

The revised advice also discusses the nutritional value of fish, as outlined in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025 (Ref. 1). Based on information in the Dietary Guidelines, the revised advice states that fish are part of a healthy eating pattern and provide protein, healthy omega-3 fats (called docosahexaenoic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid) and omega-6 fats, vitamins B12 and D, iron, and other key nutrients like selenium, zinc, iodine, and choline. In addition, the revised advice includes statements that fish provide omega-3 and omega-6 fats, iron, iodine, and choline, which are key nutrients during pregnancy, breastfeeding, and/or early childhood to support a child's brain development; choline also supports the development of the baby's spinal cord; and fish also provide iron and zinc to support children's immune systems. The revisions also include a statement that fish intake during pregnancy is recommended, as moderate evidence shows that it can help a baby's cognitive development.

The revised advice continues to provide information to help those who might become or are pregnant or breastfeeding, and parents and caregivers of children choose varieties of fish that are lower in mercury. The revised advice now includes a recommended serving size of about 1 ounce of "Best Choices," to be consumed twice a week, for children age 1 year.

Finally, the revised advice also provides information on how the recommendations of the Healthy U.S.-Style Dietary Patterns for children in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans could be met when those recommendations include more ounces of fish per week than the amounts in the FDA/EPA advice. The revised advice provides a list of the subset of "Best Choices" of fish identified in Tables 2–1 and A3–1, Footnote E of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025 that are at or below the mean methylmercury concentration that supports exposures at or under the methylmercury Reference Dose, when the amounts recommended in the Healthy U.S.-Style Dietary Pattern in the Dietary Guidelines are greater than the amount of all "Best Choices" in the FDA/EPA advice.

III. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

The fish advice provides information for use by consumers. It is not intended to have the force and effect of law, does not implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy, and does not describe procedural or practice requirements.

Consistent with section 745 of Public Law 116–260, the revised advice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

The advice was revised in accordance with the directive in section 745 of Public Law 116–260 that the advice be updated in a manner that is consistent with nutrition science recognized by FDA on the net effects of seafood consumption. The overall changes we made include revised evidence statements on fish consumption and health benefits, as outlined in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025, including new information about when and how to introduce fish to infants, and terminology changes for inclusivity. Specifically, with respect to health benefits, the revised advice now highlights that there is moderate scientific evidence regarding favorable measures of cognitive development in young children associated with fish intake in pregnancy as well as lower risk of additional diet-related conditions associated with consuming fish as part of a total eating pattern.

The primary focus of the revisions is to align the revised advice with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025, which establishes Federal, evidence-based policy on diet and health. The revised advice supports the recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025, which reflects current science on nutrition to help promote health and reduce chronic disease. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans focuses on dietary patterns and the effects of food and nutrient characteristics on health. FDA recognizes the nutrition science that is reflected in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the preceding Scientific Report of the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Ref. 2), including the nutrition science described therein that considered the net effects of seafood consumption on growth and development, as well as health. In addition, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends eating fish as part of a healthy eating pattern because there are benefits in doing so.

EPA is in the process of updating its Integrated Risk Information System Assessment for Methylmercury. FDA will consider the final products from this effort, as appropriate, in any future updates to the fish advice.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This revised advice contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 is not required.

V. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the advice at either <https://www.fda.gov/food/resources-you-food> or <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the FDA website listed in the previous sentence to find the most current version of the advice.

VI. References

The following references are on display at the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they are also available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>. FDA has verified the website addresses, as of the date this document publishes in the **Federal Register**, but websites are subject to change over time.

1. U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020–2025*, 9th Edition, December 2020. Available at <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov>.
2. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. 2020. Scientific Report of the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee: Advisory Report to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Washington, DC. Available at <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/2020-advisory-committee-report>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Request for Public Comment: 30-Day Notice for Extension of the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Indian Health Service (IHS) invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on the information collection Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0917–0014, titled, "IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP)." The IHS is requesting OMB to approve an

extension for this collection, which expires on November 30, 2021. Notice regarding the information collection was last published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 43257) on August 6, 2021, and allowed 60 days for public comment. The purpose of this notice is to announce the IHS' intent to submit this collection to OMB and to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 29, 2021.

Direct Your Comments To OMB: Send your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Evonne Bennett, Information Collection Clearance Officer at: *Evonne.Bennett@ihs.gov* or 301-443-4750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This previously approved information collection project was last published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 43257) on August 6, 2021, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection, which expires November 30, 2021, to OMB for approval of an extension and to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB.

The IHS is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for

review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, and its implementing regulations. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies as required by 44 U.S.C. 3507 and 5 CFR 1320.10 concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title: 0917-0014, "Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program."

Type of Information Collection Request: Three-year extension approval of this information collection.

OMB Control Number: 0917-0014.

Forms: Educational and Professional Background, Financial Information, and General Applicant Information (*i.e.*, all forms are part of the LRP application). The LRP application is available in an electronically fillable and fileable format.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The IHS LRP identifies health professionals with pre-existing financial obligations for education expenses that meet program criteria and who are qualified and willing to serve at, often remote, IHS health care

facilities. Under the program, eligible health professionals sign a contract through which the IHS agrees to repay part or all of their indebtedness in exchange for an initial two-year service commitment to practice full-time at an eligible Indian health program. This program is necessary to augment the critically low health professional staff at IHS health care facilities.

Eligible health professionals wishing to have their health education loans repaid may apply to the IHS LRP. A two-year contract obligation is signed by both parties, and the individual agrees to work at an eligible Indian health program location and provide health services to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.

The information collected via the online application from individuals is analyzed and a score is given to each applicant. This score will determine which applicants will be awarded each fiscal year. The administrative scoring system assigns a score to the geographic location according to vacancy rates for that fiscal year and also considers whether the location is in an isolated area. When an applicant accepts employment at a location, the applicant in turn "picks-up" the score of that location.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Renewal of a current collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

The table describes: Data collection instruments, estimated number of respondents, number of responses per respondent, average burden per response, and total annual burden hour(s).

Estimated Burden Hours

Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual responses (in hours)
LRP Application	1999	1	1.5	2998.5

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

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