

public comments would serve no purpose.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of State, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), has reviewed this regulation and, by approving it, certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by state, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any year and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

Executive Order 12866

The Department of State does not consider this rule, to be a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review, and the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process under section 6(a)(3)(A).

Executive Order 13132

This regulation will not have substantial direct effects on the states, on the relationship between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose any new reporting or record-keeping

requirements. The information collection requirement (Form OF-156) contained by reference in this rule was previously approved for use by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 41

Aliens, Nonimmigrants, Passports and visas.

Accordingly, the Department amends 22 CFR part 41 as follows:

PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 41 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1104; 22 U.S.C. 2651a.

2. Revise § 41.111(b) introductory text and (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 41.111 Authority to issue visa.

(b) *Issuance in the United States in certain cases.* The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services and such officers of the Department as the former may designate are authorized, in their discretion, to issue nonimmigrant visas, including diplomatic visas, to:

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(2) Other qualified aliens who:

(i) Are currently maintaining status in the E, H, I, L, O, or P nonimmigrant category;

(ii) Intend to reenter the United States in that status after a temporary absence abroad; and

(iii) Who also present evidence that:

(A) They were previously issued visas at a consular office abroad and admitted to the United States in the status which they are currently maintaining; and

(B) Their period of authorized admission in that status has not expired.

Dated: January 21, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Part 126

General Policies and Provisions

CFR Correction

In Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 1 to 299, revised as of Apr. 1, 2000, in part 126, beginning on page 469, the second § 126.5 is removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

45 CFR Parts 160 and 164

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Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action provides for the submission of comments on a technical amendment to the final rule adopting standards for privacy of individually identifiable health information published on December 28, 2000, in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 82462), to convert it to a final rule with request for comments. The purpose of this action is to permit public comment on the final rule for a limited period before the rule becomes effective.

DATES: 1. Comments will be considered if received as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on March 30, 2001.

2. The effective date of the final rule with request for comments published December 28, 2000 (65 FR 82462) was corrected to be April 14, 2001. See 66 FR 12434 (February 26, 2001).

ADDRESSES: Comments will be considered only if provided through any of the following means:

1. Mail written comments (1 original and, if possible, a floppy disk) to the following address: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: Privacy I, Room 801, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

2. Deliver written comments (1 original and, if possible, a floppy disk) to Room 801, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

3. Submit electronic comments at the following website: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/admsimp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Coleman, 1-866-OCR-PRIV (1-866-627-7748) or TTY 1-866-788-4989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comment Procedures, Availability of Copies, and Electronic Access

Comment procedures: All comments should include the full name, address, and telephone number of the sender or a knowledgeable point of contact. Each specific comment should specify the section of the final rule to which the specific comment pertains. If possible, please send an electronic version of the