DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services’ claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury’s current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the “Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities” unless the Secretary waives interest in whole or part, or a different rate is prescribed by statute, contract, or repayment agreement. The Secretary of the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the Federal Register. The current rate of 10.0%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. This rate is based on the Interest Rates for Specific Legislation, “National Health Services Corps Scholarship Program (42 U.S.C. 2540(b)(1)(A))” and “National Research Service Award Program (42 U.S.C. 288(c)(4)(B)).” This interest rate will be applied to overdue debt until the Department of Health and Human Services publishes a revision.

Dated: October 20, 2015.

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Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records Notice

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice to alter two Privacy Act systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is updating an existing, department-wide system of records, System No. 09–90–0024, titled “Unified Financial Management System” (UFMS), which covers accounts payable and accounts receivable records retrieved by personal identifier; and is transferring one routine use (pertaining to administrative wage garnishment) to a related system of records, System No. 09–40–0012, titled “Debt Management and Collection System.” System No. 09–90–0024, “Unified Financial Management System,” was established prior to 1979 (see 44 FR 58149). The System of Records Notice (SORN) was last revised and republished in full in 2005 (see 70 FR 38145). This Notice proposes to change the name to “HHS Financial Management System Records”; update records locations and System Manager contact information; narrow the scope of the SORN by excluding certain descriptions and routine uses pertaining to collection of overdue and delinquent federal debts, which are currently covered in, or are now proposed to be covered in, the SORN for System No. 09–40–0012 “Debt Management and Collection System;” add several new routine uses, combine and revise certain existing routine uses, and delete unnecessary routine uses; and update the safeguards, record retention procedures, and record source descriptions. The changes are more fully explained in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this Notice.

DATES: The altered system notice is effective immediately, with the exception of the routine uses that are proposed to be added, revised, or transferred. The new, revised, and transferred routine uses will be effective 30 days after publication, unless HHS receives comments that warrant a revision to this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Send public comments by mail to: Sara Hall, Chief Information Security Officer, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room #326E, Washington, DC 20201, or by email to: sara.hall@hhs.gov. Comments will be available for public inspection and copying at the above location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Hall, Chief Information Security Officer, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room #326E, Washington, DC 20201, sara.hall@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Updates to System No. 09–90–0024

Since the last republication of the Unified Financial Management System SORN in 2005, the System Manager contact information has changed, and some of the records locations have changed. In reviewing the SORN for other updates to make, HHS determined that the name and scope should be changed to reflect that the system of records is not limited to records associated with a particular information technology (IT) system known as the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS), because HHS uses multiple IT systems for financial management purposes, the IT system names may change, and certain supporting records are not maintained in the IT systems, but are maintained in hard copy only. The system of records currently excludes salary and wage payment records processed in a payroll system; HHS determined that certain descriptions and routine uses pertaining to collection of overdue and delinquent federal debts should also be excluded from this SORN, to avoid (to the extent possible) duplicating System No. 09–40–0012 “Debt Management and Collection System.” (System No. 09–40–0012 is a subset of this system of records; it covers records pertaining to debt collection functions, and also utilizes the central accounting system known as UFMS.) The safeguards, record retention procedures, and record source descriptions have also been updated.

The remaining changes affect the routine uses:

- Routine uses 3 and 13 through 17 are being added; they will authorize disclosures pertaining to law violations, private relief legislation, audits, insurance and similar matters, cybersecurity monitoring, and security breach response.
- The following routine uses are being revised:
  - Routine use 1, authorizing disclosures to Treasury to effect payments, has been revised to include “verifying payment eligibility,” and to authorize disclosures under any future “Do Not Pay” computer matching agreement entered into with Treasury that requires data from this system of records.
  - The word “written” has been added to routine use 2 (pertaining to disclosures to Members of Congress).
  - Former routine uses 4 and 5 (pertaining to disclosures to obtain information relevant to an HHS decision and to provide information relevant to another agency’s decision) are now combined at number 5.
  - The litigation routine use (formerly 8, now 7) has been reworded.

Former routine uses 16 and 17 (pertaining to disclosures to contractors and other individuals not having the status of agency employees) are now combined at number 12.