Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Association between Total Diet Cost and Diet Quality is Limited

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB): ERR

[X] Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

[ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Although there is widespread belief that healthy foods cost more, researchers and nutrition educators argue that households and individuals could make healthier food choices without spending more on food. Cost comparisons between individual foods do not address the question of whether the overall cost of a healthy diet costs more than a less healthy one. Previous research has provided sample food budgets and menus to guide consumers in meeting dietary guidance while simultaneously controlling costs, or has estimated food budgets based on a small sample of foods rather than the entire diet. One way our research differs from previous work is that it examines the issue by using actual consumption survey data to estimate the relationship between total daily food cost and overall diet quality for individuals.

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Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 11/13/12 End: XX/XX/XX Withdrawn: 01/14/13

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

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