

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Program provides a system of no-fault compensation for certain individuals who have been injured by specified childhood vaccines. Subtitle 2 of title XXI of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300aa-10 *et seq.*, provides that those seeking compensation are to file a petition with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and to serve a copy of the petition on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, who is named as the respondent in each proceeding. The Secretary has delegated her responsibility under the Program to HRSA. The Court is directed by statute to appoint special masters who take evidence, conduct hearings as appropriate, and make initial decisions as to eligibility for, and amount of, compensation.

A petition may be filed with respect to injuries, disabilities, illnesses, conditions, and deaths resulting from vaccines described in the Vaccine Injury Table (the Table) set forth at section 2114 of the PHS Act or as set forth at 42 CFR 100.3, as applicable. This Table lists for each covered childhood vaccine the conditions which will lead to compensation and, for each condition, the time period for occurrence of the first symptom or manifestation of onset or of significant aggravation after vaccine administration. Compensation may also be awarded for conditions not listed in the Table and for conditions that are manifested after the time periods specified in the Table, but only if the petitioner shows that the condition was caused by one of the listed vaccines.

Section 2112(b)(2) of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300aa-12(b)(2), requires that the Secretary publish in the Federal Register a notice of each petition filed. Set forth below is a partial list of petitions received by HRSA on October 10, 1996 through December 30, 1996.

Section 2112(b)(2) also provides that the special master "shall afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit relevant, written information" relating to the following:

1. The existence of evidence "that there is not a preponderance of the evidence that the illness, disability, injury, condition, or death described in the petition is due to factors unrelated to the administration of the vaccine described in the petition," and

2. Any allegation in a petition that the petitioner either:

(a) "Sustained, or had significantly aggravated, any illness, disability, injury, or condition not set forth in the Table but which was caused by" one of the vaccines referred to in the Table, or

(b) "Sustained, or had significantly aggravated, any illness, disability, injury, or condition set forth in the Table the first symptom or manifestation of the onset or significant aggravation of which did not occur within the time period set forth in the Table but which was caused by a vaccine" referred to in the Table.

This notice will also serve as the special master's invitation to all interested persons to submit written information relevant to the issues described above in the case of the petitions listed below. Any person choosing to do so should file an original and three (3) copies of the information with the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims at the address listed above (under the heading "For Further Information Contact"), with a copy to HRSA addressed to Director, Bureau of Health Professions, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-05, Rockville, MD 20857. The Court's caption (Petitioner's Name v. Secretary of Health and Human Services) and the docket number assigned to the petition should be used as the caption for the written submission.

Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, related to paperwork reduction, does not apply to information required for purposes of carrying out the Program.

#### List of Petitions

1. Sarah Jean Busby on behalf of Payton Elizabeth Helms, Kennett, Missouri, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0628 V
2. Kimberly Berg on behalf of Ryan Berg, Deceased, Salt Lake City, Utah, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0630 V
3. Alberta Wagner and Derrick Shaw on behalf of Eric N. Shaw, Kingstree, South Carolina, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0638 V
4. Elizabeth Watson, Waldorf, Maryland, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0639 V
5. Tina and Gene Albert Simpson on behalf of Gene Albert Simpson, Jr., English, Indiana, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0643 V
6. Nicholas Francis DeLouis on behalf of Amanda Rachel Ingebretson, San Antonio, Texas, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0655 V
7. Catherine Colluro, Woodmere, New York, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0662 V
8. Kathleen Kurtzhall, Glens Falls, New York, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0669 V
9. Teary Evaline Gardner, North Fort Myers, Florida, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0679 V

10. Kristen Matheny on behalf of Kaitlyn Rose Matheny, Woodford, Illinois, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0722 V
11. Jane and Stephen Miller on behalf of Sarah Miller, Boulder, Colorado, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0727 V
12. Joanne DeRobertis on behalf of Dean Wesley DeRobertis, Deceased, West Chester, Pennsylvania, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0746 V
13. Michelle Kelleher on behalf of Jennifer Dawn Bieliauskas, Jersey City, New Jersey, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0747 V
14. Michelle Emmer-Gilbank on behalf of Dakota Emmer, Deceased Baraboo, Wisconsin, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0761 V
15. Susan and Gaylen Weil on behalf of Anthony Duane Weil, Shenandoah, Iowa, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0762 V
16. Breggett and Terrence Rideau on behalf of Terrence Carl Rideau, Bedford, Texas, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0765 V
17. Angela and Aaron Hill on behalf of Arielle Hill, Jacksonville, Florida, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0783 V
18. Mary Zwinn on behalf of Kaitlyn Zwinn, LaGrange, Illinois, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0785 V
19. Angela Ward and Duane Booden on behalf of Alysa Booden, Deceased, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0789 V
20. Patricia and Michael Sawinski on behalf of Kaitlyn Sawinski, Melrose Park, Illinois, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0796 V
21. Carmen Heller on behalf of Isaiah Jones, Deceased, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0797 V
22. Tawny and Robert Buck on behalf of Quincy Mason Buck, Wrangell, Alaska, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0802 V
23. Chatie Bantug Cruz, San Diego, California, Court of Federal Claims Number 96-0820 V.

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Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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#### Health Professions Preparatory, Pregraduate and Indian Health Professions Scholarship Programs

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Standing Notice of Availability of Funds for Health Professions

Preparatory, Pregraduate and Indian Health Professions Scholarship Programs for Fiscal Years (FY) 1997, 1998, and 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Indian Health Service (IHS) announces the availability of approximately \$3,578,200 to fund scholarships for the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Programs for FY 1997 awards. Similar amounts are anticipated to be available in FY 1998 and FY 1999. These programs are authorized by section 103 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), Pub. L. 94-437, as amended by Pub. L. 100-713, and by Pub. L. 102-573.

The Indian Health Scholarship (Professions), authorized by section 104 of the IHCIA, Pub. L. 94-437, as amended by Pub. L. 100-713, and by Pub. L. 102-573, has approximately \$7,475,645 available for FY 1997 awards. Similar amounts are anticipated to be available in FY 1998 and FY 1999.

Scholarships under the three programs will be awarded utilizing the Notice of Grant Award, form PHS-

5152-1 (Rev. 7/92). For academic year 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000, full-time and part-time scholarships will be funded for each of the three scholarship programs.

The Indian Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship is listed as No. 93-123 in the Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). The Indian Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship is listed as No. 93.971, and the Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) is listed as No. 93.972 in the CFDA.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of *Healthy People 2000*, a PHS-led activity for setting priority areas. This program announcement is related to the priority area of Education and Community-Based Programs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000*, (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office,

Washington, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone 202-783-3238).

**DATES:** The application deadline is April 1 of each year. If April 1 falls on the week-end, the application will be due on the following Monday. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received by the appropriate Scholarship Coordinator on the deadline date or postmarked on or before the deadline date. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.) Applications received after the announced closing date will be returned to the applicant and will not be considered for funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packets may be obtained by calling or writing to the addresses listed below. The application form number is IHS 856, 856-2 through 856-8, 815, 816, 818, and F-01 through L-04 (approved under OMB No. 0917-0006, expires 12/31/97).

IHS area office and states/locality served	Scholarship coordinator/address
Aberdeen Area IHS: Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.	Ms. Connie Maine, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Aberdeen Area, Federal Building, 115 4th Avenue, SE., Aberdeen, SD 57401, Tele: 605-226-7553.
Alaska Area Native Health Service: Alaska .....	Ms. Rose Jerue, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Alaska Area, 250 Gambell Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Tele: 907-257-1307.
Albuquerque Area IHS: Colorado, New Mexico	Ms. Alvina Waseta, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Albuquerque Area, 505 Marquette, NW., Suite 1502, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Tele: 505-248-5405.
Bemidji Area IHS: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin.	Ms. Barbara Fairbanks, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Bemidji Area, 214 Federal Building, Bemidji, MN 56601, Tele: 218-759-3415.
Billings Area IHS: Montana, Wyoming .....	Mr. Sandy Macdonald, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Billings Area, P.O. Box 2143, 2900 4th Avenue, North, Billings, MT 59103-6601, Tele: 406-247-7210.
California Area IHS: California, Hawaii .....	Ms. Gail M. Taylor, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS California Area, 1825 Bell Street—Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95825-4202, Tele: 916-566-7001.
Nashville Area IHS: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, District of Columbia, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.	Mr. Steven Holder, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Nashville Area, 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214-2634, Tele: 615-736-2431.
Navajo Area IHS: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah ..	Ms. Rosalinda Allison, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Navajo Area, P.O. Box 9020, Window Rock, AZ 86515, Tele: 520-871-1358.
Oklahoma City Area IHS: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma.	Ms. Barbara Roy, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Oklahoma City Area, 3625 NW., 56th Street, Five Corporate Plaza, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-3477, Tele: 405-951-3939.
Phoenix Area IHS: Arizona, Nevada, Utah .....	Mr. Eric LaRose, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Phoenix Area, 3738 N. 16th Street—Suite A, Phoenix, AZ 85016-5981, Tele: 602-640-2066.
Portland Area IHS: Idaho, Oregon, Washington	Ms. Darlene Marcellay, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Portland Area, 1220 SW 3rd Street, Rm. 315, Portland, OR 97204-2892, Tele: 503-326-2-2019.
Tucson Area IHS: Arizona, Texas .....	Mr. Cecil Escalante, Scholarship Coordinator, IHS Tucson Area, 7900 S.J. Stock Road, Tucson, AZ 85746, Tele: 520-295-2478.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please address application inquiries to the appropriate Indian Health Service Area Scholarship Coordinator. Other programmatic inquiries may be addressed to Ms. Patricia Lee-McCoy, Chief, Scholarship Branch, Indian

Health Service, Twinbrook Metro Plaza, Suite 100, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland, 20852; Telephone 301-443-6197. (This is not a toll free number.) For grants information, contact Ms. Margaret Griffiths, Acting Grants Scholarship Coordinator, Grants

Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants Operations, Indian Health Service, Room 100, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland, 20852; Telephone 301-443-0243. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Grant Programs are authorized by section 103 of the IHCIA, Pub. L. 94-437, as amended by Pub. L. 96-537, Indian Health Care Amendments of 1980; Pub. L. 100-713, Indian Health Care Amendments of 1988; and Pub. L. 102-573, Indian Health Care Amendments of 1992.

The Indian Health Professions Scholarship Grant Program, formerly authorized by section 338I of Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r), is now authorized by section 104 of the IHCIA, as amended by the Indian Health Care Amendments of 1988, Pub. L. 100-713, Pub. L. 102-573, Indian Health Care Amendments of 1992.

#### A. General Program Purpose

These grant programs are intended to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter the health professions and to assure the availability of Indian health professions to serve Indians.

#### B. Eligibility Requirements

1. the Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship awards are made to American Indians or Alaska Natives who meet the criteria in section 4(c) of the IHCIA, as amended, who have successfully completed high school education or high school equivalency and who have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-professional general education course or curriculum. Support is limited to 2 years for full-time students and the part-time equivalent of 2 years not to exceed 4 years for part-time students.

2. The Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship awards are made to American Indians or Alaska Natives who meet the criteria in section 4(c) of the IHCIA, as amended, who have successfully completed high school education or high school equivalency and who have been accepted for enrollment or are enrolled in an accredited pregraduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in pre-medicine or pre-dentistry. Support is limited to 4 years for full-time students and the part-time equivalent of 4 years not to exceed 8 years by part-time students.

3. The Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) may be awarded only to an individual who is a member of a federally recognized tribe as provided by section 104, 4(c), and 4(d) of the IHCIA. Membership in a tribe recognized only by a state does not meet this statutory requirement. To receive an Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) an otherwise eligible individual must be enrolled in an appropriately accredited

school and pursuing a course of study in a health profession as defined by section 4(n) of the IHCIA. Support is limited to 4 years for full-time students and the part-time equivalent of 4 years not to exceed 8 years for part-time students.

Awards for the Indian Health Scholarships (Professions) will be made in accordance with 42 CFR 36.330. Recipients shall incur a service obligation prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (43 U.S.C. 244m) which shall be met by service:

- (1) in the Indian Health Service;
- (2) in a program conducted under a contract or compact entered into under the Indian Self-Determination Act;
- (3) in a program assisted under title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94-437) and its amendments; and
- (4) in private practice of his or her profession, if the practice (a) is situated in a health professional shortage area, designated in regulations promulgated by the Secretary and (b) addresses the health care needs of a substantial number of Indians as determined by the Secretary in accordance with guidelines of the Service.

Pursuant to the Indian Health Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 104-313), a recipient of an Indian Health Professions Scholarship may, at the election of the recipient, meet his/her active duty service obligation prescribed under section 338c of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m) by a program specified in options (1)-(4) above that:

- (i) is located on the reservation of the tribe in which the recipient is enrolled; or
- (ii) serves the tribe in which the recipient is enrolled.

In summary, all recipients of the Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) are reminded that recipients of this scholarship incur a service obligation. Moreover, this obligation shall be served at a facility determined by the Director, IHS, consistent with IHCIA, Pub. L. 94-437, as amended by Pub. L. 100-713, and Pub. L. 102-573.

#### C. Fund Availability

Both part-time and full-time scholarship awards will be made in accordance with regulations at 42 CFR Part 36.320, incorporated in the application materials, for the Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians and 42 CFR Part 36.370, incorporated in the application materials, for the Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship Program for Indians. Approximately 238 awards, 100

of which are continuing, will be made under the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Programs for Indians in each fiscal year covered by this standing announcement. The awards are for 10 months in duration and the average award to a full-time student is approximately \$15,000. In FY 1997, approximately \$1,500,000 is available for continuation awards and approximately \$2,078,200 is available for new awards. Pending the availability of funds, similar amounts are anticipated to be available in FY 1998 and FY 1999.

Approximately 393 awards, 179 of which are continuing, will be made under the Indian Health Scholarship (Professions) Program in each of the fiscal years covered by this announcement. Awards will be made to both full-time and part-time students. The awards are for 12 months in duration and the average award to a full-time student is for approximately \$19,000. In FY 1997, approximately \$3,401,000 is available for continuation awards, and \$4,074,645 is available for new awards. Pending availability of funds, a similar amount is anticipated for FY 1998 and FY 1999.

No more than 20% of available funds will be used for part-time scholarships this fiscal year. Students are considered part-time if they are enrolled for a minimum of 6 hours of instruction and are not considered in full-time status by their college/university. Documentation must be received from part-time applicants that their school and course curriculum allows less than full-time status.

#### D. Criteria for Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. *Needs of the IHS.* Applicants are considered for scholarship awards based on their desired career goals and how these goals relate to current Indian health manpower needs. Applications for each health career category are reviewed and ranked separately.

2. *Academic Performance.* Applicants are rated according to their academic performance as evidenced by transcripts and faculty evaluations. In cases where a particular applicant's school has a policy not to rank students academically, faculty members are asked to provide a personal judgment of the applicant's achievement. Health Professions applicants with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 are not eligible to apply.

3. *Faculty/Employer Recommendations.* Applicants are rated according to evaluations by faculty

members and current and/or former employers regarding the applicant's potential in the chosen health related professions.

4. *Stated Reasons for Asking for the Scholarship and Stated Career Goals.* Applicants must provide a brief written explanation of reasons for asking for the scholarship and of career goals. The applicant's narrative will be judged on how well it is written and content.

5. *Applicants who are closest to graduation or completion are awarded first.* For example, senior and junior applicants under the Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship receive funding before the freshmen and sophomores.

#### E. Priority Categories

Regulations at 42 CFR Part 36.304 provide that the IHS shall, from time to time, publish a list of health professions eligible for consideration for the award of Indian Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship and Indian Health Scholarships (Professions). Section 104(b)(1) of the IHCA, as amended by the Indian Health Care Amendment of 1988, Pub. L. 100-713, authorizes the IHS to determine specific health professions for which Indian Health Scholarships will be awarded. The list of priority health professions that follow, by scholarship program, are based upon the needs of the IHS, as well as upon the needs of the American Indians and Alaska Natives, for additional service by specific health profession.

1. *Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Scholarships.* (Below is the list of disciplines to be supported and priority is based on academic level)

- A. Pre-Accounting.
- B. Pre-Dietetics.
- C. Pre-Medical Technology.
- D. Pre-Nursing.
- E. Pre-Pharmacy.
- F. Pre-Physical Therapy.
- G. Pre-Social Work (Jr and Sr undergraduate Years).

2. *Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarships.* (Below is the list of disciplines to be supported and priority is based on academic level: Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman)

- A. Pre-Dentistry.
- B. Pre-Medicine.

3. *Indian Health Scholarships (Professions).* (Below is a list of disciplines to be supported and priority

is based on academic level, unless specified: Graduate, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman)

- A. Accounting.
- B. Associate Degree Nurse.
- C. Chemical Dependency Counseling.
- D. Counseling Psychology: Ph.D. only.
- E. Computer Science: B.S.
- F. Dentistry.
- G. Dietician: B.S.
- H. Health Education: Masters level only.
- I. Health Records: A.R.T. and R.R.T.
- J. Medical Technology: B.S.
- K. Medical Social Work: Masters level only.
- L. Medicine: Allopathic and Osteopathic.
- M. Nurse Practitioner: R.N.A. and F.N.P.
- N. Nurse Midwife: C.N.M.
- O. Nurse: B.S.\*
- P. Nurse: M.S.\*

(Priority consideration will be given to Registered Nurses employed by the Indian Health Service; in a program assisted under a contract entered into under the Indian Self-Determination Act; or in a program assisted under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.)

- Q. Optometry.
  - R. Para-Optometric.
  - S. Pharmacy: B.S.
  - T. Physician Assistant: B.S.
  - U. Physical Therapy.
  - V. Podiatry: D.P.M.
  - W. Public Health: M.P.H. only
- (Applicants must be enrolled or accepted in a school of public health in specialty areas such as Dietetics and Community Development in health).

X. Public Health Nutrition: Masters level only.

- Y. Radiologic Technology: Certificate, Associate, and B.S.
- Z. Respiratory Therapy: Associate.
- AA. Sonography.

Interested individuals are reminded that the list of eligible health and allied health professions is effective for the applicants for the three academic years covered by this standing announcement. These priorities will remain in effect until superseded.

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## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-8005.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Proposed Project

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Annual Program Performance Report—Revision—The PAIMI Act (P.L. 99-319) authorized funds to support activities on behalf of individuals with mental illness. Recipients of this formula grant program are required by law to annually report their activities and accomplishments to include the number of individuals served, types of facilities involved, types of activities undertaken and accomplishments resulting from such activities. This summary must also include a separate report prepared by the PAIMI Advisory Council descriptive of its activities and assessment of the operations of the protection and advocacy system. The annual burden estimate is as follows:

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Annual Program Performance Report .....	56	1	43	2,408
Activities and accomplishments .....			(35)	(1,960)
Performance outcomes .....			(3)	(168)