

have conducted several tests under the authority of these rules, including a prototype that incorporates a number of modifications to the disability determination procedures that the State agencies use. We also have conducted tests involving the use of a single decisionmaker who may make the initial disability determination in most cases without requiring the signature of a medical consultant. We are now announcing the extension of these two tests.

Extension of Test of Prototype Process

On August 28, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing that we would test a new disability claims process in 10 States (64 FR 47218). In that notice, we stated that selection of cases to be included in the prototype would begin on or about October 1, 1999, and would be concluded on or about December 31, 2001. We also stated that, if we decided to continue the prototype beyond that date, we would publish another notice in the **Federal Register**. That is one of the purposes of this notice. We have decided to extend selection of cases for the prototype process beyond December 31, 2001, while we identify the most positive elements of the tests for rollout, and to enable us to address transition issues. We expect that our selection of cases under the prototype will end on or before June 28, 2002.

This extension also applies to the locations in the State of New York that we added to the test in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2000 (65 FR 81553).

Extension of Test of Single Decisionmaker Model

On December 23, 1999, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 72134) extending through December 31, 2001, the period during which we would select cases to be included in a test of the single decisionmaker feature. We have decided to extend selection of cases for the test of the single decisionmaker beyond December 31, 2001, to allow time for us to make decisions about this feature. We expect that our selection of cases for the test of the single decisionmaker will end on or before June 28, 2002.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Martin H. Gerry,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Teleconference

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of teleconferences.

DATES: January 23, 2002 and January 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Office, Social Security Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024.

TELECONFERENCES: Wednesday, January 23, 2002, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, January 24, 2002, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Conference Calls. Call-in number for both days: 1-888-793-1765. Pass code for both days: 12211. Leader/Host: Sarah Wiggins Mitchell.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: These teleconference meetings are open to the public. The interested public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above or calling into the teleconferences. Public testimony will not be taken.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces these teleconference meetings of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the Commissioner of SSA, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Agenda: The Panel will deliberate on the implementation of TWWIA, conduct committee activities and administrative business. Topics of discussion may include the Panel's annual report and the Social Security Administration's adequacy of incentive study and \$1 for \$2 research. The agendas for these meetings will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel/> one week prior to the teleconferences or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and

will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIA Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, Social Security Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20024;
- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358-6430;
- Fax at (202) 358-6440; or
- E-mail to TWWIAPanel@ssa.gov.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Deborah M. Morrison,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Meetings; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee, Telecommunication Sector

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The ITAC will meet from 9:30 to 12:30 on Tuesday, January 3, 2002 to continue preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP02). This meeting will be held in the IRAC Room (Room 1605) of the Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC. Individuals from the private sector who desire to attend should advise the State Department (jillsonad@state.gov) by name and affiliation. The ITAC PP02 meeting previously scheduled for January 15 has been cancelled.

The ITAC will meet as the ITAC-T from 9:30 to noon on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 to debrief the November 2001 Telecommunication Sector Advisory Group (TSAG) meeting and to start preparations for the next TSAG in June 2002. This meeting will be held at the Telecommunications Industry Association, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 350, Washington, DC.

The ITAC will meet as US Study Group B from about noon to 4:00 on Friday, January 11, 2002 to prepare for meetings of ITU Study Groups 13 and 16. This meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, 2 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401.