

information provided in the Direct Final action that is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[GA-41-9829b; FRL-6187-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Georgia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the section 111(d) Plan submitted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the State of Georgia on January 20, 1998, for implementing and enforcing the Emissions Guidelines applicable to existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. The Plan was submitted by the Georgia DNR to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements. In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Georgia State Plan submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and incorporated by reference herein. If no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Scott Martin at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an

appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61
Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia
30303-3104.

Air Protection Branch, Georgia
Environmental Protection Division,
Georgia Department of Natural
Resources, 4244 International
Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia
30354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Martin at (404) 562-9036 or Scott Davis at (404) 562-9127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register** and incorporated by reference herein.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Parts 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 419, 489, 498, and 1003

[HCFA-1005-N]

RIN 0938-AI56

Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Hospital Outpatient Services; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period for proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1998, (63 FR 47552). In that rule, as required by sections 4521, 4522, and 4523 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, we proposed to eliminate the formula-driven overpayment for certain outpatient hospital services, extend reductions in payment for costs of hospital outpatient services, and establish in regulations a prospective payment system for hospital outpatient services (and for Medicare Part B services furnished to inpatients who have no Part A coverage.) The comment period is extended for 60 days.

DATES: The comment period is extended to 5 p.m. on January 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-1005-N, P.O. Box 26688, Baltimore, MD 21207-0488.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses: Room 443-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, Central Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code HCFA-1005-N. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 443-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone: (202) 690-7890).

For comments that relate to information collection requirements, mail a copy of comments to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Allison Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Wellham, (410) 786-4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 8, 1998, we issued a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 47552) that would do the following:

- Eliminate the formula-driven overpayment for certain outpatient hospital services;
- Extend reductions in payment for costs of hospital outpatient services;
- Establish in regulations a prospective payment system for hospital outpatient services, for partial hospitalization services furnished by community mental health centers, and for certain Medicare Part B services furnished to inpatients who have no Part A coverage;
- Propose new requirements for provider departments and provider-based entities;
- Implement section 9343(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, which prohibits Medicare payment for nonphysician services furnished to a hospital outpatient by a provider or supplier other than a