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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Request for Comment: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Announcement of Strategic Planning White Papers

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) is developing its third strategic plan and invites the public to provide comments on two white papers which will support the development of this plan. The papers will cover two topics of particular research interest to NCCAM: natural products research and back pain research. They will be publicly available through the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov> from on or about May 10 through May 24, 2010. The public is invited to provide comments through the NCCAM Web site.

Background: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) was established in 1998 with the mission of exploring complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science, training CAM researchers, and disseminating authoritative information to the public and professionals.

To date, NCCAM's efforts to rigorously study CAM, to train CAM researchers, and to communicate with the public and professionals, have been guided by NCCAM's previous strategic plans, located on the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov/about/plans>.

The public is invited to review the background papers and provide comments from May 10 through May 24, 2010. The papers may be viewed at <http://nccam.nih.gov/>.

Request for Comments: The public is invited to provide comments on the two white papers that will support the development of NCCAM's third strategic plan. Comments may be provided through the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information, visit the NCCAM Web site at <http://nccam.nih.gov>, call 1-888-644-6226, or e-mail nccamsp@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding the draft of NCCAM's strategic

plan are best assured of having their full effect if received by May 24, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

State Median Income Estimate for a Four-Person Family: Notice of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 State Median Income Estimates for Use Under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.568) Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of State median income estimates for FFY 2011.

SUMMARY: This notice announces to LIHEAP grantees the estimated median income of four-person families in each State and the District of Columbia for FFY 2011 (October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011). LIHEAP grantees that choose to base their income eligibility criteria on these State median income estimates may adopt these estimates (up to 60 percent) on the estimates' date of publication in the **Federal Register** or on a later date as discussed below. This enables these grantees to implement this notice during the period between the heating and cooling seasons. However, by October 1, 2010, or the beginning of the grantees' fiscal years, whichever is later, these grantees must adjust their income eligibility criteria so that such criteria are in accord with the FFY 2011 State median income estimates.

This listing of 60 percent of estimated State median incomes provides one of the maximum income criteria that LIHEAP grantees may use in determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP.

DATES: Effective Date: For each LIHEAP grantee, these estimates become effective at any time between their date of publication in the **Federal Register**

and the later of October 1, 2010, or the beginning of that grantee's fiscal year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of section 2603(11) of Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law (Pub. L.) 97-35, as amended, HHS announces the estimated median income of four-person families for each State, the District of Columbia, and the United States for FFY 2011 (October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011).

Section 2605(b)(2)(B)(ii) of this Act provides that 60 percent of the median income for each State and the District of Columbia (State median income, or SMI), as annually established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, is one of the income criteria that LIHEAP grantees may use in determining a household's eligibility for LIHEAP.

LIHEAP was last authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, which was enacted on August 8, 2005. This authorization expired on September 30, 2007, and reauthorization remains pending.

The SMI estimates that HHS publishes in this notice are three-year estimates derived from the American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce (Census Bureau). HHS obtained these estimates directly from the Census Bureau. For additional information about the ACS State median income estimates, see <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/medincsizeandstate.html>. For additional information about the ACS in general, see <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/> or contact the Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division at (301) 763-3243.

Under the advice of the Census Bureau, HHS switched to three-year estimates rather than single-year estimates to reduce the large year-to-year fluctuations that the single-year estimates tend to generate for certain States and the District of Columbia. The change from the single-year to three-year estimates caused the FFY 2010 estimates to drop by about two percent on average. HHS plans to use the Census Bureau's ACS-derived SMI three-year estimates for all fiscal years after 2010. For further information about ACS one-year and three-year estimates, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/jsp/saff/>