

incidence of research-related injury is low and, therefore, the additional costs of this policy will be minimal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), 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-AH68". All written comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theodore W. Lorei, (202) 273-8285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is a commonly accepted ethical position that research subjects deserve to receive free medical treatment if their participation in the research results in unforeseen adverse health effects. Although current VA regulations are silent regarding this policy, the acceptance of this right in practice is suggested by the inclusion of the following statement on the research consent form (VA Form 10-1086): "If any medical problems occur in connection with this study, VA will provide emergency care". It is important to clarify this issue in regulation so that research participants can be confidently informed of their rights and research administrators can take appropriate action to provide such benefits when appropriate.

The Secretary hereby certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 16

Human research subjects, reporting and record keeping requirements.

Approved: May 28, 1996.

Jesse Brown,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 16 is proposed to be amended as set forth below:

PART 16—PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

1. The authority citation for part 16 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 38 U.S.C. 501, 7331, 7334; 42 U.S.C. 300v-1(b).

2. Section 16.125 is added to read as follows:

§ 16.125 Treatment of research-related injuries to human subjects.

(a) VA medical facilities shall provide necessary medical treatment to research subjects who are injured as a result of participation in a research project approved by a VA Research and Development Committee and conducted by VA employees. This regulation does not apply to:

(1) Treatment for injuries due to noncompliance by a subject with study procedures, or

(2) Research conducted for VA under a contract with a non-VA institution.

Note: Veterans who are injured as a result of participation in such research may be eligible for care from VA under other provisions of this part.

(b) Except in the following situations, care for VA research subjects under this regulation shall be provided in VA medical facilities:

(1) If VA medical facilities are not capable of furnishing economical care or are not capable of furnishing the care or services required, VA medical facility directors shall contract for the needed care.

(2) If inpatient care must be provided to a non-veteran under this policy, VA medical facility directors may contract for such care.

(3) If a research subject needs treatment in a medical emergency for a condition covered by this policy, VA medical facility directors shall provide reasonable reimbursement for the emergency treatment in a non-VA facility.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-174, RM-8849]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Thomaston, AL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Andrea Reynolds, requesting

the allotment of FM Channel 249A to Thomaston, Alabama, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 32-14-11 North Latitude and 87-40-46 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 15, 1996, and reply comments on or before October 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Andrea Reynolds, 2501 - 15th Street E, #214, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-174, adopted August 16, 1996, and released August 23, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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