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2. Section 240.12f-2 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

**§ 240.12f-2 Extending unlisted trading privileges to a security that is the subject of an initial public offering.**

(a) *General Provision.*—A national securities exchange may extend unlisted trading privileges to a subject security when at least one transaction in the subject security has been effected on the national securities exchange upon which the security is listed and the transaction has been reported pursuant to an effective transaction reporting plan, as defined in § 240.11Aa3-1.

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Dated: December 9, 1999.

By the Commission.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### 32 CFR Part 199

#### Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On Wednesday, November 24, 1999, (64 FR 66126), the Department of Defense published a proposed rule on TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan. This document is published to extend the public comment period.

**DATES:** Comment period has been extended until January 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comment concerning the proposed rule to TRICARE Management Activity/Special Contract Operations Branch, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Col. Brian Grassi, 303-676-3496.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### 45 CFR Parts 160 through 164

#### RIN 0991-AB08

#### Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS.

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice extends the comment period on a proposed rule published in the *Federal Register* on November 3, 1999 (64 FR 59918). The original date that the comment period would end was January 3, 2000. That date will now be extended until February 17, 2000.

In that rule, we propose standards to protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information maintained or transmitted in connection with certain administrative and financial transactions. The proposed rules, which would apply to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and certain health care providers, proposed standards with respect to the rights individuals who are the subject of this information should have, procedures for the exercise of those rights, and the authorized and required uses and disclosures of this information.

The use of these standards would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public and private health programs and health care services by providing enhanced protections for individually identifiable health information. These protections would begin to address growing public concerns that advances in electronic technology in the health care industry are resulting, or may result, in a substantial erosion of the privacy surrounding individually identifiable health information maintained by health care providers, health plans and their administrative contractors. This rule would implement the privacy requirement of the Administrative Simplification subtitle of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

**DATES:** The comment period is extended to no later than 5 p.m. on February 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments at the following web site: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/>.

Mail comments (1 original, 3 copies, and, if possible, a floppy disk) to the following address: U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Attention: Privacy-P, Room G-322A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (1 original, 3 copies, and, if possible, a floppy disk) to the following address: Room 442E, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further information on comment procedures, availability of copies of this document and electronic access to this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roxanne Gibson (202) 260-5083.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Reason for extension, comment procedures, availability of copies, and electronic access.

*Reason for extension:* We originally proposed a 60-day period for public comment of this proposed rule. The original comment period would have closed on January 3, 2000. Because of the scope of the proposed rule, the significant implications for the health care system and the substantial public interest in the proposed rule, we believe that additional time would allow for more informative and thoughtful comments. Therefore, we are extending the comment period until February 15, 2000.

*Comment procedures:* All comments should include the full name, address and telephone number of the sender or a knowledgeable point of contact. Written comments should include 1 original and 3 copies. If possible, please send an electronic version of the comments on a 3½ inch DOS format floppy disk in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) (preferred) HTML, ASCII text, or popular word processor format (Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect).

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by electronic mail or facsimile (FAX) transmission, and all comments and content are to be limited to the 8.5 wide by 11.0 high vertical (also referred to as "portrait") page orientation. Additionally, it is requested that if identical/duplicate comment submissions are submitted both electronically and in paper form that each submission clearly indicate that it is a duplicate submission. In each comment, please specify the section of this proposed rule to which the comment applies.

Comments received in a timely fashion will be available for public