

(similar to state prevailing rates under the current TRICARE methodology) for a given code within that state during the base year. States without eight paid claims will be set at the national ceiling, unless stated otherwise in the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual or the TRICARE Policy Manual. The statewide rate must also fall within the national floor and ceiling. In states where the average billed amount of claims is lower than the national floor, then the statewide rate will be equivalent to the national floor. In states where the average billed amount of claims is higher than the national ceiling, then the statewide rate will be equivalent to the national ceiling. Rental items and equipment will be calculated based on 10 percent

of the fee schedule amount for a purchased item and used items and equipment will be calculated based on 75 percent of the fee schedule amount for a new item.

There will be several deviations to the above methodology. For PEN items and items involving splints, casts, and inter-ocular lenses, the fee schedule amounts will use a national rate (*i.e.* there will be no national floors or ceilings and no state-to-state variation), which will be equal to the mean, or average, charges of all paid claims nationwide during the base period (updated and trended forward by Medicare's DMEPOS update factor). The base period for PEN items will use 2002 (or later) claims data, and 2013 or later claims data for splints,

casts, and inter-ocular lenses. DHA may also establish fee schedule amounts using a cross-walk method to establish statewide rates for items comparable to DMEPOS items with already established rates (this method is consistent with Medicare's regulation to not pay more than a comparable item as identified in 42 CFR 405.502). For items removed from Medicare's fee schedule, DHA will use the last known Medicare fee schedule rate and trend it forward to the present using Medicare's annual DMEPOS update factor.

The following table provides a summary of methodologies for establishing rates in the TRICARE Fee Schedule:

Current methodology	Category	Methodology
Use the 80th percentile of all qualified billed charges within the state as the state prevailing rate. Pay the claim using the state prevailing rate or billed charges, whichever is lower.	Surgical Dressings and Certain DME.	Set national ceiling at median of all paid claims nationwide during base year. Set national floor at 85% of national ceiling. Calculate average billed charge for a state during base year. Trend forward the base year state average, floor, and ceiling using Medicare's update factor. —If state average is within the national floor and ceiling, it becomes the state rate.
	Prosthetics and Orthotics, including Therapeutic Shoes and Inserts.	Set national ceiling and floor at 90% and 120% respectively of the nationwide average of claims paid during base year. Calculate average billed charge for a state during base year. Trend forward the base year state average, floor, and ceiling using Medicare's update factor. —If state average is within the national floor and ceiling, it becomes the state rate.
	Parenteral and Enteral ...	Calculate average billed charge nationwide during base year and trend forward using Medicare's update factor.
	Splints, Casts, and IOLs	The national average becomes the state rate for every state (<i>i.e.</i> , no variation between states).
	Codes that require use of cross-walk method.	Use the same rate as a comparable code with an existing rate.
	Codes removed from Medicare's fee schedule.	Use the last rate from on Medicare's fee schedule and trend it upwards using Medicare's update factor.
	Codes with fewer than 50 paid claims nationally each year since 1994.	There is an insufficient number of national claims to establish a ceiling and floor. Use current methodology for reimbursement, and code will not be added to the fee schedule.

DHA will be responsible for establishing and updating and the accurate calculation of TRICARE's DMEPOS and PEN fee schedule prices. Proposed statewide rates are available for review on the DHA website at <https://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Rates-and-Reimbursement/Durable-Medical-Equipment-Prosthetics-Orthotics-and-Supplies>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; State Educational Agency and Local Educational Agency—School Data Collection and Reporting Under ESEA, Title I, Part A

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is

proposing an extension without changes of a currently approved collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection

activities, please contact Todd Stephenson, (202) 205-1645.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: State Educational Agency and Local Educational Agency—School Data Collection and Reporting under ESEA, Title I, Part A.

OMB Control Number: 1810-0622.

Type of Review: Extension without changes of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,080.

Abstract: Although the U.S. Department of Education (ED) determines Title I, Part A allocations for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), State Educational Agencies (SEAs) must adjust ED-determined Title I, Part A LEA allocations to account for newly created LEAs and LEA boundary changes, to redistribute Title I, Part A funds to small LEAs (under 20,000 total population) using alternative poverty data, and to reserve funds for school improvement, State administration, and the State academic achievement awards program. This control number covers only the burden associated with the

actual procedures an SEA must follow when adjusting ED-determined LEA allocations.

Dated: December 21, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; State Personnel Development Grants

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the State Personnel Development Grants (SPDG) program, Assistance Listing Number 84.323A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1820-0028.

DATES:

Applications Available: December 29, 2020.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 9, 2021.

Pre-Application Webinar Information: No later than January 4, 2021, OSERS will post pre-recorded informational webinars designed to provide technical assistance to interested applicants. The webinars may be found at www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 10, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768), and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Coffey, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 5161, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-5076. Telephone: (202) 245-6673. Email: jennifer.coffey@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay

Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to assist State educational agencies (SEAs) in reforming and improving their systems for personnel preparation and professional development in early intervention, educational, and transition services in order to improve results for children with disabilities.

Priorities: This notice contains three absolute priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), Absolute Priority 1 is from the notice of final priorities and definitions published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2012 (77 FR 45944) (2012 NFP). Absolute Priority 2 is from sections 651 through 655 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Absolute Priority 3 is from the notice of final priority and definitions for this program published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2020 (85 FR 45525) (2020 NFP).

Under this competition, Absolute Priority 3 constitutes its own funding category, and the Department intends to award one-third of the SPDG grants under this competition to grants under Absolute Priority 3 provided applications of sufficient quality are submitted. Applications will be rank ordered separately for Absolute Priority 3. Therefore, applicants must clearly identify if the proposed project addresses Absolute Priority 3.

Absolute Priorities: For FY 2021 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are absolute priorities. Applicants must address Absolute Priorities 1 and 2. They may also choose to address Absolute Priority 3. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet all the priorities that they choose to address.

These priorities are:

Absolute Priority 1: Effective and Efficient Delivery of Professional Development.

The Department establishes a priority to assist SEAs in reforming and improving their systems for personnel (as that term is defined in section 651(b) of IDEA) preparation and professional development of individuals providing early intervention, educational, and transition services in order to improve results for children with disabilities.