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HUD Reopens Public Comment Period on FSS Information Collection Requirements

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [notice](#) reopening the public comment period on the information collection requirements for the [proposed rule](#) published on September 21, 2020, which would implement changes to the Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) program as required by the “Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.”

According to today's notice, HUD has determined that changes to the information collection requirements described in the 2020 proposed rule would be necessary for implementation of the rule or would help the program operate more efficiently. Specifically, HUD notes that all entities that currently operate FSS programs would have to update their action plans one time after the new rule becomes effective in order to incorporate regulatory changes, and that PHAs would be required to complete a monitoring self-review checklist for program compliance and reporting once every five years.

HUD is not soliciting comment on any other issues related to the 2020 proposed rule. The due date for comments is **December 15, 2021**.

Medicare Announces Part B Premium for 2022

An [announcement](#) posted last Friday to the [Medicare website](#) reveals that the [Medicare Part B premium](#) for 2022 will be \$170.10, an increase of \$21.60 over the 2021 standard premium. While this is correct for individuals first enrolling in Medicare in 2022 and for some higher-income individuals, it is not correct for many individuals due to a “hold harmless” legal provision. The hold harmless provision prevents Medicare Part B premiums from rising more than a person's Social Security cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA.

The Social Security Administration [announced](#) last month that there will be a 5.9 percent COLA in Social Security benefits for 2022.



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