

4. What costs and benefits are associated with the measures listed as potential study recommendations? What measures do you think are most cost-effective?

5. What impacts, both positive and negative, would changes to existing routing measures or new routing measures have on the study area?

Dated: July 16, 2002.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[MN72-7297b; FRL-7251-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota, and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Minnesota

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to approve the State of Minnesota's request to redesignate the Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota primary particulate matter nonattainment area to attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (PM). In conjunction with this action, EPA is also proposing to approve the maintenance plan for the Ramsey County PM nonattainment area, which was submitted to ensure that attainment of the NAAQS will be maintained. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency submitted the redesignation request and maintenance plan on June 20, 2002. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these actions as a direct final rule without prior proposal, because we view this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipate no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If we receive adverse written comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on

this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before August 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Carlton T. Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christos Panos, Environmental Engineer, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-8328.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the above address. (Please telephone Christos Panos at (312) 353-8328 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

Dated: July 12, 2002.

**Bharat Mathur,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### 42 CFR Chapter IV

[CMS-6012-N2]

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#### Medicare Program; Establishment of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Prosthetics and Certain Custom-Fabricated Orthotics; Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the establishment of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Special Payment Provisions and Requirements for Prosthetics and Certain Custom-Fabricated Orthotics. On June 17, 2002, the Secretary signed the charter that established the committee.

The purpose of this committee is to advise us on developing a proposed rule that would establish special payment provisions and requirements for

suppliers of prosthetics and certain custom-fabricated orthotics under the Medicare program. The committee consists of representatives of interested parties that are likely to be significantly affected by the proposed rule.

This notice also announces the dates and locations for the first and second meetings in accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. These meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The first meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for October 1 through October 3, 2002 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t. The second meeting is scheduled for October 29 through October 31, 2002 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t. Subsequent meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the Hilton Pikesville at 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21208 (Telephone 410-653-1100). Subsequent meetings will be held at locations to be announced.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathryn Cox, 410-786-5954 (General inquiries concerning prosthetics and custom-fabricated orthotics and additional meeting information), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 7500 Security Blvd, Baltimore MD 21244; or Lynn Sylvester, 202-606-9140, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427; or Ira Lobel, 518-431-0130, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services, 1 Clinton Square, Room 952, Albany, NY 12207.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 427 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub.L. 106-554, enacted on December 21, 2000) mandated the establishment of a negotiated rulemaking committee in accordance with the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990, 5 U.S.C. 561-570. The purpose of the committee is to advise us on the content of a proposed rule regarding the special payment provisions and requirements set forth in section 427 of BIPA for prosthetics and certain custom-fabricated orthotics. The committee will also establish an initial list of those custom-fabricated orthotic items that will be subject to the new rulemaking. No item may be included on the list unless the item is individually fabricated for the patient using a positive model of the patient.

Through the use of face-to-face negotiations, the committee will attempt