consistent with payment authorities, including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

**Elizabeth A. Fowler,**

*Acting Director.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors Chairs Meeting, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health.

The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting and is open to the public as indicated below. Individuals who plan to view the virtual meeting 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.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors Chairs Meeting, National Institutes of Health.

*Date:* May 13, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., ET.

*Agenda:* The meeting will include a discussion of policies and procedures that apply to the regular review of NIH intramural scientists and their work.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 1 Center Drive, Building 1, Room 160, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Zoom Meeting).

This meeting is a virtual meeting via Zoom and can be accessed at: <https://nih.zoomgov.com/j/1613598713?pwd=YnhhSjhr1NGTEFJcXA0NWFXU044UT09>.

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*Contact Person:* Margaret McBurney, Management Analyst, Office of the Deputy Director for Intramural Research, National Institutes of Health, 1 Center Drive, Room 160, Bethesda, MD 20892-0140, (301) 496-1921, [mmcburney@od.nih.gov](mailto:mmcburney@od.nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number, and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Office of the Intramural Research home page: <http://sourcebook.od.nih.gov/>.

Dated: April 5, 2022.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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 the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special Emphasis Panel; Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) (U54 Clinical Trials Optional).

*Date:* May 11-12, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Gateway Plaza, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Maryline Laude-Sharp, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Research Administration, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Ste. 525, MSC. 9206, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-9536, [mlaudesharp@mail.nih.gov](mailto:mlaudesharp@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special Emphasis Panel; NIMHD Mentored Career and Research Development Awards (Ks).

*Date:* June 30-July 1, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Gateway Plaza, 7201 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20817 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Deborah Ismond, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Research Administration, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-1366, [ismondr@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ismondr@mail.nih.gov).

Dated: April 4, 2022.

**David W. Freeman,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAMS.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications conducted by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAMS.

*Date:* May 3-4, 2022.