Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

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Medical Diagnostic Equipment Accessibility Standards Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Medical Diagnostic Equipment Accessibility Standards Advisory Committee will hold its sixth meeting on July 5, 2012, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established the advisory committee to make recommendations to the Board on matters associated with comments received and responses to questions included in a previously published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Medical Diagnostic Equipment Accessibility Standards.

DATES: The Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 5, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, July 6, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Access Board’s Conference Room, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004–1111.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 7, 2012, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established an advisory committee to make recommendations to the Board on matters associated with comments received and responses to questions included in a previously published NPRM on Medical Diagnostic Equipment Accessibility Standards. See 77 FR 6916 (February 9, 2012). The NPRM and information related to the proposed standards are available on the Access Board’s Web site at: http://www.access-board.gov/medical-equipment.htm.

The advisory committee will hold its sixth meeting on May 7 and 8, 2012. The agenda includes the following:

• Review of previous committee work;
• Review and discussion of subcommittee recommendations;
• Review and discussion of committee recommendations;
• Review and discussion of the committee’s final report;
• Consideration of issues proposed by committee members; and
• Discussion of administrative issues.

The preliminary meeting agenda, along with information about the committee, is available at the Access Board’s Web site (http://www.access-board.gov/medical-equipment.htm).

Committee meetings are open to the public and interested persons can attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have opportunities to address the committee on issues of interest to them during public comment periods scheduled on each day of the meeting.

The meetings will be accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system, Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), and sign language interpreters will be provided. Persons attending the meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants (see www.access-board.gov/about/policies/fragrance.htm for more information). Also, persons wishing to provide handouts or other written information to the committee are requested to provide electronic formats to Rex Pace via email prior to the meetings so that alternate formats can be distributed to committee members.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

45 CFR Parts 160 and 164

HIPAA Privacy Rule and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On January 16, 2013, President Barack Obama announced a series of Executive Actions to reduce gun violence in the United States, including efforts to improve the Federal government’s background check system for the sale or transfer of firearms by licensed dealers, called the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Among those persons disqualified from possessing or receiving firearms under Federal law are individuals who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution, have a severe mental condition that results in their admission to an inpatient mental health facility, or have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution; found incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity; or have been determined, through a formal adjudication process, to have a severe mental condition that results in their admission to a mental health facility.

In response to these efforts, the Department of Health and Human Services is proposing rulemaking to implement proposed changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule. The rulemaking would amend the HIPAA Privacy Rule and remove the current mental health prohibitor. The proposed changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule would implement a mental health parity and health insurance portability and accountability (HIPAA) Privacy Rule that may be a barrier to States’ reporting the identities of individuals subject to the mental health prohibitor.