

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-97-29 and should be submitted by August 6, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Testing Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Test Sites for Single Decisionmaker Model

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice of additional test sites and the duration of tests involving a single decisionmaker.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration is announcing the locations and the duration of additional tests that it will conduct under the current rules at 20 CFR §§ 404.906 and 416.1406. Those rules authorize the testing of several modifications to the disability determination procedures that we normally follow in adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act) and claims for supplemental security income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. This notice announces the test sites and duration of additional tests involving use of a single decisionmaker who may make the initial disability determination without requiring the signature of a medical consultant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark O'Donnell, SDM Test Leader, Office of the Commissioner, Disability Process Redesign Team, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21235, 410-966-8336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current regulations at §§ 404.906, 404.943, 416.1406, and 416.1443 authorize us to test different modifications to the disability determination procedures. The tests are designed to provide us with information so that we can determine the effectiveness of the models in improving the disability process. In our regulations we explained that prior to commencing each test or group of tests, we would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** describing the model(s) that we will test, where the test sites will be and the duration of the tests. On May 3, 1996, we announced the first phase of testing of the single decisionmaker model (61 FR 19969). This test was conducted at ten sites in eight States wherein test cases were selected for a period of six months. On March 14, 1997, we announced the continuation of testing at one of those ten test sites, and the duration of the continuation of the test in that site (62 FR 12264). On or about July 15, 1997, we will begin additional testing of the single decisionmaker model in the test sites listed below. The sites listed below include the site in which we previously announced the

continuation of the test of the single decisionmaker model on March 14, 1997. This notice extends the duration of that test for the period indicated below. Under this model, a single decisionmaker may make initial disability determinations without generally requiring a medical consultant to sign the disability determination forms that we use to certify the determination. We will select cases for evaluation of these tests for up to 18 months, and may continue to have cases processed for an additional six to eight months thereafter. We plan to test the use of a single decisionmaker in 30 sites located in 15 states. The sites selected represent a mix of geographic areas and case loads. We will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we extend the duration of the test or expand further the test sites. For the purpose of these tests, the single decisionmaker will be an employee of the State agency that makes disability determinations for us. The decisionmaker will make the initial disability determination after any appropriate consultation with a medical consultant. However, before an initial determination is made that a claimant is not disabled in any case in which the existence of a mental impairment is indicated, the decisionmaker will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a qualified psychiatrist or psychologist has completed the medical portion of the case review and any applicable residual functional capacity assessment pursuant to our existing procedures. Similarly, in making a determination with respect to the disability of an individual under age 18 applying for SSI payments based on disability, the decisionmaker will make reasonable efforts to ensure that a qualified pediatrician or other individual who specializes in a field of medicine appropriate to the child's impairment(s) evaluates the claim. The testing of the single decisionmaker model listed below are separate from, and in addition to, the testing of the Full Process Model—of which the Single Decisionmaker Model is also a part—and which we previously announced on April 4, 1997 (62 FR 16209, 62 FR 16210). Tests of the Single Decisionmaker Model will be held at the following locations:

State of Alaska

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
Disability Determination Unit, 701
East Tudor Road, Suite 250,
Anchorage, AK 99503-7498

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- District of Columbia
Rehabilitation Services Administration,
717 Fourteenth Street, NW.,
Washington, D.C. 20005
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
4140 Woodcock Drive, Dew Building,
Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32207
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
9495 Sunset Drive, Sunset Square,
Suite B100, Miami, FL 33173
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
3438 Lawton Road, Chandler
Building, Suite 127, Orlando, FL
32803
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
2729 Fort Knox Boulevard, Building
2, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32399-
9994
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
2729 Fort Knox Boulevard, Building
2, Suite 301, Tallahassee, FL 32399-
9994
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
1321 Executive Center Drive, Ashley
Building, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL
32399-6512
- State of Florida
Office of Disability Determinations,
3450 West Busch Boulevard,
Buschwood Park II, Suite 395, Tampa,
FL 33618
- State of Idaho
Disability Determination Services, 1505
McKinney Street, Boise, ID 83704
- State of Kansas
Department of Social and Rehabilitation
Services, Disability Determination
Services, Docking State Office
Building, Room 1016, 915 SW
Harrison Street, Topeka, KS 66612-
1596
- State of Kentucky
Division of Disability Determinations,
102 Athletic Drive, P.O. Box 1000,
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
Social Security Administration, District
Office, 1460 Newton Pike, Lexington,
KY 40511
- State of Kentucky
Division of Disability Determinations,
7th and Jefferson Streets, Louisville,
Kentucky 40201
- State of Maine
Department of Human Services, Bureau
of Rehabilitation, Disability
Determination Services, Arsenal
Street Extension, State House Station
#116, Augusta, ME 04333
- State of Michigan
Department of Social Services,
Disability Determination Services,
1200 6th Street, Tenth Floor, Detroit,
MI 48226
- State of Michigan
Department of Social Services,
Disability Determination Services, 151
South Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI
49007
- State of Michigan
Department of Social Services,
Disability Determination Services, 608
West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI
48933
- State of Michigan
Department of Social Services,
Disability Determination Services, 315
East Front Street, Traverse City, MI
49684
- State of Nevada
Department of Employment, Training
and Rehabilitation, Bureau of
Disability Adjudication, 1050 East
William Street, Room 300, Carson
City, NV 89710
- State of North Carolina
Division of Social Services, Disability
Determination Services, 321
Chapanoke Street, Raleigh, NC 27603
- State of Oklahoma
Disability Determination Services, 240
West Wilshire, Suite B6, Oklahoma
City, OK 73116
Social Security Administration, District
Office, 6128 E. 38th Street, Tulsa, OK
74121
- State of Oregon
Department of Human Resources,
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
Disability Determination Services,
Human Resources Building, 500
Summer Street, NE, Salem, OR
97310-1020
- State of Vermont
Disability Determination Services, 2
Pilgrim Park Road, Second Floor,
Waterbury, VT 05676
- State of Washington
Department of Social and Health
Services, Division of Disability
Determination Services, Airindustrial
Way, Building 12, Tumwater, WA
98502
- State of Washington
Department of Social and Health
Services, Division of Disability
Determination Services, 5221 East
Third Street, Spokane, WA 99212
- State of Washington
Department of Social and Health
Services, Division of Disability
Determination Services, 1119 SW
Seventh Street, Renton, WA 98055
- State of West Virginia
Division of Rehabilitation Services,
Disability Determination Section,
1206 Quarrier Street, Suite 200,
Charleston, WV 25301
- State of West Virginia
Division of Rehabilitation Services,
Disability Determination Section, 153
West Main Street, Suite 607,
Clarksburg, WV 26301
- Not all cases received in the test sites
listed above will be handled under the
test procedures. However, if a claim is
selected to be handled by a single
decisionmaker as part of the test, the
claim will be processed under the
procedures established under the final
rules cited above.
- Dated: July 9, 1997.
- Carolyn W. Colvin,**
*Deputy Commissioner for Programs and
Policy.*
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- DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
- [Public Notice 2569]**
- Bureau of Political-Military Affairs;
Determination Under the Arms Export
Control Act**
- Pursuant to Section 654(c) of the
Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as
amended, notice is hereby given that the
Under Secretary of State for Arms
Control and International Security
Affairs has made a determination
pursuant to Section 81 of the Arms
Export Control Act and has concluded
that publication of the determination
would be harmful to the national
security of the United States.
- Dated: July 1, 1997.
- Thomas E. McNamara,**
*Assistant Secretary of State for Political-
Military Affairs.*
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