justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Greensboro and Wilmington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Greensboro (Guilford County) and Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, for travel during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed $153 ($123 maximum for lodging and a $30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE)) to Greensboro (Guilford County), North Carolina, and $157 ($127 maximum for lodging and a $30 allowance for M&IE) to Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

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[GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Burlington, Vermont

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of bulletin.

SUMMARY: The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This special rate is applicable to claims for reimbursement covering travel to Burlington during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c) and at the request of the Department of the Treasury, has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington, Vermont during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 24 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

G. Martin Wagner,

Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

Attachment

November 27, 1996

[GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

TO: Heads of Federal agencies

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher actual subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301–304) part 301–8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Department of the Treasury requested establishment of such a rate for Burlington to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates. These circumstances justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Burlington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, for travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed $159 ($129 maximum for lodging which includes the tax and a $30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses) to Burlington, Vermont, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of December 1996:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing analytical and theoretical research on costs, quality, access, and efficiency of the delivery of health services for the research grant program administered by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on December 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant

applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Carmen Johnson, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1449 x1613.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N–0429]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements for parties seeking an advisory opinion from the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner).

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by February 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denver Presley, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 16B–19, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Advisory Opinions—21 CFR 10.85 (OMB Control Number 0910–0193—Reinstatement)

Section 10.85 (21 CFR 10.85), issued under section 701(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 371(a), provides that an interested person may request an advisory opinion from the Commissioner on a matter of general applicability. Section 10.85 sets forth the format and instructions for making an advisory opinion request. When making a request, the petitioner must provide a concise statement of the issues and questions on which an opinion is requested and a full statement of the facts and legal points relevant to the request. An advisory opinion represents the formal position of FDA on a matter of general applicability.

Respondents to this collection of information are parties seeking an advisory opinion from the Commissioner on the agency's formal position for matters of general applicability.

FDA estimates the burden of the collection of information provisions for these regulations as follows:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
10.85	8	1	8	16	128

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

The burden estimate for this collection of information is based on agency data received on this administrative procedure for the past 3 years. Agency personnel responsible for the processing of requests for an advisory opinion, estimate approximately eight requests are received annually by the agency, each requiring an estimated 16 hours of preparation time.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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