



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:
OMB-08-46-SR

Title, Series & Grade:
CHIEF, MEDICARE BRANCH
ES-0301
(\$114,468 - \$158,500)

Vacancy Location:
Office of Management and Budget
Health Division
Medicare Branch
Washington, DC 20503

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: **All qualified persons.** This position has been designated as a Senior Executive Service (SES) position. If not already a member of the SES serving under a career appointment, the individual selected must have his/her executive qualifications certified by a Qualifications Review Board of the Office of Personnel Management before appointment to this position, and will be required to serve a one-year probationary period in this position. The actual salary will be set by determining the appropriate SES level for the person selected. For more information regarding the SES, go to www.opm.gov/ses.

PLEASE NOTE: **To ensure safe and timely receipt of your application, we encourage applicants to submit an electronic application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV or fax it to (202)395-1194/1262. We cannot guarantee that applications mailed will be received by the closing date of this announcement.**

DUTIES: Under the general direction of the Deputy Associate Director for Health, the incumbent manages a staff of professionals concerned with leading and coordinating the formulation of the budget, legislative and regulatory analysis, and management improvement for Medicare. The incumbent manages a branch of professional and support staff engaged in continuous review and analysis of assigned programs to allocate budget resources, ascertain program effectiveness, stimulate program and management improvements, and review and assist in the development of budgetary, legislative, and regulatory proposals. Representation of OMB in major interagency efforts is expected, along with initiative in delivering completed staff work to policy levels in OMB, to other White House agencies and to the President.

The branch chief is expected to develop a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the branch's assigned programs and, where relevant, their relationships to programs in other agencies; identify needs and establish priorities for the branch's analytical and other activities; alert higher level staff and officials to opportunities, problems and events of which they should be aware, and ensure that the branch's work is undertaken and completed in a professional and timely manner.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS: You must submit a separate narrative statement that addresses each of the Mandatory Professional/Technical related to this position as well as the Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs) related to all positions in the Senior Executive Service. Your narrative statements should include specific examples of experience, education, and accomplishments applicable to the qualification. Structure your statements

in terms of the action taken, the context or environment in which the action was taken, and the outcome or results from such actions. You should write each statement with the vacancy in mind as all qualifications are directly related to the position being filled. Be sure to include appropriate training and awards when addressing your qualifications. Please limit your narrative statements to one and a half page per factor. For further information and tips on writing effective narrative statements, see OPM's publication "A Guide to SES Qualifications" available on the OPM website at: <http://www.opm.gov/ses/writingstate.asp>.

The following Fundamental Competencies are cross-cutting and should be addressed over the course of your ECQ narrative. It is not necessary to address them directly as long as the narrative, in its totality, shows mastery of the competencies on the whole. The competencies are: Interpersonal Skills; Oral Communication; Continual Learning; Written Communication; Integrity/Honesty; and Public Service Motivation.

If you do not submit a separate statement addressing these qualifications, you will not receive consideration for the position.

MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Experience in working with health financing issues, especially Medicare.
2. Senior level experience in project, program and policy analysis, with emphasis on use of quantitative techniques to develop national cost estimates.
3. Experience in managing a professional staff in budgeting, management analysis, project, program and policy analysis, and legislative work, including the use of quantitative techniques, technical analysis, presentation of issues and recommendations to senior government officials, and negotiation of issues.

MANDATORY EXECUTIVE CORE QUALIFICATIONS (ECQs): In addition to the Mandatory Technical Qualification Requirements listed above, all new entrants into the SES under a career appointment will be assessed for executive competency against the following five mandatory executive core qualifications.

Note: If you are a member of the SES or have been certified through successful participation in an OPM approved SES Candidate Development Program (SESCDP), or have SES reinstatement eligibility, you do not need to respond to the ECQs. Instead, you should attach proof (e.g., SF-50, certificate of completion of SESC DP) of your eligibility for appointment to the SES.

1. **Leading Change** - This core qualification involves the ability to bring about strategic change, both within and outside the organization, to meet organizational goals. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to establish an organizational vision and to implement it in a continuously changing environment.
2. **Leading People** - This core qualification involves the ability to lead people toward meeting the organization's vision, mission, and goals. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to provide an inclusive workplace that fosters the development of others, facilitates cooperation and teamwork, and supports constructive resolution of conflicts.
3. **Results Driven** - This core qualification involves the ability to meet organizational goals and customer expectations. Inherent to this ECQ is the ability to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying technical knowledge, analyzing problems, and calculating risks.
4. **Business Acumen** - This core qualification involves the ability to manage human, financial, and information resources strategically.
5. **Building Coalitions** - This core qualification involves the ability to build coalitions internally and with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, nonprofit and private sector organizations, foreign governments, or international organizations to achieve common goals.

EVALUATION METHOD: The Office of Administration's Human Resources Management Division will review all applications to determine if applicants meet the mandatory professional/technical qualifications of this position and the SES ECQs. Those who meet the qualifications will be referred to a panel of SES members for rating and ranking to determine the "best qualified" candidates. The panel may conduct interviews with the top candidates and then make a recommendation to the selecting official about the top candidates that he/she should interview. Once a selection is made, the selectee's application will be forwarded to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for approval by an OPM independent Qualifications Review Board, unless the selectee is a current SES executive or has successfully participated in an OPM approved SES Candidate Development Program.

HOW TO APPLY:

THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS FOR APPLYING (If applicable these documents are required.) You must include the announcement number on your application.

- **FAX to 202-395-1262/1194 the following:**

- (1) An Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612); or a resume; or the SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; or other written application, ensuring that all required information shown in Applying for a Federal Job, OF-510 <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/of0510.pdf>, is included in your application;
- (2) Your latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, and Performance Appraisal if you are a current or former Federal employee;
- (3) On a separate sheet, a narrative summary of your experience and/or education which concisely addresses each of the Mandatory Technical/Professional Qualifications (all applicants) and Executive Core Qualifications (non-SES eligibles);

- **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF YOUR RESUME:**

You may submit your resume from the USAJOBS web site on the Internet. After reviewing the full text of this announcement, click on the 'Submit Resume on-line' shown on this page. Create or edit your resume. Please be sure to use the space entitled "Supplemental Information" to add and/or fax any additional information specified in this announcement, as stated above.

When you have finished and select 'Send', your resume will be sent to our component. Electronic Resumes can only be sent using the special icon in our announcement. To apply on-line, you must prepare your resume and SEND it before midnight Eastern Time of the closing date.

After you complete and send the OPM online resume, you will receive a web page message stating that your resume (for the specified announcement number) was sent to our component. This message serves as a confirmation of your mailing. If you do not receive this statement your resume was not successfully transmitted and you should try again. You may wish to fax a copy of this confirmation message with any materials that must be faxed in order to complete the application.

If you omit any of the required information specified in Optional Form 510, applying for a Federal job, your application will be rated INELIGIBLE. To view a copy of OF-510 on-line, please go to www.opm.gov; click on the following: "Quick Index"; then "Forms"; then "Optional Forms"; and again on "OF-510".

Users of the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call: (202) 395-1160.

- Applications will be accepted electronically. Please submit your application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV.

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- If you are a current or former Federal Employee please provide your latest SF-50 “Notification of Personnel Action” and your most recent Performance Appraisal;
- On a separate sheet, a narrative summary of your experience and/or education which concisely addresses each Mandatory Technical Qualification Requirements and ECQ’s listed in this vacancy

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Applicants will be notified of receipt of application and again at the point of selection/non-selection by the servicing personnel office.
- Failure to submit all required documents and information requested by the closing date of this announcement may result in your not receiving full consideration. Applicant’s qualifications will be evaluated solely on the information submitted in their applications.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- **FAVORABLE SECURITY SCREENING:** This position requires the selectee to be at least 18 years old and be able to obtain and maintain an Executive Office of the President (EOP) favorable security determination as a prerequisite to employment. EOP's offer of employment is conditional until the selectee passes a drug screen, pre-employment security interviews, appropriate credit checks, a criminal background record and identification check, and the EOP exercises its discretion to grant the selectee a favorable security determination. Any employment offer EOP management extends prior to a favorable security determination is merely tentative, and the EOP expressly reserves the right to rescind the tentative employment offer at any time before the selectee's start date.
- The applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. After appointment, the employee will be included in the component’s random drug testing program.
- As a condition of employment, candidates appointed, competitively promoted or reassigned are required to enroll and participate in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer.
- Male applicants born after December 31, 1959 must certify at the time of appointment that they have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under Selective Service Law.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Completed form(s) must faxed to:
Executive Office of the President
Office of Administration
Human Resources Management Division
(202) 395-1194/1262

- Applications will also be accepted electronically. Please submit your application to EOPJOBS@OA.EOP.GOV.
- Applications must be received by the closing date.
- Applicants submitting applications in postage-paid Government envelopes are reminded of the legal prohibition against the use of such envelopes or other Government property for other than officially approved activities. These prohibitions are contained in 18 U.S.C.1719.
- Applications will not be returned.
- You must include the announcement number on your application.
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factors.
- Users of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) may call (202) 395-1160.
- Federal agencies, must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and

hiring process should contact the hiring component directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.