III. Current Actions: The Department of Labor seeks the approval of the extension of this currently approved information collection in order to carry out a wide range of automated bill edits, such as the identification of duplicate billings, the application of pertinent fee schedules, utilization review, and fraud and abuse detection. The profile information is also used to furnish detailed reports to providers on the status of previously submitted bills.


Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record. Dated: July 17, 2012.

Yoon Ferguson,
Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Further Amendment to Memorandum Describing Authority and Assigned Responsibilities of the General Counsel

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Amendment of delegation of administrative authority to General Counsel under section 3(d) of National Labor Relations Act.

SUMMARY: The National Labor Relations Board is amending the memorandum describing the authority and assigned responsibilities of the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to administrative functions. The revisions are being adopted in order to establish an Office of the Chief Financial Officer and to reestablish lines of authority within the administrative structure of the Agency.

DATES: Effective Date: July 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Room 11600, Washington, DC 20570.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lester A. Heltzer, Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20570. Telephone: (202) 273–1067 (this is not a toll-free number), 1–866–315–6572 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of section 3(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (Pub. L. 404, 79th Cong., 2d Sess.), the National Labor Relations Board hereby separately states and currently publishes in the Federal Register the following further amendment to Board memorandum describing the authority and assigned responsibilities of the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

The Board memorandum describing the authority and assigned responsibilities of the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board effective April 1, 1955, as amended September 8, 1958 (effective August 25, 1958), August 12, 1959 (effective August 3, 1959), April 28, 1961 (effective May 15, 1961), and October 4, 2002 (effective October 1, 2002) (appearing at 20 FR 2175, 23 FR 6966, 24 FR 6666, 26 FR 3911 and 67 FR 62992, respectively), is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Strike the text of paragraph 6 of section VII of the amendment dated October 4, 2002 (effective October 1, 2002), and substitute the following:

6. The Agency shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), who will jointly report to the General Counsel and the Chairman of the Board. The Budget, Finance and Acquisitions Management Branches shall be realigned under the authority of the CFO, and placed with the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Office of Employee Development outside the Division of Administration.

2. Add the following paragraph 7 to the text of section VII of the amendment dated October 4, 2002 (effective October 1, 2002):

7. The Chairman of the Board shall have full and final authority over the selection, retention, transfer, promotion, demotion, discipline, discharge and evaluation of those persons holding Senior Executive Service positions in the Division of Administration, the senior management officials of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Office of Employee Development, the Chief Information Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.
FEHBP Program, and the law requires non-HMO FEHBP plans to reimburse beneficiaries, subject to their contract terms, for covered services obtained from any licensed provider in these States.

FEHBP regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest HHS State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S. Census figures on State resident populations.


John Berry,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Implementation of FINRA Rule 4240 (Margin Requirements for Credit Default Swaps)

July 17, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”) \(^1\) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, \(^2\) notice is hereby given that on July 13, 2012, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Act, \(^3\) which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to extend to July 17, 2013 the implementation of FINRA Rule 4240. FINRA Rule 4240 implements an interim pilot program with respect to margin requirements for certain transactions in credit default swaps that are security-based swaps. The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA’s Web site at http://www.finra.org, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On May 22, 2009, the Commission approved FINRA Rule 4240, \(^4\) which implements an interim pilot program (the “Interim Pilot Program”) with respect to margin requirements for certain transactions in credit default swaps (“CDS”). \(^5\) On March 7, 2012, the SEC approved extending the implementation of Rule 4240 to July 17, 2012. \(^6\)

As explained in the Approval Order, FINRA Rule 4240, coterminous with certain Commission actions, was intended to address concerns arising from systemic risk posed by CDS, including, among other things, risks to the financial system arising from the lack of a central clearing counterparty to clear and settle CDS. \(^7\) On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), \(^8\) Title VII of which established a comprehensive new regulatory framework for swaps and

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\(^{5}\) In March 2012, the SEC approved amendments to FINRA Rule 4240 that, among other things, limit at this time the rule’s application to credit default swaps that are security-based swaps. See Exchange Act Release No. 66527 (March 7, 2012), 77 FR 14850 (March 13, 2012) (Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change; File No. SR–FINRA–2012–015).


\(^{7}\) See 74 FR at 25588–89.