

Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner

must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to John F. Stolz: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N

Street NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 28, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated July 25, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of September 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Medically Underserved Areas for 1997

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of medically underserved areas for 1997.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has completed its annual calculation of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for the calendar year 1997. This is necessary to comply with a provision of FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in states with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 1997, OPM's calculations show that the following States are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Arkansas and

Idaho have been removed from the list, with no new additions for 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kenneth A. Lease, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law [5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)] mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires payment to all qualified providers in the States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual calculation of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest Department of Health and Human Services State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S. Census figures on State resident population.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
James B. King,
Director.

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FEHB MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997

STATE	HHS TOTAL POPULATION 1)	COMMERCE RESIDENT POPULATION 2)	FEHB PERCENTAGE 3)	NOTE
Alabama	1,377,168	4,253,000	32.381%	MUA
Alaska	94,707	604,000	15.680%	
Arizona	340,504	4,218,000	8.073%	
Arkansas	558,379	2,484,000	22.479%	
California	4,043,173	31,589,000	12.799%	
Colorado	405,815	3,747,000	10.830%	
Connecticut	346,839	3,275,000	10.591%	
Delaware	55,579	717,000	7.752%	
Florida	1,664,615	14,166,000	11.751%	
Georgia	1,649,301	7,201,000	22.904%	
Hawaii	43,435	1,187,000	3.659%	
Idaho	285,341	1,163,000	24.535%	
Illinois	1,690,746	11,830,000	14.292%	
Indiana	883,097	5,803,000	15.218%	
Iowa	362,073	2,842,000	12.740%	
Kansas	365,751	2,565,000	14.259%	
Kentucky	946,323	3,860,000	24.516%	
Louisiana	1,650,505	4,342,000	38.013%	MUA
Maine	165,835	1,241,000	13.363%	
Maryland	236,335	5,042,000	4.687%	
Massachusetts	777,007	6,074,000	12.792%	
Michigan	1,859,326	9,549,000	19.471%	
Minnesota	327,743	4,610,000	7.109%	
Mississippi	1,402,441	2,697,000	52.000%	MUA
Missouri	1,042,748	5,324,000	19.586%	
Montana	133,212	870,000	15.312%	
Nebraska	270,683	1,637,000	16.535%	
Nevada	293,865	1,530,000	19.207%	
New Hampshire	117,178	1,148,000	10.207%	
New Jersey	809,649	7,945,000	10.191%	
New Mexico	490,555	1,685,000	29.113%	MUA
New York	3,838,377	18,136,000	21.164%	
North Carolina	1,604,720	7,195,000	22.303%	
North Dakota	175,210	641,000	27.334%	MUA
Ohio	1,475,522	11,151,000	13.232%	
Oklahoma	651,771	3,278,000	19.883%	
Oregon	403,493	3,141,000	12.846%	
Pennsylvania	1,113,888	12,072,000	9.227%	
Rhode Island	171,220	990,000	17.295%	
South Carolina	1,268,513	3,673,000	34.536%	MUA
South Dakota	184,379	729,000	25.292%	MUA
Tennessee	1,060,501	5,256,000	20.177%	
Texas	3,492,491	18,724,000	18.652%	
Utah	291,827	1,951,000	14.958%	
Vermont	75,405	585,000	12.890%	
Virginia	795,155	6,618,000	12.015%	

Washington	940,677	5,431,000	17.321%	
West Virginia	574,864	1,828,000	31.448%	MUA
Wisconsin	1,048,788	5,123,000	20.472%	
Wyoming	120,295	480,000	25.061%	MUA

1) From the "Total Population" column of the Department of Health and Human Services report entitled "Table 3. Health Professional Shortage Areas, Designated HPSA Summary Listing, Primary Medical Care HPSAs, As of March 31, 1996."

HHS contact for copy of report: Lisa Steinbruckner, 301-594-0816

2) From the most recent year column of the Department of Commerce Report entitled "Table 3. Rankings of State Population Estimates and Components of Change: July 1, 1994 to July 1, 1995."

Commerce contact for report Karen Jones, 301-457-2435

3) Computation Formula for this column = the HHS number divided by the Commerce number.

Note: FEHB percentage equal to greater than 25% =MUA= medically underserved area.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-2(c) SEC File No. 270-35; OMB Control No. 3235-0029

Rule 17f-2(d) SEC File No. 270-36; OMB Control No. 3235-0028

Rule 17f-2(e) SEC File No. 270-37; OMB Control No. 3235-0031

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on the following rules:

Rule 17f-2(c) allows persons required to be fingerprinted, pursuant to Section 17(f)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), to submit their fingerprints through a national securities exchange or a national securities association in accordance with a plan submitted to and approved by the Commission. Plans have been

approved for the American, Boston, Chicago, New York, Pacific, and Philadelphia stock exchanges and for the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

It is estimated that 8,500 registered broker-dealers submit approximately 275,000 fingerprint cards to exchanges or a registered security association on an annual basis. It is approximated that it should take 15 minutes to comply with Rule 17f-2(c). The total reporting burden is estimated to be 68,750 hours.

Rule 17f-2(d), requires that records produced, pursuant to the fingerprinting requirements of Section 17(f)(2) of the Exchange Act, be maintained; permits the designated examining authorities of broker-dealers or members of exchanges, under certain circumstances, to store and to maintain records required to be kept by this rule; and permits the required records to be maintained on microfilm.

Approximately 10,025 respondents are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of the rule. Each respondent keeps approximately 32 new records per year, which take approximately 2 minutes per record for the respondent to maintain, for an annual burden of 64 minutes per respondent. All records subject to the rule must be retained for the term of employment plus 3 years.

Rule 17f-2(e) requires entities claiming an exemption from the fingerprinting requirements to prepare and maintain a notice supporting their claim for exemption and exempts certain small transfer agents from the requirement.

While the Commission no longer receives notices pursuant to Rule 17f-2(e), the covered entities are still required to prepare and retain such notice. Based on the indications of several covered entities, most notices require one-half hour to prepare. Approximately 75 respondents will prepare notices each year. The total average annual burden to covered entities is approximately 37.5 hours of preparation and maintenance time.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the securities and exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive