

**Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate  
(Excludes Physician Services)***Calendar Year 2001*Lower 48 States—\$1,306  
Alaska—\$1,813**Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Other Than Medicare)***Calendar Year 2001*Lower 48 States—\$185  
Alaska—\$349**Outpatient Per Visit Rate (Medicare)***Calendar Year 2001*Lower 48 States—\$157  
Alaska—\$334**Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate***Calendar Year 2001*Lower 48 States—\$751  
Alaska—\$997**Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)**

Established Medicare rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

**Effective Date for Calendar Year 2001 Rates**

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2001 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 2001 to the extent consistent with payment authorities including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

**Regulatory Impact**

We have examined the impacts of this rule as required by Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (Pub. L. 96–354). Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all cost and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). A Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) must be prepared for major rules with economically significant effects (\$100 million or more annually). This notice is not a major notice because we have determined that the economic impact will be negligible.

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure in any one year by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million. This rule will not have a significant economic

effect on these governments or the private sector.

The Department has determined that this notice does not have a substantial effect on States or local governments under Executive Order 13132 and will not interfere with the roles, rights and responsibilities of States or local governments. We are not preparing analysis for the RFA because we have determined, and we certify, that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

**Michel E. Lincoln,**  
*Deputy Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary****Notice of Establishment of the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.**ACTION:** Establishment of the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.). Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture have established the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group to provide advice concerning priorities and approaches for research and implementation of research findings for the management of wildland fuels on lands administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Committee is established effective January 24, 2001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bob Clark, Joint Fire Science Program Manager, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 387–5349. Internet: bob\_clark@blm.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act of 1972 FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.).

The Committee will conduct its operations in accordance with FACA. The Committee will report to the Joint Fire Science Program Governing Board (Governing Board). The Committee's charter provides for the Committee to assist the Governing Board by gathering and analyzing information and considering public comments in order to provide advice develop recommendations from a national public interest perspective to the Secretaries and the Governing Board on matters pertaining to research into the wildlands fuels problem and implementation of solutions, and other related matters as the Governing Board may request.

To achieve the Committee's goals, members will be appointed who can represent effectively the varied interests affected by the Joint Fire Science Program. Members will represent a variety of viewpoints and will have varying experience and the Committee will be fairly balanced in terms of view, background, and tasks. Federal Members will represent the U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service.

The Secretary of the interior will designate one of the members to serve as chair. The Department of the Interior will provide the necessary administrative support for the Committee.

Pursuant to a waiver under 41 CFR § 101–6.1015, a copy of the Committee's charter will be filed with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate; Committee on Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; the Library of Congress; and the Committee Management Secretariat; General Services Administration simultaneously with the publication of this notice.

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the establishment of the Joint Fire Science Program Stakeholder Advisory Group is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the interior's statutory responsibilities to manage the lands and resources administered by the Department of the Interior.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

**Bruce Babbitt,***Secretary of the Interior.*

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