ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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A. Summary of Errors in the Preamble

On pages 20473, 20474, 20475, 20476, 20477, and 20478, we made several grammatical errors. Also, we made inadvertent reference to “government health care program” instead of the more accurate reference to “Federal health care program,” “state health care program,” or “Federal or state health care program.”

On page 20479, we inadvertently referred to “Social Security Number” as a word instead of as a phrase. We also made inadvertent reference to “government health care program” instead of “Federal or state” health care program.

On page 20480, we made inadvertent reference to “government health care program” instead of “Federal or state” health care program.

On pages 20481, 20482, and 20483, we made inadvertent reference to “government health care program” instead of “state health care program.” Also, we made two minor punctuation errors.

B. Summary of Errors in the Regulations Text

On page 20484, in the list of sections, we made inadvertent reference in the title of § 60.15 to government health care programs instead of Federal or state health care programs. Also, in § 60.1, we made a minor punctuation error.

On page 20485, in § 60.2, we made two grammatical errors. Also, in § 60.3, under the definition of exclusion, we made inadvertent reference to government health-related program instead of Federal or state health-related program.

On page 20486, in the definition of negative action or finding, we made a minor punctuation error.

On page 20487, in the definition of government health care program instead of state health care program. Also, in the definition of voluntary surrender of license or certification and in § 60.5 (g), we made an inadvertent reference to government health care programs instead of Federal or state health care program.

On page 20488, in § 60.6, we made two minor punctuation errors. In § 60.7, we made one minor grammatical error.

On page 20492, in § 60.13 (c)(2)(ii) and (c)(3)(vi), we used the term “to include” instead of “including.” We made the correction to clarify that the list following the term is not inclusive.

Also, in the title of § 60.15 and in the first paragraph under the title, we made an inadvertent reference to government health care programs instead of Federal or state health care programs.

On page 20493, in § 60.15 (c)(2)(ii) and (c)(3)(vi), we used the term “to include” instead of “including.” We made the correction to clarify that the list following the term is not inclusive.

Also, in § 60.17 (a)(1), we made two minor punctuation errors. Further, in § 60.17 (a)(2), in the phrase “every 2 years concerning any health care practitioner” we changed the word “concerning” to “for” to improve clarity of the requirement.

On page 20494, in § 60.18 (a)(2)(i), we made an inadvertent reference to government health care programs instead of Federal health care programs. In § 60.18 (a)(2)(iii), we made an inadvertent reference to government health care programs instead of state health care programs.

Further, in § 60.18 (a)(2)(vi) and (a)(2)(vii), when listing the sections of the rule that contain information that can be disclosed to certain entities, we erroneously omitted reference to § 60.10. Also, in § 60.18 (b) we made a minor grammatical error.

III. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay in Effective Date

HHS ordinarily publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect, in accordance with Section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)(5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, this notice and comment procedure can be waived if it is found, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

Section 553(d) of the APA ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the Federal Register. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds there is good cause to do so, and the agency incorporates a statement of the findings and its reasons in the rule issued. In our view, this correcting document does not constitute a rule that would be subject to the APA notice and comment or delayed effective date.