

administrators with the procedures and guidelines necessary to furnish plan participants and beneficiaries with Summary Plan Descriptions that clearly explain their rights and obligations.

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

*Title:* Notice of Enrollment Rights.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0101 (extension).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

*Number of Respondents:* 14,590.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* .50 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 5,715.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (in thousands):* \$730.

*Description:* Under 29 CFR 2590.701-6 of the April 8 Interim Rules, a group health plan offering group health insurance coverage is obligated to provide a description of the plan's special enrollment rules. The special enrollment rules generally apply in circumstances when the participant initially declined to enroll in the plan, and subsequently would like to have coverage.

*Agency:* Pension and Welfare Administration.

*Title:* Notice of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0102 (extension).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,590.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:*

Notices to all eligible employees are estimated to take 1 hour for preparation of a notice, and .50 minutes for distribution. For notices to participants with insufficient prior coverage, it is estimated to take 1 hour per plan, and an average of 2 minutes for preparation.

*Total Burden Hours:* 8,150.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (in thousands):* \$700.

*Description:* Pursuant to 29 CFR 2590.701-3(c), a group health plan offering group health insurance coverage may not impose any pre-existing condition exclusions on a participant unless the participant has been notified on the plan's provisions and his or her right to establish prior creditable coverage. 29 CFR 2590.701-4 requires that plans that use the alternative method of crediting coverage disclose their method at the time of a

participant's enrollment in the plan. 29 CFR 2590.701-5(d) requires that before a plan imposes a pre-existing condition exclusion on a particular participant, it must first disclose that determination in writing, including the basis for the decision and an explanation of any appeal procedure.

*Agency:* Provision and Welfare Benefits Administration.

*Title:* Establishing Prior Creditable Coverage.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0103 (extension).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Group Health Plans.

*Number of Respondents:* 15,604.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:*

Generation of the certification ranges from 2 to 5 minutes depending on when the certification is generated. .50 minutes was used for distribution for all applicable certifications and notices.

*Total Burden Hours:* 336,060.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs (in thousands):* \$5,400.

*Total annual costs (in thousands):* \$26,400.

*Description:* In order to meet the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's goal of improving access to and portability of health care benefits, the statute provides that, after the submission of evidence establishing prior creditable coverage, a subsequent health insurance provider would be limited in the extent to which it could use pre-existing condition exclusions to limit coverage. This Information Collection Request covers the submission of materials sufficient to establish prior creditable coverage.

**Todd R. Owen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office, National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of Open Meeting by Teleconference

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting by teleconference, February 12, 1998.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463), the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee for the North American Agreement on

Labor Cooperation (NAALC), which was established by the Secretary of Labor.

The Committee was established to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Labor on matters pertaining to the implementation and further elaboration of the NAALC, the labor side accord to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Committee is authorized under Article 17 of the NAALC.

The Committee consists of 12 independent representatives drawn from among labor organizations, business and industry, and educational institutions.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet on February 12, 1998 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be by teleconference.

**ADDRESS:** U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-5515 (Executive Conference Room), Washington, D.C. 20210. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Irasema Garza, designated Federal Officer, U.S. NAO, U.S. Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone 202-501-6653 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 1994 (59 FR 64713) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on January 5, 1998.

**Irasema T. Garza,**

*Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration/Wage and Hour Division

### Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to