

and last through December 31, 2029, regardless of time periods stated in paragraphs (c)–(d) of this section or limitations on distribution stated in section VII (a)–(b) of this Declaration.

x. Liability protections for Qualified Persons under section V(i) of the Declaration who are licensed pharmacists to order and administer and qualified pharmacy technicians and licensed or registered pharmacy interns to administer COVID–19 therapeutics identified in section VII(c) of the Declaration begin on September 9, 2021.

xi. Liability protections for Qualified Persons under section V(j) of the Declaration begin on December 30, 2021.

xii. Liability protections for Qualified Persons authorized under Guidance issued by this Department as an Authority Having Jurisdiction to respond to a declared emergency, incorporated into this Declaration by reference, to administer COVID–19 tests who are licensed pharmacists begin April 8, 2020, and last until December 31, 2029, regardless of any limitations stated in paragraphs (c)–(d) of this section XII or limitations on distribution stated in section VII (a)–(b) of this Declaration.

xiii. Liability protections for Qualified Persons authorized under Guidance issued by this Department as an Authority Having Jurisdiction to respond to a declared emergency, incorporated into this Declaration by reference, to administer COVID–19 tests who are licensed or registered pharmacy interns or qualified pharmacy technicians begin October 20, 2020, and last until December 31, 2029, regardless of any limitations stated in paragraphs (c)–(d) of this section XII or limitations on distribution stated in section VII (a)–(b) of this Declaration.

xiv. Liability protections for Qualified Persons authorized under Guidance issued by this Department as an Authority Having Jurisdiction to respond to a declared emergency, incorporated into this Declaration by reference, who are pharmacies when their staff pharmacists order and administer, or their pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians administer COVID–19 vaccines to individuals aged three and above, seasonal influenza vaccines to individuals aged three through eighteen, seasonal influenza vaccines to individuals aged nineteen and above, COVID–19 tests, and COVID–19 therapeutics identified in section VII(d) of the Declaration begin October 29, 2020, and last until December 31, 2029, regardless of any limitations stated in paragraphs (c)–(d) of this section XII or limitations on

distribution stated in section VII (a)–(b) of this Declaration.

xv. Liability protections for Qualified Persons authorized under Guidance issued by this Department as an Authority Having Jurisdiction to respond to a declared emergency, incorporated into this Declaration by reference, who are pharmacies when their staff pharmacists order and administer, or their pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians administer CDC/ACIP recommended vaccines for persons aged three through 18 (other than seasonal influenza vaccines and COVID–19 vaccines) and countermeasures identified in section VII(c) of the Declaration begin October 29, 2020.

xvi. Liability protections for Qualified Persons authorized under Guidance issued by this Department as an Authority Having Jurisdiction to respond to a declared emergency, incorporated into this Declaration by reference to prescribe or administer point-of-care COVID–19 tests, using anterior nares specimen collection or self-collection, for screening in congregate facilities across the Nation who are licensed healthcare practitioners begin August 31, 2020, and last until December 31, 2029, regardless of any limitations stated in paragraphs (c)–(d) of this section XII or limitations on distribution stated in section VII (a)–(b) of this Declaration.

### XIII. Additional Time Period of Coverage

#### 42 U.S.C. 247d–6d(b)(3)(B) and (C)

I have determined that an additional 12 months of liability protection is reasonable to allow for the manufacturer(s) to arrange for disposition of the Covered Countermeasure, including return of the Covered Countermeasures to the manufacturer, and for Covered Persons to take such other actions as are appropriate to limit the administration or use of the Covered Countermeasures.

Covered Countermeasures obtained for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) during the effective period of this Declaration are covered through the date of administration or use pursuant to a distribution or release from the SNS, including NIOSH Approved® respirators that have been rescinded or are beyond their manufacturers' declared shelf life.

### XIV. Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program

#### 42 U.S.C 247d–6e

The PREP Act authorizes the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) to provide benefits to

certain individuals or estates of individuals who sustain a covered serious physical injury as the direct result of the administration or use of the Covered Countermeasures, and benefits to certain survivors of individuals who die as a direct result of the administration or use of the Covered Countermeasures. The causal connection between the countermeasure and the serious physical injury must be supported by compelling, reliable, valid, medical, and scientific evidence in order for the individual to be considered for compensation. The CICP is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Information about the CICP is available at the toll-free number 1–855–266–2427 or <http://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/>.

### XV. Amendments

#### 42 U.S.C. 247d–6d(b)(4)

Amendments to this Declaration will be published in the **Federal Register**, as warranted.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 247d–6d.

Dated: December 6, 2024.

**Xavier Becerra,**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Request for Public Comments on the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments on the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Scientific Report).

**SUMMARY:** The Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture invite the public to provide written comments and virtual oral comments on the Scientific Report.

**DATES:** The written and oral comment collection dates are scheduled as follows:

- Once the Scientific Report is published online, the public will have 60 days to provide written comments to HHS and USDA; this public comment period closes on the 60th calendar day

at 11:59 p.m. EST. Specific dates will be announced at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

- The public is invited to present virtual oral comments to HHS and USDA on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST; pre-registration is required. Registration for oral comments will open on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. EST and close once capacity has been reached. Virtual oral comments can be pre-recorded or provided live virtually via videocast. More information on the oral comment opportunity will be available at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Designated Federal Officer, 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Janet M. de Jesus, MS, RD; Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone: 240-453-8266; Email [DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov](mailto:DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov). Additional information is available at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority and Purpose:* Under section 301 of Public Law 101-445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, title III), the Secretaries of HHS and USDA are directed to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* jointly at least every five years. See 88 FR 3423, January 19, 2023, for notice of the first meeting of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, the complete Authority and Purpose, and the Committee's Task. The 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is formed and governed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app).

*Public Comments:* Written comments from the public will be accepted once the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is published online. The public will have 60 calendar days to provide written comments to HHS and USDA; this public comment period closes on the 60th day at 11:59 p.m. EST. Specific dates will be announced at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

- *Online (preferred method):* Follow the instructions for submitting comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, will be posted to Docket HHS-OASH-2024-0017.

- *Mail:* Mail/courier to Janet M. de Jesus, MS, RD, HHS/OASH/ODPHP, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852. For written/paper submissions, ODPHP will post your

comment, and any attachments, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

*Oral Comments:* HHS and USDA invite the public to present virtual oral comments on Thursday, January 16, 2025. Pre-registration is required, and the number of commenters is limited based on time constraints. Registration for oral comments will open on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. EST and will close once capacity has been reached. Oral comments will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Oral comments will be limited to one representative per organization. All commenters' remarks should be respectful and given in a manner that recognizes and protects the dignity of the proceedings. Oral comments should focus on the scientific review and evidence-based advice found in the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. More information on the oral comment opportunity will be available at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

*Registration for Oral Comments:* Requests to present oral comments can be made by going to [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov). For registration to be accepted, a written outline or a summary of the intended oral comment will be required as part of the registration process. Please limit your written outline or summary to no more than 250 words. A confirmation email with instructions will be sent to confirmed speakers from [DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov](mailto:DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov). Confirmed speakers will have the option to submit a pre-recorded video to be played at the public meeting on January 16, 2025, or present virtual live oral remarks via videocast on January 16, 2025. To avoid technical difficulties, submission of a pre-recorded video is strongly encouraged.

**Paul L. Reed,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

**Notice of Proposed Purchased/ Referred Care Delivery Area Redesignation for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice advises the public that the Indian Health Service (IHS)

proposes to expand the geographic boundaries of the Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (Iowa Tribe, or Tribe) to include the counties of Jackson in the State of Kansas, and Holt in the State of Missouri. The current PRCDA for the Iowa Tribe includes the Kansas counties of Doniphan and Brown, as well as Richardson County, Nebraska. Iowa Tribe members who reside outside of the PRCDA are eligible for direct care services; however, they are not eligible for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) services. The sole purpose of this expansion would be to authorize additional Iowa Tribe members and beneficiaries to receive PRC services.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by January 10, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. You may submit comments in one of four ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the "Submit a Comment" instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Carl Mitchell, Director, Division of Regulatory and Policy Coordination, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 09E70, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the above address.

4. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments before the close of the comment period to the address above.

If you intend to deliver your comments to the Rockville address, please call telephone number (301) 443-1116 in advance to schedule your arrival with a staff member.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

CAPT John Rael, Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 10E85C, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone (301) 443-0969 (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Inspection of Public Comments:* All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential