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8. Cost Estimate

We estimate this demonstration will cost approximately \$100,000.00 in administrative costs, \$4.6M in health care costs over the five years, and \$500,000 for the program evaluation. There is substantial uncertainty surrounding this estimate, as it is very challenging to predict the uptake or expansion of PHBT.

9. Beneficiary Cost Sharing

Beneficiaries will be subject to the cost-sharing, deductibles, and co-payments that apply to their plan. As most ambulance providers are out of network, and beneficiaries have percentage-based copayments for out of network providers, beneficiaries may experience increases in their out-of-pocket costs. These increases are a result of the increased allowable amounts under this demonstration. Although TFL beneficiaries generally have their Medicare liability limited to their Medicare co-payments, under this demonstration project TFL beneficiaries will have an add-on co-pay of 25 percent of the TRICARE allowed ambulance add-on reimbursement for authorized PHBT.

10. Demonstration Analysis

The Department will evaluate the success of the demonstration in Year 5. The evaluation will attempt to determine if the add-on reimbursement for PHBT: (1) improved beneficiary outcomes; (2) reduced total cost of care; (3) improved access to PHBT and/or ambulance network adequacy; and (4) was administratively feasible to implement. This analysis will be primarily based on retrospective claims data and thus will be limited in its ability to draw conclusions regarding causality.

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Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Wage Committee (DoDWC); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of closed Federal advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The DoD (referred to herein as “the Department”, “Department of War” or “DoW”) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meetings of the DoDWC will take place.

DATES:

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, July 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Karl Fendt, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (571) 372-1618 (voice), karl.h.fendt.civ@mail.mil (email), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 05G21, Alexandria, Virginia 22350 (mailing address). Any agenda updates can be found at the DoDWC’s official website: <https://wageandsalary.dcpas.osd.mil/BWN/DODWC/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings are held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), subsection 552b(c) of title 5, U.S.C. and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 and 102-3.155.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of these meetings is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the conduct of wage surveys and the establishment of wage schedules for all appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund areas of blue-collar employees within the DoW.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the DFO and the DoW, the DoDWC was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its June 23, 2026 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the

DoW, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the public notification requirement.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the DFO and the DoW, the DoDWC was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its July 7, 2026 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoW, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the public notification requirement.

Agenda

June 23, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Cumberland, Pennsylvania wage area (AC-092).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the York, Pennsylvania wage area (AC-093).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Honolulu, Hawaii wage area (AC-106).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Norfolk-Portsmouth-VA Beach, Virginia wage area (AC-111).

6. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Hampton-Newport News, Virginia wage area (AC-112).

7. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Harford, Maryland wage area (AC-148).

8. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the McLennan, Texas wage area (AC-022).

9. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Jefferson, New York wage area (AC-101).

10. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Orange, New York wage area (AC-103).

11. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Macomb, Michigan wage area (AC-162).

12. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Niagara, New York wage area (AC-163).

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

13. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Huntsville, Alabama wage area (AC-004).

14. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida wage area (AC-035).

15. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the New Haven-Hartford, Connecticut wage area (AC-024).

16. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Cleveland-Akron-Canton, Ohio wage area (AC-105).

17. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Texarkana, Texas wage area (AC-136).

18. Survey Specifications for the Panama City, Florida wage area (AC-033).

19. Survey Specifications for the Seattle-Everett, Washington wage area (AC-143).

20. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

July 7, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Shreveport, Louisiana wage area (AC-062).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Central North Carolina wage area (AC-099).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Columbia, South Carolina wage area (AC-120).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Virginia Beach-Chesapeake, Virginia wage area (AC-140).

6. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Atlanta, Georgia wage area (AC-037).

7. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

July 21, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Pennington, South Dakota wage area (AC-086).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Nueces, Texas wage area (AC-115).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Bexar, Texas wage area (AC-117).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Anchorage, Alaska wage area (AC-118).

6. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Kitsap, Washington wage area (AC-142).

7. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Dallas, Texas wage area (AC-152).

8. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Tarrant, Texas wage area (AC-156).

9. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Orleans, Louisiana wage area (AC-006).

10. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Bell, Texas wage area (AC-028).

11. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Curry, New Mexico wage area (AC-030).

12. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Tom Green, Texas wage area (AC-032).

13. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Cobb, Georgia wage area (AC-034).

14. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Columbus, Georgia wage area (AC-067).

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

15. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Augusta, Maine wage area (AC-063).

16. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Harrisburg-York-Lebanon, Pennsylvania wage area (AC-114).

17. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Savannah, Georgia wage area (AC-042).

18. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Western Texas wage area (AC-127).

19. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Waco, Texas wage area (AC-137).

20. Survey Specifications for the Fort Wayne-Marion, Indiana wage area (AC-049).

21. Survey Specifications for the St. Louis, Missouri wage area (AC-081).

22. Survey Specifications for the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas wage area (AC-131).

23. Special Pay—Western Texas Special Rate

24. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

August 4, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Hawaii wage area (AC-044).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Asheville, North Carolina wage area (AC-098).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Austin, Texas wage area (AC-129).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Southwestern Wisconsin wage area (AC-149).

6. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Augusta, Georgia wage area (AC-038).

7. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Macon, Georgia wage area (AC-041).

8. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Southeastern Washington-Eastern Oregon wage area (AC-144).

9. Survey Specifications for the Evansville-Henderson, Indiana wage area (AC-048).

10. Survey Specifications for the Indianapolis-Carmel-Muncie, Indiana wage area (AC-050).

11. Survey Specifications for the Kansas City, Missouri wage area (AC-080).

12. Survey Specifications for the Southern Missouri wage area (AC-082).

13. Survey Specifications for the Omaha, Nebraska wage area (AC-084).

14. Special Pay—Macon, Georgia Special Rate

15. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

August 18, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Arapahoe-Denver, Colorado wage area (AC-084).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the El Paso, Colorado wage area (AC-085).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Laramie, Wyoming wage area (AC-087).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the New London, Connecticut wage area (AC-136).

6. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Snohomish, Washington wage area (AC-141).

7. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Pierce, Washington wage area (AC-143).

8. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Newport, Rhode Island wage area (AC-167).

9. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Grand Forks, North Dakota wage area (AC-017).

10. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Davis-Weber-Salt Lake, Utah wage area (AC-018).

11. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Ada-Elmore, Idaho wage area (AC-038).

12. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Cascade, Montana wage area (AC-040).

13. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Spokane, Washington wage area (AC-043).

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

14. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the New Orleans, Louisiana wage area (AC-061).

15. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Central and Northern Maine wage area (AC-064).

16. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Southwestern Oregon wage area (AC-113).

17. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Corpus Christi-Kingsville-Alice, Texas wage area (AC-130).

18. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Duluth, Minnesota wage area (AC-074).

19. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the San Antonio, Texas wage area (AC-135).

20. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Milwaukee-Racine-Waukesha, Wisconsin wage area (AC-148).

21. Survey Specifications for the Los Angeles, California wage area (AC-013).

22. Survey Specifications for the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota wage area (AC-075).

23. Survey Specifications for the Richmond, Virginia wage area (AC-141).

24. Special Pay—Southwestern Oregon Special Rate

25. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

September 1, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

2. Survey Specifications for the Brevard, Florida wage area (AC-061).

3. Survey Specifications for the Hillsborough, Florida wage area (AC-119).

4. Survey Specifications for the Miami-Dade, Florida wage area (AC-158).

5. Survey Specifications for the Duval, Florida wage area (AC-159).

6. Survey Specifications for the Monroe, Florida wage area (AC-160).

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

7. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

September 15, 2026

Opening Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton, and DFO, Mr. Karl Fendt.

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Non-appropriated Fund areas:

1. Any items needing further clarification or action from the previous meeting.

2. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Frederick, Maryland wage area (AC-088).

3. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Washington, District of Columbia wage area (AC-124).

4. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Alexandria-Arlington-Fairfax, Virginia wage area (AC-125).

5. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Prince William, Virginia wage area (AC-126).

6. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Prince George's-Montgomery, Maryland wage area (AC-127).

7. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Charles-St. Mary's, Maryland wage area (AC-128).

8. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Anne Arundel, Maryland wage area (AC-147).

9. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Burlington, New Jersey wage area (AC-071).

10. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Kent, Delaware wage area (AC-076).

11. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Richmond-Chesterfield, Virginia wage area (AC-082).

12. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Morris, New Jersey wage area (AC-090).

Reviewing survey results and/or survey specifications for the following Appropriated Fund areas:

13. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Alaska wage area (AC-007).

14. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Montana wage area (AC-083).

15. Wage Schedule (Full Scale) for the Charleston, South Carolina wage area (AC-119).

16. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Boise, Idaho wage area (AC-045).

17. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for Utah wage area (AC-139).

18. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Spokane, Washington wage area (AC-145).

19. Wage Schedule (Wage Change) for the Puerto Rico wage area (AC-151).

20. Special Pay—Puerto Rico Special Rates.

21. Any items needing further clarification from this agenda may be discussed during future scheduled meetings.

Closing Remarks by Chair, Mr. Eric Clayton.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), the DoW has determined that the meetings shall be closed to the public. The USW(P&R), in consultation with the DoW Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that each of these meetings is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) and 41 CFR 102-3.140, interested persons may submit written statements to the DFO for the DoDWC at any time, whether after the meeting has already been held or prior to the meetings that have not been held. Written statements should be submitted to the DFO at the email or mailing address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If statements pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the DoDWC until its next meeting. The DFO will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members before or after the meetings that are the subject of this notice.

Due to negative impacts to pay for Federal Wage System employees that directly support national defense, the 7-day notice period was unable to be met for the June 23rd meeting. The delay was unavoidable for the lead agency and additional delays would have increased the severity of negative implications for all agencies that employ Federal Wage System employees.

Dated: June 30, 2026.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee— Department of Defense Board of Actuaries

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of Federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The DoD (referred to herein as “the Department”, “Department of War” or “DoW”) is publishing this notice to