

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Food Insecurity is Associated with Health and Health Care

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB,
TB, SOR,)

EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information
USDA [] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: This report examines health status and access for adults, stratified by the food security status of their households. We classify households as having high, marginal, low, and very low food security. We find that, over a broad range of health outcomes and measures of access, adults in households with more severe food insecurity also face more challenges with respect to health and access to health care. For example, adults in very low food insecure households spend about 14½ days in bed due to illness per year, as opposed to adults in households with high food security, who spend about 3 days in bed due to illness per year. At the same time, adults in marginally food secure households are three times as likely to report having some problem paying medical bills than adults in high food secure households (36.1 and 12.1 percent, respectively); those in very low food secure households are nearly five times as likely to have difficulty paying their medical bills (58.2 percent).

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 07/22/16 End: X/X/16 Withdrawn: 12/09/16

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [] Yes [X] No

