GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Maximum Per Diem Rates for Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of Per Diem Bulletin 05–5, revised continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) has reviewed the lodging rates of certain locations in the States of Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington and determined that they are inadequate. The per diems prescribed in Bulletin 05–5 may be found at http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem.

DATES: This notice is effective April 26, 2005, and applies to travel performed on or after May 6, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Lois Mandell, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501–2824. Please cite FTR Per Diem Bulletin 05–5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

After an analysis of the per diem rates established for FY 2005 (see the Federal Register notices at 69 FR 53071, August 31, 2004, and 69 FR 60152, October 7, 2004), the per diem rate is being changed in the following locations:

- State of Arizona
- All points in the Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest within Coconino County
- State of Florida
- Escambia County
- State of Maryland
- Washington County
- State of Missouri
- Pulaski County
- State of New Jersey
- Essex, Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties
- State of New Mexico
- Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties
- State of New York
- Broome and Orange Counties
- State of North Carolina
- Brunswick and Columbus Counties
- State of Ohio
- Stark, Lake, Wayne, Medina, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties
- Franklin and Delaware Counties
- State of Virginia
- Nelson County
- State of Washington
- King County

B. Procedures

Per diem rates are published on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/perdiem as an FTR Per Diem Bulletin and published in the Federal Register on a periodic basis. This process ensures timely increases or decreases in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the Federal Register, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: April 19, 2005.

Becky Rhodes,
Deputy Associate Administrator.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Public Law 105–392, the Secretary of Health and Human Services established the Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH). The Committee shall provide advice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health in carrying out the duties stipulated under Public Law 105–392. This includes providing advice to improve the health of each racial and ethnic minority group and in the development of goals and specific activities of the OMH, which are:

1. Establish short-range and long-range goals and objectives and coordinate all other activities within the Public Health Service that relate to disease prevention, health promotion, service delivery, and research concerning such individuals;

2. Enter into interagency agreements with other agencies of the Public Health Service;

3. Support research, demonstrations, and evaluations to test new and innovative models;

4. Increase knowledge and understanding of health risk factors;

5. Develop mechanisms that support better information dissemination, education, prevention, and service delivery to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, including individuals who are members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

6. Ensure that the National Center for Health Statistics collects data on the health status of each minority group;

7. With respect to individuals who lack proficiency in speaking the English language, enter into contracts with public and nonprofit private providers of primary health services for the purpose of increasing the access of the individuals to such services by developing and carrying out programs to provide bilingual or interpretive services;

8. Support a national minority health resource center to carry out the following: (a) Facilitate the exchange of information regarding matters relating to health information and health promotion, preventive health services, and education in appropriate use of health care; (b) facilitate access to such information; (c) assist in the analysis of issues and problems relating to such matters; (d) provide technical assistance with respect to the exchange of such information (including facilitating the development of materials for such technical assistance); and

9. Carry out programs to improve access to health care services for individuals with limited proficiency in speaking the English language.

Activities under the preceding sentence shall include developing and evaluating model projects.

Management and support services for the ACMH are provided by the OMH, which is a program office within the OPHS.

Nominations

The OPHS is requesting nominations for vacant positions on the ACMH. The Committee is composed of 12 voting members, in addition to non-voting ex officio members. This announcement is seeking nominations for voting members. Voting members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary from individuals who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government and who have expertise regarding issues of minority health. To qualify for consideration of appointment to the Committee, an individual must have demonstrated experience and expertise working on issues/matters impacting the health of racial and ethnic minority populations. The charter stipulates that the racial and ethnic minority groups shall be equally represented on the Committee membership.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee shall be invited to serve four year terms. Committee members who are not officers or employees of the United States Government will receive a stipend for attending Committee meetings and conducting other business in the interest of the Committee, including per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred.

Nominations should be typewritten. The following information should be included in the package of material submitted for each individual being nominated for consideration: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominator’s name, address, and daytime telephone number, and the home and/or work address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a current copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae. The names of Federal employees should not be nominated for consideration of appointment to this Committee.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of DHHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee’s function. Every effort is made to ensure that a broad representation of geographic areas, females, ethnic and minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership on DHHS Federal advisory committees.

Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of ACMH and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership.

An ethics review is conducted for each selected candidate. Therefore, individuals selected for nomination will be required to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Dated: April 13, 2005.

Garth N. Graham, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852–3804; telephone: 301/496–7657; fax: 301/402–0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.