Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Do Households with an Obese Child Differ from those without? Findings from USDA’s FoodAPS

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

EIB

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

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Subject of Review: While the obesity rate among children in the US has reached an unprecedented level, not all children face the same risk. Using the 2012 USDA National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS), this report investigates how households with at least one obese child (hereafter, obese households) differ from those without any obese children (hereafter, non-obese households). Children from obese households live in a more disadvantageous environment. They are more likely to live with a single parent, have parents with lower education, and live in more financially constrained households. Somewhat surprisingly, even though these children live in areas with a high density of retail food stores and restaurants, their families are no more likely to eat out. Finally, the overall nutritional quality of food households purchased does not differ much across the household types.

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: Individual Reviewers

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 03/02/17 Completed: 06/05/17 Withdrawn: X/X/X

Number of Reviewers: 4 to 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency

Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes

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

How: When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes