

IV. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay in Effective Date

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive the notice and comment procedures if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the rule.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued.

This correction notice addresses technical errors and omissions made in FR Doc. 06-9086, entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies, Five-Year Review of Work Relative Value Units, and changes to the Practice Expense Methodology Under the Physician Fee Schedule, and Other Changes to Payment Under Part B; Revisions to the Payment Policies of Ambulance Services Under the Fee Schedule for Ambulance Services; Ambulance Inflation Factor Update for CY 2007," which appeared in the December 1, 2006 **Federal Register** (71 FR 69624), and is effective January 1, 2007. The provisions of this final rule with comment period have been previously subjected to notice and comment procedures. These corrections are consistent with the discussion and text of the final rule with comment period, and do not make substantive changes to the CY 2007 published rule. As such, this correction notice is intended to ensure the CY 2007 final rule with comment period accurately reflects the policies adopted in that rule. Therefore, we find that undertaking further notice and comment procedures to incorporate these corrections into the final rule with comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

For the same reasons, we are also waiving the 30-day delay in effective date for this correction notice. We believe that it is in the public interest to ensure that the CY 2007 final rule with comment period accurately states our policies relating to the PFS and

other Part B payment policies. Therefore, delaying the effective date of these corrections beyond the January 1, 2007 effective date of the final rule with comment period would be contrary to the public interest. In so doing, we find good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: November 30, 2006.

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Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 212, 222, and 252

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Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Combating Trafficking in Persons

[DFARS Case 2004-D017]

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: DoD is extending the comment period for the interim rule published at 71 FR 62560 on October 26, 2006. The rule amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to address the prohibition on DoD contractor activities that support or promote trafficking in persons. The comment period is extended to provide additional time for interested parties to review the DFARS changes.

DATES: The ending date for submission of comments is extended to January 25, 2007.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1802, 1805, 1819, 1825, 1827, 1828, and 1852

RIN 2700-31

NASA FAR Supplement Administrative Changes

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule makes administrative changes to the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to update dollar thresholds, correct a document title, and delete an obsolete clause.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective December 8, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule makes several administrative changes to the NFS. The dollar thresholds in 1805.303(a)(i), 1819.7103, 1819.7219(a)(2), 1825.400(b), and 1828.103-70(a)(2) are revised to reflect the recent FAR changes made by Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-13 to adjust acquisition-related thresholds for inflation, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 431a as added by section 807 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375).

This rule deletes NFS Subpart 1827.6, Foreign License and Technical Assistance Agreements, and the clause at NFS 1852.227-87, Transfer of Technical Data Under Space Station International Agreements. This subpart and clause were developed for the Space Station Freedom Program, which was cancelled in 1993. In February 2000, the related subject matter was addressed for all NASA programs and projects (including the International Space Station Program) in the clause at 1852.225-70, Export Licenses, and its associated guidance at 1825.1103-70. The subject coverage was thus rendered obsolete, but its deletion was overlooked.

This rule also revises the "Head of the contracting activity" definition in 1802.101 to reflect an organizational change.

This rule corrects the outdated address for the Center for AeroSpace Information in the clauses at 1852.235-70, Center for AeroSpace Information,