

Human Services (the Secretary) to publish changes to the AIC threshold amounts in the **Federal Register**. In order to be entitled to a hearing before an ALJ, a party to a proceeding must meet the AIC requirements at § 405.1006(b). Similarly, a party must meet the AIC requirements at § 405.1006(c) at the time judicial review is requested for the court to have jurisdiction over the appeal (§ 405.1136(a)).

B. Medicare Part C/MA Appeals

Section 1852(g)(5) of the Act applies the AIC adjustment requirement to Medicare Part C appeals. The implementing regulations for Medicare Part C appeals are found at 42 CFR 422, subpart M. Specifically, sections 422.600 and 422.612 discuss the AIC threshold amounts for ALJ hearings and judicial review. Section 422.600 grants any party to the reconsideration (except the MA organization) who is dissatisfied with the reconsideration determination a right to an ALJ hearing as long as the amount remaining in controversy after reconsideration meets the threshold requirement established annually by the Secretary. Section 422.612 states, in part, that any party, including the MA organization, may request judicial review if the AIC meets the threshold requirement established annually by the Secretary.

C. Health Maintenance Organizations, Competitive Medical Plans, and Health Care Prepayment Plans

Section 1876(c)(5)(B) of the Act states that the annual adjustment to the AIC dollar amounts set forth in section 1869(b)(1)(E)(iii) of the Act applies to certain beneficiary appeals within the context of health maintenance organizations and competitive medical

plans. The applicable implementing regulations for Medicare Part C appeals are set forth in 42 CFR 422, subpart M and apply to these appeals in accordance with 42 CFR 417.600(b). The Medicare Part C appeals rules also apply to health care prepayment plan appeals in accordance with 42 CFR 417.840.

D. Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) Appeals

The annually adjusted AIC threshold amounts for ALJ hearings and judicial review that apply to Medicare Parts A, B, and C appeals also apply to Medicare Part D appeals. Section 1860D-4(h)(1) of the Act regarding Part D appeals requires a prescription drug plan sponsor to meet the requirements set forth in sections 1852(g)(4) and (g)(5) of the Act, in a similar manner as MA organizations. The implementing regulations for Medicare Part D appeals can be found at 42 CFR 423, subparts M and U. More specifically, § 423.2006 of the Part D appeals rules discusses the AIC threshold amounts for ALJ hearings and judicial review. Sections 423.2002 and 423.2006 grant a Part D enrollee who is dissatisfied with the independent review entity (IRE) reconsideration determination a right to an ALJ hearing if the amount remaining in controversy after the IRE reconsideration meets the threshold amount established annually by the Secretary, and other requirements set forth in § 423.2002. Sections 423.2006 and 423.2136 allow a Part D enrollee to request judicial review of an ALJ or Medicare Appeals Council decision if the AIC meets the threshold amount established annually by the Secretary, and other requirements are met as set forth in these provisions.

II. Provisions of the Notice—Annual AIC Adjustments

A. AIC Adjustment Formula and AIC Adjustments

Section 1869(b)(1)(E)(iii) of the Act requires that the AIC threshold amounts be adjusted annually, beginning in January 2005, by the percentage increase in the medical care component of the CPI for all urban consumers (U.S. city average) for July 2003 to July of the year preceding the year involved and rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.

B. Calendar Year 2023

The AIC threshold amount for ALJ hearings will remain at \$180 and the AIC threshold amount for judicial review will rise to \$1,850 for CY 2023. These amounts are based on the 84.665 percent increase in the medical care component of the CPI, which was at 297.600 in July 2003 and rose to 549.562 in July 2022. The AIC threshold amount for ALJ hearings changes to \$184.66 based on the 84.665 percent increase over the initial threshold amount of \$100 established in 2003. In accordance with section 1869(b)(1)(E)(iii) of the Act, the adjusted threshold amounts are rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10. Therefore, the CY 2023 AIC threshold amount for ALJ hearings is \$180.00. The AIC threshold amount for judicial review changes to \$1,846.65 based on the 84.665 percent increase over the initial threshold amount of \$1,000. This amount was rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10, resulting in the CY 2023 AIC threshold amount of \$1,850.00 for judicial review.

C. Summary Table of Adjustments in the AIC Threshold Amounts

In the following table we list the CYs 2019 through 2023 threshold amounts.

	CY 2019	CY 2020	CY 2021	CY 2022	CY 2023
ALJ Hearing	\$160	\$170	\$180	\$180	\$180
Judicial Review	1,630	1,670	1,760	1,760	1,850

III. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose any “collection of information” requirements as defined under 5 CFR 1320.3(c). Consequently, the notice is not subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Vanessa Garcia, who is the

Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Proposed Reallotment of Fiscal Year 2021 Funds for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

AGENCY: Office of Community Services (OCS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of public comment.

SUMMARY: The ACF, OCS, Division of Energy Assistance (DEA) announces a preliminary determination that funds from the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are available for reallocation to states, territories, tribes, and tribal organizations that received FFY 2022 direct LIHEAP grants. The purpose of this award is to redistribute FFY 2021 annual LIHEAP funds that grant recipients were unable to obligate or carry over to FFY 2022. No sub-recipients of these grant recipients or other entities may apply for these funds.

DATES: Comments are due by: October 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to: Peter Edelman, Program Analyst, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 330 C Street SW, 5th Floor; Mail Room 5425; Washington, DC 20201 or via email: peter.edelman@acf.hhs.gov. Comments may also be faxed to (202) 401-5661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Akm Rahman, Program Operations Branch Chief, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, 330 C Street SW, 5th Floor; Mail Room 5425; Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 401-5306; Email: Akm.Rahman@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After receiving Carryover and Reallocation Reports from FFY 2021 LIHEAP recipients and reconciling the unobligated funds on those reports with the respective Federal Financial Reports, ACF has determined that \$711,932 in FFY 2021 LIHEAP funds were available for reallocation for FFY 2022. This determination is based on the reports of 20 recipients, minor corrections to certain amounts available for carryover, and the amounts of funds that these recipients had in their Payment Management System (PMS) accounts. LIHEAP grant recipients submitted the FFY 2021 Carryover and Reallocation Reports to OCS, as required by regulations applicable to LIHEAP at 45 CFR 96.81(b).

The LIHEAP statute allows grant recipients who have funds unobligated at the end of the federal fiscal year for which they are awarded to request that they be allowed to carry over up to 10 percent of their full-year allotments to the next federal fiscal year, (42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(2)). Funds in excess of this amount must be returned to HHS and are subject to reallocation under 42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(1).

FFY 2021 funds appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) were not subject to 42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(2)(B), which caps carryover at 10 percent. Therefore, these funds were not included in the reallocation calculation.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(3), ACF notified each of the 20 grant recipients that reported \$711,932 of unobligated funds above their carryover caps. In these notices, ACF told each about the amount it returned for de-obligation and the amount that will be redistributed to FFY 2022 grant recipients as part of the reallocation. It also gave each recipient 30 calendar days to provide comments directly to ACF.

If funds are reallocated, then they will be allocated in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 8623 and must be treated by LIHEAP grant recipients that receive them as an amount appropriated for FFY 2022. As FFY 2022 funds, they will be subject to all requirements of the LIHEAP statute, including 42 U.S.C. 8626(b)(2), which requires that a recipient obligate at least 90 percent of its total block grant allocation for a fiscal year by the end of the fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated, that is, by September 30, 2022.

All LIHEAP grant recipients that receive a portion of these funds will be notified of the final reallocation amount redistributed to them for obligation in FFY 2022. This decision will also be published in the **Federal Register** and in a Dear Colleague Letter that is posted to ACF's website at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/dear-colleagues>.

The FFY 2021 LIHEAP funds that ACF preliminarily expects to become available for reallocation determination come from the following grant recipients in the following amounts:

Name of grant recipient that reported funds to be returned for reallocation	Amount available for reallocation
Bishop Paiute Tribe	\$17,531
Colorado River Indian Tribes	16,914
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	7,302
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians	1,755
Jicarilla Apache Nation	16,873
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	7,921
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	106,187
Makah Tribe	36,164
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	37,669
Nooksack Indian Tribe	38,535
Oglala Sioux Tribe	268,413
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah	61,183
Pit River Tribe	9,255
Quileute Tribe	1,673
Round Valley Indian Tribes	558
Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma ...	44,538
Samish Indian Nation	331

Name of grant recipient that reported funds to be returned for reallocation	Amount available for reallocation
Shawnee Tribe	3,600
Spokane Tribe of Indians	19,951
The Delaware Tribe of Indians	15,579
Total	711,932

If funds are reallocated, then grant recipients may use them for any purpose authorized under LIHEAP and must add these funds to their total LIHEAP funds payable for FFY 2022 for purposes of calculating statutory caps on administrative costs, carryover, Assurance 16 activities, and weatherization assistance.

Additionally, all recipients of these funds must (1) ensure that they are included in the amounts on Lines 1.1 of their FFY 2022 Carryover and Reallocation Reports; (2) reconcile these funds, to the extent that they received them, on a separate Federal Financial Form (SF-425); and (3) record, on their FFY 2022 Household Reports, households that receive benefits at least partly from these funds. State recipients must also ensure that these funds are included in the Grantee Survey sections of their FFY 2022 LIHEAP Performance Data Forms.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 8626(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Partnership Program Performance Measures (OMB Control Number 0985-0066)

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of