

allocated in accordance with section 2604 of the Act and must be treated by LIHEAP grantees receiving them as an amount appropriated for FY 2007. As FY 2007 funds, they will be subject to all requirements of the Act, including section 2607(b)(2), which requires that a grantee obligate at least 90 percent of its total block grant allocation for a fiscal year by the end of the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated, that is, by September 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nick St. Angelo, Director, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447; telephone (202) 401-9351.

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Yolanda J. Butler,

Deputy Director, Office of Community Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Filovirus Animal Models; Public Workshop

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is announcing a public workshop entitled: Filoviruses: Current Status of Research into Pathophysiology and Potential Uses of Animal Models. The purpose of the public workshop is to discuss the current state of understanding of filovirus infections, knowledge gaps and research needs, the current status of research exploring animal models, and the potential role of model development in approaches to investigation of therapeutic or vaccine strategies directed towards filoviruses.

DATE AND TIME: The public workshop will be held on September 11, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and on September 12, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

LOCATION: The public workshop will be held at the main auditorium, Natcher Conference Center, NIH Campus, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland.

CONTACT PERSON: Ping Chen, 6610 Rockledge Drive, telephone: 301-451-3756, fax: 301-480-1263, e-mail: chenpi@niaid.nih.gov

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required and must be completed by August 24, 2007. Please go to the following web site for information about

registration (<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/news/events/meetings/filo/>). There is no registration fee for the public workshop. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited. There will be no onsite registration.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact (see Contact Person) at least 7 days in advance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIH, CDC, DoD, and FDA, are cosponsoring a public workshop titled, "Filoviruses: Current Status of Research into Pathophysiology and Potential Uses of Animal Models". The meeting will discuss: (1) Background information on filovirus pathogenesis and clinical disease in humans and animals, and status of research into the understanding of human disease and development of animal models; (2) Background information on the scientific issues and regulatory approaches to the potential uses of animal data in the development of prevention and treatment strategies; (3) General review of filovirus vaccine design, rationale, and correlates of protection; (4) General review of the status of preliminary research approaches to filovirus-directed antiviral therapeutics. The workshop's goal is to enhance understanding of filovirus disease, identify knowledge gaps and research needs, and explore the potential strengths and limitations of various animal models.

TRANSCRIPTS: Transcripts of the public workshop will be available following the workshop. Procedures to obtain a transcript will be made available at a later date.

Dated: July 23, 2007.

Michael G. Kurilla,

Director, Office of Biodefense Research Affairs, Associate Director for Biodefense Product Development, DMID, NIAID, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the authorities under section 3 of Public Law 109-416 (Combating Autism Act of 2006), which amends Title III of the Public Health Service Act, by adding Part R, section 399CC, authorizing establishment of the Interagency Autism

Coordinating Committee. I am also delegating the authority under Title III, section 399CC of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to select Federal members of the Committee, including the chair, as appropriate. I will retain the authority under Title III, section 399CC(c)(2), pertaining to the selection of additional non-Federal public members of the Committee.

This delegation excludes the authority to submit reports to the Congress, and shall be exercised in accordance with the Department's applicable policies, procedures, and guidelines relating to regulations.

This delegation is effective upon signature. In addition, I ratified and affirmed any actions taken by the Director of the NIH or his subordinates which involved the exercise of the authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of the delegation.

This delegation was effective upon date of signature.

Dated: July 18, 2007.

Michael O. Leavitt,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5155-N-01]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2007, is 4³/₄ percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning

July 1, 2007, is 5 percent. However, as a result of an amendment to section 224 of the Act, if an insurance claim relating to a mortgage insured under sections 203 or 234 of the Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, is paid in cash, the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating a claim shall be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yong Sun, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2238, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 402-4778 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning July 1, 2007, is 5 percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 5 percent for the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2007. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan

or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the latter 6 months of 2007.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

| Effective interest rate | on or after | prior to |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 9½ | Jan. 1, 1980 | July 1, 1980. |
| 9⅞ | July 1, 1980 | Jan. 1, 1981. |
| 11¼ | Jan. 1, 1981 | July 1, 1981. |
| 12⅞ | July 1, 1981 | Jan. 1, 1982. |
| 12¾ | Jan. 1, 1982 | Jan. 1, 1983. |
| 10¼ | Jan. 1, 1983 | July 1, 1983. |
| 10⅜ | July 1, 1983 | Jan. 1, 1984. |
| 11½ | Jan. 1, 1984 | July 1, 1984. |
| 13⅜ | July 1, 1984 | Jan. 1, 1985. |
| 11⅝ | Jan. 1, 1985 | July 1, 1985. |
| 11⅞ | July 1, 1985 | Jan. 1, 1986. |
| 10¼ | Jan. 1, 1986 | July 1, 1986. |
| 8¼ | July 1, 1986 | Jan. 1, 1987. |
| 8 | Jan. 1, 1987 | July 1, 1987. |
| 9 | July 1, 1987 | Jan. 1, 1988. |
| 9⅞ | Jan. 1, 1988 | July 1, 1988. |
| 9⅞ | July 1, 1988 | Jan. 1, 1989. |
| 9¼ | Jan. 1, 1989 | July 1, 1989. |
| 9 | July 1, 1989 | Jan. 1, 1990. |
| 8⅞ | Jan. 1, 1990 | July 1, 1990. |
| 9 | July 1, 1990 | Jan. 1, 1991. |
| 8¾ | Jan. 1, 1991 | July 1, 1991. |
| 8½ | July 1, 1991 | Jan. 1, 1992. |
| 8 | Jan. 1, 1992 | July 1, 1992. |
| 8 | July 1, 1992 | Jan. 1, 1993. |
| 7¾ | Jan. 1, 1993 | July 1, 1993. |
| 7 | July 1, 1993 | Jan. 1, 1994. |
| 6⅞ | Jan. 1, 1994 | July 1, 1994. |
| 7¾ | July 1, 1994 | Jan. 1, 1995. |
| 8⅞ | Jan. 1, 1995 | July 1, 1995. |
| 7¼ | July 1, 1995 | Jan. 1, 1996. |
| 6½ | Jan. 1, 1996 | July 1, 1996. |
| 7¼ | July 1, 1996 | Jan. 1, 1997. |
| 6¾ | Jan. 1, 1997 | July 1, 1997. |
| 7⅞ | July 1, 1997 | Jan. 1, 1998. |
| 6⅞ | Jan. 1, 1998 | July 1, 1998. |
| 6⅞ | July 1, 1998 | Jan. 1, 1999. |
| 5½ | Jan. 1, 1999 | July 1, 1999. |
| 6⅞ | July 1, 1999 | Jan. 1, 2000. |
| 6½ | Jan. 1, 2000 | July 1, 2000. |
| 6½ | July 1, 2000 | Jan. 1, 2001. |
| 6 | Jan. 1, 2001 | July 1, 2001. |
| 5⅞ | July 1, 2001 | Jan. 1, 2002. |
| 5¼ | Jan. 1, 2002 | July 1, 2002. |
| 5¾ | July 1, 2002 | Jan. 1, 2003. |
| 5 | Jan. 1, 2003 | July 1, 2003. |
| 4½ | July 1, 2003 | Jan. 1, 2004. |
| 5⅞ | Jan. 1, 2004 | July 1, 2004. |
| 5½ | July 1, 2004 | Jan. 1, 2005. |
| 4⅞ | Jan. 1, 2005 | July 1, 2005. |
| 4½ | July 1, 2005 | Jan. 1, 2006. |
| 4⅞ | Jan. 1, 2006 | July 1, 2006. |
| 5⅞ | July 1, 2006 | Jan. 1, 2007. |
| 4¾ | Jan. 1, 2007 | July 1, 2007. |
| 5 | July 1, 2007 | Jan. 1, 2008. |

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Pub. L. 108-199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended section 224 of the Act, to

change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H-15. The Federal Housing Administration has codified this provision in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 203.405(b) and 24 CFR 203.479(b).

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the "going Federal rate" in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term "going Federal rate" is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8- to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month period beginning July 1, 2007, is 4¾ percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in January 2008.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).)

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Brian D. Montgomery,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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