# Peer Review Plan

**Preliminary Title:** Rural Telehealth: A Glimpse at Online Personal Health Realization

**Type of Report**
(Err, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,)

**[X] EIB**

**Influential Scientific Information**

**Agency:** Economic Research Service

**USDA**

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**Subject of Review:**
The provision of health care for rural residents has been a critical issue for many decades because of the occupational hazards that are found in traditional rural industries as well as new outdoor tourism activities. One element in addressing this challenge is telehealth. Telehealth allows more active participation by individuals in their health. The study, using detailed household data that has only recently become available, covers the three basic telehealth activities: (1) online health research; (2) communication with health provider, including contacting provider, maintaining records, and paying bills; and (3) monitoring an individual’s health by transmittable systems reporting back somewhere in the medical system.

**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:**

[X] Individual Reviewers

[X] Panel Review

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

**Timing of Review (Est.):**

Start: 2/21/17

End: 7/26/17

Completed: 7/26/17

**Number of Reviewers:**

[X] 4 to 10

[ ] More than 10

[ ] 3 or fewer

**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