

in PW ASB No. A6272, dated September 24, 1996.

(b) Report the number of completed inspections on a monthly basis and report findings of cracked fan hubs in accordance with Accomplishment Instructions, Paragraph F, of Attachment 1 to PW ASB No. A6272, dated September 24, 1996, within 48 hours after inspection to Robert Guyotte, Manager, Engine Certification Branch, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (617) 238-7142, fax (617) 238-7199; Internet: Robert.Guyotte@faa.dot.gov. Reporting requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned OMB control number 2120-0056.

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office. The request should be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Engine Certification Office.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the Engine Certification Office.

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the aircraft to a location where the inspection requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 14, 1997.

James C. Jones,

Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

20 CFR Parts 718, 722, 725, 726 and 727

RIN 1215-AA99

Regulations Implementing the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as Amended; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Employment Standards Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the period for filing comments regarding the proposed rule to amend and revise the regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefits Act. This action is taken to permit additional comment from interested persons.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before May 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on the proposed rule to James L. DeMarce, Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Room C-3520, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. DeMarce, (202) 219-6692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of the January 22, 1997 (62 FR 3338-3435), the Department of Labor published a proposed rule intended to amend and revise the regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefits Act, subchapter IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as amended. Interested persons were requested to submit comments on or before March 24, 1997.

The Department has received requests for an extension of the comment period from groups representing coal mine operators, coal mine construction companies, the insurance industry, organized labor, and black lung claimants. Because of the interest in this proposal, the Department believes that it is desirable to extend the comment period for all interested persons. Therefore, the comment period for the proposed rule, amending and revising 20 CFR parts 718, 722, 725, 726 and 727, is extended through May 23, 1997.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18 day of February, 1997.

Bernard E. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary for Employment Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Parts 3 and 4

RIN 2900-AH41

Service Connection of Dental Conditions for Treatment Purposes

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing to amend its adjudication regulations for determining service connection of dental conditions for purposes of eligibility for outpatient dental treatment. Current regulations contain overlapping provisions which do not clearly state requirements for service connection, and provide that service connection will be granted for certain dental conditions shown after a

“reasonable period of service” without defining what constitutes such a period. We intend to consolidate the information, and replace the term “reasonable period of service” with a precise period of 180 days. We also propose to eliminate redundant material, and to clearly state requirements for service connection for purposes of eligibility for outpatient dental treatment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (O2D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “RIN 2900-AH41.” All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorna Fox, Consultant, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service (213), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1712 (restated in 38 CFR 17.123) set forth eligibility requirements for VA outpatient treatment of dental conditions and disabilities. This section provides that veterans with non-compensable service-connected dental conditions are entitled to a one-time correction of the dental condition provided that certain requirements are met, including application for dental treatment made within 90 days of service discharge. Following completion of this initial care, subsequent additional treatment may be provided in certain other cases, i.e., if the veteran was a prisoner of war, if the dental condition or disability is due to combat or other in-service trauma, or if the veteran has service-connected disabilities rated at 100 percent.

38 CFR part 4, the Schedule for Rating Disabilities, provides evaluations for dental conditions considered disabling in nature. (See § 4.150, Schedule of ratings—dental and oral conditions.) There are other dental conditions, however, which are not considered disabling and thus do not generally fall under the purview of § 4.150. The issue of service connection arises for these conditions only for the purpose of