

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: An Examination of Veterans' Diet Quality

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

ERR

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

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Subject of Review: Veterans are about 10% of the U.S. population and may participate in government programs including healthcare and nutrition education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Registered dietitians and other nutrition professionals work with veterans and their families to promote wellness and prevent disease at VA healthcare facilities across the country. In this study, we assess veterans' diets using the USDA's and National Cancer Institute's Healthy Eating Index (HEI). The HEI measures how well diets align with key Federal recommendations and higher HEI scores are associated with a reduced risk of disease and lower healthcare costs. HEI scores are measured using data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey's dietary intake module. Individuals participating in this module complete two 24-hour dietary recalls on non-consecutive days. They also provide extensive demographic and bio-medical data. For this study, we pool survey records collected between 2003 and 2016 and examine the relationships with regression analysis while controlling for demographic characteristics and a general time trend.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 5/30/2019 Completed: XX/XX/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

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