

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Revised Amount of the Average Cost of a Health Insurance Policy

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA is publishing an updated monetary amount of the average cost of a health insurance policy as it relates to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT George Reed Grimes, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Health Systems Bureau, HRSA, HHS by mail at 5600 Fishers Lane, 14W-18, Rockville, Maryland 20857; or call (301) 443-9350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 100.2 of the VICP's implementing regulation (42 CFR part 100) states that the revised amount of an average cost of a health insurance policy, as determined by the Secretary of HHS (the Secretary), is effective upon its delivery by the Secretary to the United States Court of Federal Claims (the Court) and will be published periodically in a notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary delegated this responsibility to the Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs. This figure is calculated using the most recent Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component data available as the baseline for the average monthly cost of a health insurance policy. This baseline is adjusted by the annual percentage increase/decrease obtained from the most recent annual Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits Survey.

In 2025, the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component, available at <https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/>, published the annual 2024 average total single premium per enrolled employee at private-sector establishments that provide health insurance. The figure published was \$8,486. This figure is divided by 12 to determine the cost per month of \$707.17. The \$707.17 figure is increased or decreased by the percentage change reported by the most recent Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits Survey, available at www.kff.org. The increase from 2024 to 2025 was 5 percent. By adding this

percentage increase, the calculated average monthly cost of a health insurance policy for a 12-month period is \$742.53.

Therefore, the Secretary announces that the revised average cost of a health insurance policy under the VICP is \$742.53 per month. In accordance with § 100.2, the revised amount was effective upon its delivery by the Secretary to the Court. Such notice was delivered to the Court on April 23, 2026.

Margaret M. Bush,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Post-Transcriptional and Genomic Regulation.

Date: June 8, 2026.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Raj K. Krishnaraju, Ph.D., MS, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1047, kkrishna@csr.nih.gov.

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Dated: May 20, 2026.

Rosalind M. Niamke,

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 Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

The meeting 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 Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

Date: July 20, 2026.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Access Type: Closed to the public.

Contact Person: Rebecca Wagenaar-Miller, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD/NIH, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-8693, rebecca.wagenaar-miller@nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/advisory-council>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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