

be considered before any redesignation is made. The criteria are as follows:

(1) The number of Indians residing in the area proposed to be so included or excluded;

(2) Whether the Tribal governing body has determined that Indians residing in the area near the reservation are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe;

(3) The geographic proximity to the reservation of the area whose inclusion or exclusion is being considered; and

(4) The level of funding which would be available for the provision of PRC.

Additionally, the regulations require that any redesignation of a PRCDA be made in accordance with the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). 42 CFR 136.22(c). In compliance with this requirement, the IHS is publishing this Notice and requesting public comments.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation is located Hill and Choteau Counties of Montana. The Chippewa Cree Tribe operates their PRC program under an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act agreement with the IHS. The Chippewa Cree Tribe has requested that the IHS expand its PRCDA to include Cascade County, Montana. The requested PRCDA redesignation would share Cascade County with the PRCDA of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana ("Little Shell Tribe"). The Billings Area held discussions with the Little Shell Tribe, during which the Little Shell Tribe did not raise any objections to the expansion of the Chippewa Cree Tribe's PRCDA to include Cascade County. Under 42 CFR 136.23, those otherwise eligible Indians who do not reside on a reservation, but reside within a PRCDA, must be either members of the Tribe or other IHS beneficiaries who maintain close economic and social ties with the Tribe. In this case, applying the aforementioned PRCDA redesignation criteria required by operative regulations codified at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C, the following findings are made:

1. By expanding the PRCDA to include Cascade County, Montana, the IHS and the Chippewa Cree Tribe estimate that the Tribe's PRC eligible population would increase by an estimated 251 Tribal members.

2. As part of their expansion request, the Chippewa Cree Tribe submitted a resolution from the Tribe's governing body. The resolution explains that the expansion is intended to serve their members living in Cascade County, Montana and it describes those members as being socially and

economically tied to the Tribe's reservation. The IHS therefore finds that the Tribal members within the proposed, expanded PRCDA are socially and economically affiliated with the Chippewa Cree Tribe.

3. The expanded PRCDA county forms a contiguous area with the existing PRCDA. Members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe reside in the county proposed for inclusion in the expanded PRCDA. Through their expansion request, the Tribe described how close Cascade County, Montana is to their reservation and explained that it is close enough for their members residing there to return frequently to the Tribe's reservation for ceremony and participation in Tribal elections. For these reasons, the IHS has determined the additional county proposed for inclusion herein to be geographically proximate, meaning "on or near," to the Tribe's reservation.

4. Through the Chippewa Cree Tribe's request to expand its PRCDA, the Tribe has indicated that the PRC program can continue providing the same level of care to the PRC eligible population if the PRCDA is expanded as proposed, without requiring additional funding from the IHS or reduction of the current medical priority level.

Accordingly, the IHS proposes to expand the PRCDA of the Chippewa Cree Tribe to include the county of Cascade in the state of Montana.

This Notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to prior approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Office of the Director; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting and will be open to the public as indicated below. Interested individuals should pre-register at <https://cvent.me/N0moVx> to attend this meeting. Individuals who need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the

Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The meeting can be accessed from the NIH Videocast at the following link: <http://videocast.nih.gov/>.

*Name of Committee:* Scientific Management Review Board.

*Date:* January 10, 2025.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* Establish priorities and review prior recommendations and report.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, One Center Drive, Building 1, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Format:* Virtual Meeting.

*Contact Person:* Tyrone Spady, Ph.D., Acting Senior Advisor to the NIH Deputy Director, Office of the Director, One Center Drive, Building 1, Room 108, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-2433, [smrb@nih.gov](mailto:smrb@nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about the SMRB, including information about access to the webcast, will be available prior to the meeting at <http://smrb.od.nih.gov>.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose