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 1/8%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. 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.

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

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Activities Deemed Not To Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements

AGENCY: The Office for Human Research Protections, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, is announcing the availability of a draft guidance document entitled, “Activities Deemed Not To Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements.”

DATES: Submit written comments by December 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for a single copy of the draft guidance document entitled “Activities Deemed Not To Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements,” to the Division of Policy and Assurances, Office for Human Research Protections, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 240–453–6909. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for information on electronic access to the draft guidance documents.

You may submit comments identified by docket ID number HHS–OS–OPHS–2018–0015 (Activities Deemed Not to Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements), by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Enter the docket ID number and click on “Search.” On the next page, click the “Comment Now” action and follow the instructions.
• Mail/Hand delivery/Courier [For paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions]: Irene Stith-Coleman, Ph.D., Office for Human Research Protections, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852.

Comments received, including any personal information, will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Stith-Coleman, Ph.D., Office for Human Research Protections, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–453–6900; email Irene.Stith-Coleman@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Overview

OHRP, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, is announcing the availability of a draft guidance document entitled “Activities Deemed Not to Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements.” This guidance document applies to activities that are conducted or supported by HHS. It is intended to help entities determine whether a planned activity constitutes a public health surveillance activity deemed not to be research under the 2018 Requirements (the revised subpart A of 45 CFR part 46, effective July 19, 2018). The draft guidance document, when finalized, will represent OHRP’s current thinking on this topic. OHRP obtained input from HHS agencies and the Common Rule departments and agencies in developing the draft guidance document.

II. Electronic Access

Persons with access may obtain the draft guidance documents on OHRP’s website at https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/requests-for-comments/index.html.

Dated: November 8, 2018.
Julie Kaneshiro, Deputy Director, Office for Human Research Protections.

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National Biodefense Science Board Public Teleconference

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services is soliciting a public teleconference of the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB).