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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**20 CFR Part 335**

RIN 3220-AB11

**Sickness Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Railroad Retirement Board.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby amends its regulations under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) to permit a "physician assistant-certified" and an "accredited Christian Science practitioner" to execute a statement of sickness in support of payments of sickness benefits under the RUIA. The rule would also eliminate certain obsolete language.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 7, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas W. Sadler, Assistant General Counsel, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4513, TDD (312) 751-4701, TDD (FTS (312) 386-4701).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 335.2(a)(2) provides that in order to be entitled to sickness benefits under the RUIA, a claimant must provide a "statement of sickness". Section 335.3(a) of the Board's regulations lists the individuals from whom the Board will accept a statement of sickness. That list does not currently include physicians assistants. In many parts of the country, physicians assistants are more accessible (and their services less expensive) than licensed medical doctors (MD's). Under previous regulations, the Board will not accept a statement of sickness or supplemental statement of sickness from a physician assistant unless there is some follow-up verification that the physician assistant completed the statement under the supervision of a medical doctor. This is

administratively costly and in many cases unnecessarily delays payment of sickness benefits. Thus, the Board adds "physician assistant-certified" to the list of individuals from who it will accept a statement of sickness. In addition, under present practice the Board recognizes an accredited Christian Science practitioner as qualified to execute a statement of sickness. Thus, the regulation also adds this category to its list of qualified individuals.

The Board also amends § 335.4(d)(5) of its regulations by deleting the first sentence of paragraph (d)(5), which relates to the filing of a statement of sickness by a female employee whose claim for sickness benefits is based upon pregnancy, miscarriage, or childbirth. The special form required by paragraph (d)(5) is no longer used, since, for purposes of filing for sickness benefits, a distinction is no longer made between pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth, and other illnesses.

On March 16, 1995, the Board published this rule as a proposed rule (60 FR 14241) inviting comments on or before April 17, 1995. No comments were received. The only change that has been made to the proposed rule is the addition of "accredited Christian Science practitioner", discussed above, which merely conforms the regulation to current practice. The Board has determined that this is not a major rule for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory analysis is required. The information collections contemplated by this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3220-0039.

**List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 335**

Railroad employees, Railroad sickness benefits.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 20, chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 335—SICKNESS BENEFITS**

1. The authority citation for part 335 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 45 U.S.C. 362(i) and 362(l).

2. Section 335.3(a) is amended by removing "or" at the end of paragraph (a)(6), by replacing the period at the end of paragraph (a)(7) with ";", and by adding new paragraphs (a)(8) and (a)(9) to read as follows:

**§ 335.3 Execution of statement of sickness and supplemental doctor's statement.**

- (a) *Who may execute.* \* \* \*
- (8) A physician assistant-certified (PAC); or
- (9) An accredited Christian Science Practitioner.

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**§ 335.4 [Amended]**

3. Section 335.4(d)(5) is amended by removing the first sentence.

Dated: July 31, 1995.

By authority of the Board.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**21 CFR Part 177**

[Docket No. 93F-0247]

**Indirect Food Additives: Polymers**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of ethylene/hexene-1 copolymers containing a maximum of 20 percent by weight of polymer units derived from hexene-1 as components of articles intended for use in contact with food. This action is in response to a petition filed by Exxon Chemical Co. **DATES:** Effective August 7, 1995; written objections and requests for a hearing by September 6, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written objections to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration,