

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of March, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

41 CFR Part 60-300

RIN 1215-AB46

Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Disabled Veterans, Recently Separated Veterans, Other Protected Veterans, and Armed Forces Service Medal Veterans; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; correction; and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 2006, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) published in the *Federal Register* a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM (71 FR 3351) proposes new regulations to implement amendments to the affirmative action provisions of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 ("VEVRAA NPRM"). This document corrects the e-mail address for submitting comments on the VEVRAA NPRM. Further, to ensure that all public comments are received, this document extends the comment period for the proposed rule for seven (7) days. Respondents who sent comments to the earlier e-mail address are encouraged to contact the person named below to find out if their comments were received and re-submit them to the e-mail address below if necessary.

DATES: The comment period for the VEVRAA NPRM published January 20, 2006 (71 FR 3351) is extended to March 28, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James C. Pierce, Acting Director, Division of Policy, Planning, and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N3422, Washington, DC 20210.

Telephone: (202) 693-0102 (voice) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

Due to an upgrade in the computer system, the original e-mail address published in the proposed rules is not currently functioning and is not receiving e-mail comments. Accordingly, in FR Doc. 06-440 appearing on page 3351, in the *Federal Register* of Friday, January 20, 2006, the e-mail address shown, "*ofccp-mail@dol.esa.gov*," is corrected to read "*OFCCP-Public@dol.gov*."

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

45 CFR Part 60

RIN 0906-AA43

National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners: Reporting on Adverse and Negative Actions

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would revise existing regulations under sections 401-432 of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, governing the National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners, to incorporate statutory requirements under section 1921 of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5(b) of the Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, and as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

The Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, along with certain additional provisions in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, was designed to protect program beneficiaries from unfit health

care practitioners, and otherwise improve the anti-fraud provisions of the Medicare and State health care programs. Section 1921, the statutory authority upon which this regulatory action is based, requires each State to adopt a system of reporting to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) certain adverse licensure actions taken against health care practitioners and health care entities licensed or otherwise authorized by a State (or a political subdivision thereof) to provide health care services. It also requires each State to report any negative actions or findings that a State licensing authority, peer review organization, or private accreditation entity has concluded against a health care practitioner or health care entity.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule are invited. To be considered, comments must be received by May 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Associate Administrator, Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 8-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Additionally, comments may be sent via e-mail to *policyanalysis@hrsa.gov*. All comments received will be available for public inspection and copying at the Practitioner Data Banks Branch, Office of Workforce Evaluation and Quality Assurance, BHP, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-103, Rockville, MD 20857, weekdays (Federal holidays excepted) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments also may be sent through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark S. Pincus, Chief, Practitioner Data Banks Branch, Office of Workforce Evaluation and Quality Assurance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-103, Rockville, MD 20857; telephone number: (301) 443-2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986

The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) was established by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act (HCQIA) of 1986, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et seq.*). The NPDB contains reports of adverse licensure actions against physicians and dentists (including revocations, suspensions, reprimands,