or be wholly incorporated into the OPTN framework? Please address issues including communicable disease transmission, manufacturing variability, sterility, product potency, traceability, and post-market surveillance.

9. *Provider implications.* If deceased donor islet cell products were reclassified as ''organs'', would OPTN membership need to expand to include new types of providers (*e.g.,* endocrinologists) to perform these treatments? Or would the existing pool of providers at OPTN member institutions perform these treatments if islet cells are classified as ''organs''?

a. What are the potential provider implications?

b. What are the potential system costs and implications for each approach?

10. *Patient access.* If deceased donor islet cell products were reclassified as organs, what effect could that have on:

a. the number and geographic distribution of treatment centers;

b. patient travel requirements;

c. provider participation;

d. waiting times;

e. patient costs;

f. insurance coverage and

g. donor willingness to participate in organ donation?

11. *Operational and financial impact on OPTN.* The OPTN is funded primarily through organ transplant patient registration fees. What operational, administrative, or financial impacts would reclassification have on the OPTN, its member organizations, and patients waiting for an organ transplant? Please comment on potential effects on policy development, Board of Directors and committee workload, information technology systems, membership requirements, patient registration processes, and overall program costs.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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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 Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute On Deafness And Other Communication Disorders, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

Date: October 28, 2026.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personnel qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Address: Porter Neuroscience Research Center, Building 35A, 35 Convent Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Lisa L Cunningham, Ph.D., Scientific Director, National Institute on Deafness, and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health, 35A Convent Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, (301) 443–2766 *lisa.cunningham@nih.gov.*

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

Dated: September 21, 2026.

Rosalind M Niamke,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6513–N–02]

Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2026

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that inflation adjustments of civil monetary penalty amounts required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act) are not being made for 2026.

DATES: September 24, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Knittle, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone number 202–402–2244 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as from individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit *https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act) (Pub. L. 114–74, Sec. 701), which further amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–410), requires agencies to make annual adjustments to civil monetary penalty (CMP) amounts for inflation. The annual adjustment is based on the percent change between the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (''CPI–U'') for the month of October preceding the date of the adjustment, and the CPI–U for October of the prior year (28 U.S.C. 2461 note, section (5)(b)(1)). Pursuant to the 2015 Act, adjustments are rounded to the nearest dollar.[1]

II. This Notice

On April 17, 2026, the Office of Management and Budget informed the heads of executive departments and agencies that ''Due to the government shutdown, [the Bureau of Labor Statistics] was unable to produce the October 2025 data. Based on the lack of October 2025 CPI–U data, which is needed to make adjustments under the 2015 Act, there will be no updated cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2026 and agencies will continue using the 2025 civil monetary penalty levels as applicable.''[2]

As such, this notice informs the public that the statutory annual inflation adjustments of civil monetary penalty amounts are not being made for 2026 and that all HUD civil money

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[1] 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

[2] OMB Memorandum M–26–11: *Cancellation of Penalty Inflation Adjustments for 2026, Regarding the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015,* April 17, 2026, pp. 1–2.