

## Comment Policy

It is the goal of IHS to maintain respectful conversations on all new/social media tools that engage the public via the option to comment.

IHS acts in accordance to the comment policy from the HHS Center for New Media, which is as follows:

- **Stay focused.** All viewpoints are welcome, but comments should remain relevant to the HHS New Media Center and the associated Web site.
- **Be respectful.** Personal attacks, profanity, and aggressive behavior are prohibited. Instigating arguments in a disrespectful way is also prohibited.
- **Tell the truth.** Spreading misleading or false information is prohibited.
- **No spam.** Repeated posting of identical or very similar content in a counter-productive manner is prohibited — this includes posts aggressively promoting services or products.
- **No personal information.** Please do not post phone numbers, email addresses, and any other personal identifiable information.

We retain the discretion to determine which comments violate our comment policy. We also reserve the right to remove and/or not allow comments to get posted. The views expressed within posted comments do not necessarily reflect those of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or the federal government.

We recognize that the Web is a 24/7 medium, and your comments are welcome at any time. However, given the need to manage federal resources (i.e. - your tax dollars), moderating and posting comments should only be expected to occur during regular business hours.

Reporters are asked to send questions to the necessary media office through their normal channels and to refrain from submitting questions here as comments. Reporter questions will not be posted nor answered.

Thank you for taking the time to review our comment policy. We encourage your participation in our discussion and look forward to an active exchange of ideas.