DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary

DElegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, or his or her successor, the authorities vested in the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, under Sec. 1003(a), (c), and (d) of the 21st Century Cures Act to support the Opioid Grant Program. This authority excludes the authority to promulgate regulations and to submit reports to Congress. These authorities may be re-delegated. I have ratified and affirmed any actions taken by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use or by any subordinates, which, in effect involved the exercise of these authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation. This delegation was effective upon date of signature.

Thomas E. Price, Secretary.

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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%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended March 31, 2017. This rate is based on the Interest Rates for Specific Legislation, “National Health Services Corps Scholarship Program (42 U.S.C. 254o(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.

David C. Horn, Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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Opioid State Targeted Response Grants

Opioids were responsible for over 33,000 deaths in 2015; this alarming statistic is unacceptable. Through a sustained focus on people, patients, and partnerships, this crisis can be addressed across our nation.

Last month President Trump announced the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. This Commission is tasked with studying the scope and effectiveness of the federal response to this crisis and providing recommendations to the President for improving it. As the Administration develops a comprehensive strategy to improve the federal response to combat opioids, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must ensure the Opioid State Targeted Response grants are aligned accordingly and put to the best use possible. Given the urgency of the issue, we understand the need to release the funding for the first year of this program immediately. However, the intentions of HHS for the second year are to develop funding allocations and policies that are the most clinically sound, effective and efficient.

In the interest of ensuring that these resources are applied in the best manner possible, I will be seeking input from the states/territories in the coming weeks and months. As funding from the first year is implemented and monitored, states/territories will be asked to identify best practices, lessons learned, and key strategies that can help HHS further target these funds in the subsequent year to best address this tragic issue.

Thomas E. Price, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Discretionary Options for Designated Spouses, Parents, and Sons and Daughters of Certain Military Personnel, Veterans, and Enlistees


ACTIONS: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the Federal Register to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e. the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until June 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0008 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS–2005–0024. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments: