

• Empower participants in the Independent Choices demonstration project to demonstrate greater autonomy by allowing them to purchase their own personal assistance services.

The Secretary, DHHS and the State of Oregon will obtain measurements involving these objectives for the Social Security Administration.

The Commissioner's demonstration project will involve no or minimal new or additional program costs to the Federal government under title XVI of the Act or to the State of Oregon under section 1616 of the Act. SSI beneficiaries who choose to participate in this demonstration will purchase services which would ordinarily be provided by Medicaid and other Federal and State services programs at a potentially greater cost. If the Commissioner did not exercise his authority under section 1110(b) of the Act to waive certain resources rules for participants in the Independent Choices demonstration, SSI beneficiaries could choose not to participate in Oregon's demonstration and continue to receive services directly, rather than through the beneficiary's purchase. Continued SSI eligibility for beneficiaries who choose to participate in the demonstration project is not a new or additional cost related to the Commissioner's demonstration project.

SSI beneficiary participation in the Independent Choices demonstration should not affect SSI benefit amounts even if the beneficiary employs an ineligible spouse or ineligible parent as a provider of services, unless the beneficiary is an alien who employs the sponsor to provide these services. Generally, the income and resources of an eligible spouse or eligible child is deemed to include a portion of the income and resources of the ineligible spouse or parent under sections 1614(f)(1) and (2) of the Act. However, the Commissioner has exercised his discretion under those provisions. As a result, SSA does not deem the income of an ineligible spouse or ineligible parent paid under a Federal, State or local government program who provides an eligible spouse or eligible child with chore, attendant or homemaker services (described in regulations at 20 CFR 416.1161(a)(16)). The Commissioner has no similar discretionary authority for deeming from a sponsor to an alien.

If an SSI beneficiary employs his or her ineligible spouse or ineligible parent as a service provider, and the ineligible spouse or parent conserves all or part of those funds, the retained portion of those funds will become deemable resources the month after the month of receipt. (This is described in regulations

at 20 CFR 416.1202.) SSA routinely explains the SSI resources limits and the rules concerning the deeming of resources to affected SSI beneficiaries. Instructions to SSA field offices in Oregon will reinforce the need to explain how payment to the ineligible spouse or ineligible parent could lead to an increase in deemable resources.

The State of Oregon will experience no or minimal new or additional costs under section 1616 of the Act for SSI beneficiaries who participate in the Independent Choices demonstration project. The demonstration project will not add new beneficiaries to either the SSI or State supplementary payments rolls, or artificially extend the eligibility of beneficiaries, or increase payment amounts of SSI or State supplementary payments to participants.

**Statutory and Regulatory Provisions Waived:** The Commissioner waives certain SSI resources counting rules for the duration of an individual's participation in Oregon's Independent Choices demonstration project where application of those rules would otherwise affect the eligibility of an individual for SSI. The specific statutory and regulatory provisions waived are those described in the preceding section.

**Authority:** Section 1110(b) of the Social Security Act.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 96.006—Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: January 18, 2001.

**Kenneth S. Apfel,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Document Availability; Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Cal Black Memorial Airport, Halls Crossing, Utah**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration has released, for public review and comment, the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to address issues arising from the 1993 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Decision concerning the closure of Halls Crossing Airport and the development and operation of Cal Black Memorial Airport, Halls Crossing, Utah. The DSEIS identifies the

noise impacts associated with operation of Cal Black Memorial Airport, the probable impacts if Halls Crossing Airport had not been closed, and includes a survey of visitors to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and their reaction to aircraft overflight noise.

#### **DATE AND ADDRESS FOR COMMENTS:**

Comments concerning the DSEIS may be submitted by March 30, 2001, to Mr. Dennis Ossenkop, ANM-611, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056.

A public hearing may be requested by contacting Mr. Dennis Ossenkop at the address above. Persons desiring to review the DSEIS may do so during normal business hours at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Airports Division Office, Suite 315,  
1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton,  
Washington

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Airports District Office, Suite 224,  
26805 East 68th Ave, Denver,  
Colorado

San Juan County Courthouse, County  
Executive Office, 117 S. Main,  
Monticello, Utah

If you desire additional information related to this project, please contact Mr. Dennis Ossenkop at the above address.

Issued in Renton, Washington on January 29, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting Cancellations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the February 8 and 9, 2001, meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (66 FR 8842, February 2, 2001) has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled and announced in a later **Federal Register** notice.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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