

communities on federal lands (the Tongass National Forest comprises almost 80% of southeast Alaska); as well as Alaska and Tongass National Forest-specific statutory considerations (*e.g.*, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Tongass Timber Reform Act (TTRA)).

The Department and Forest Service believe that current timber harvest and road construction/reconstruction restrictions can be adjusted for the Tongass National Forest in a manner that meaningfully addresses local economic and development concerns while balancing roadless area conservation needs.

The State of Alaska believes that roadless conservation interests for the Tongass National Forest can be adequately protected under the Tongass Land Management Plan and that the 2001 Roadless Rule prohibitions are unnecessary. In addition, the State believes application of the 2001 Roadless Rule substantially impacts the social and economic fabric of southeast Alaska and violates ANILCA and TTRA.

In response to the State's petition, commercial and non-profit organizations have expressed strong opinions, for and against, the idea of a regulatory review.

#### **Proposed Action**

The Department proposes to develop a durable and long-lasting regulation for the conservation and management of roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest. The state-specific roadless rule would establish a land classification system designed to conserve roadless area characteristics on the Tongass National Forest while accommodating timber harvesting and road construction/reconstruction activities that are determined to be needed for forest management, economic development opportunities, and the exercise of valid existing rights or other non-discretionary legal authorities.

#### **Alternatives to the Proposed Action**

The other alternatives being considered at this time are the no-action alternative, which is the continuation of current management of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska in accordance with the 2001 Roadless Rule, and an alternative that would exempt the Tongass National Forest from the provisions of that 2001 Roadless Rule, but leave current management under the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Chugach National Forest.

#### **Cooperating Agencies**

The State of Alaska will participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation

of the EIS. Federally recognized Tribes within the Tongass National Forest have been invited to participate as a cooperating agency.

#### **Responsible Official**

The Responsible Official for the rulemaking and EIS is the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee.

#### **Decision To Be Made**

The Responsible Official will determine appropriate management direction for roadless areas within the State of Alaska, including appropriate exceptions to address essential infrastructure, timber, energy, mining, access, and transportation systems necessary to further Alaska's economic development interests, while at the same time conserving roadless areas in Alaska for generations to come.

#### **Scoping Process**

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (40 CFR part 1500–1508). As part of the scoping period, the Forest Service, on behalf of the Department, solicits public comment on the nature and scope of the environmental, social, and economic issues related to Alaska-specific rulemaking that should be analyzed in depth in the Draft EIS.

Comments collected during scoping of the Alaska-specific rulemaking will be used to refine the proposed action, define the scope of the analysis, and develop alternatives to the proposed action if needed. Public meetings are planned to be held in Juneau (September 13, 2018), Ketchikan (September 17, 2018), Hoonah (September 17, 2018), Craig (September 18, 2018), Angoon (September 18, 2018), Point Baker/Port Protection (September 19, 2018), Wrangell (September 24, 2018), Sitka (September 24, 2018), Petersburg (September 25, 2018), Yakutat (September 25, 2018), Kake (September 26, 2018), and Anchorage (September 26, 2018), and Washington DC (date to be determined). Additional information on meeting times and locations will be provided through the project website and local media.

#### **Estimated Timeline**

The Draft EIS and proposed rule are estimated to be released in early summer 2019. The Final EIS is estimated to be released in spring 2020, with a final rule expected in June 2020.

Dated: August 24, 2018.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **42 CFR Part 100**

#### **RIN 0906-AB14**

#### **National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Adding the Category of Vaccines Recommended for Pregnant Women to the Vaccine Injury Table**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a public hearing to receive information and comments regarding the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Adding the Category of Vaccines Recommended for Pregnant Women to the Vaccine Injury Table."

**DATE AND TIME:** September 17, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET.

**Location:** 5600 Fishers Lane, Conference Room 08SWH01, Rockville, MD 20857 (and via audio conference call and Adobe Connect).

The public can join the hearing by:

1. (In Person) The hearing will take place at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Persons interested in attending the hearing in person are encouraged to submit a written notification to: Ana Marie Balingit-Wines, Division of Injury Compensation Programs (DICP), Healthcare Systems Bureau (HSB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Room 08N146B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or email: [abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov](mailto:abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov). Since this hearing is held in a Federal government building, attendees must go through a security check to enter the building and participate in the meeting. A written notification is encouraged to make entry through security quicker. To request an escort during the hearing, call Ana Marie Balingit-Wines at 301-443-2030.

2. (Audio Portion) Call the conference phone number 855-303-0062 and provide the following information: Leader's Name: Dr. Narayan Nair, Password: 622245.

3. (Visual Portion) Connect to the NPRM-Public Hearing Adobe Connect Pro Meeting using the following URL: [https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/nprm\\_public\\_hearing/](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/nprm_public_hearing/) (copy and paste the link into your browser if it does not

work directly, and enter as a guest). Participants should call and connect 15 minutes prior to the meeting for logistics to be set up. If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting, please test your connection using the following URL: [https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting\\_test.htm](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm) and get a quick overview by following URL: [http://www.adobe.com/go/connectpro\\_overview](http://www.adobe.com/go/connectpro_overview). Call (301) 443–2030 or send an email to [abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov](mailto:abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov) if you are having trouble connecting to the meeting site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Narayan Nair, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, at 800–338–2382 or by email: [nnair@hrsa.gov](mailto:nnair@hrsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by statute, the Secretary proposes to amend the Vaccine Injury Table (Table) by regulation to include vaccines recommended by the CDC for routine administration in pregnant women. The proposed rule, which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 4, 2018 (83 FR 14391; <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-04/pdf/2018-06770.pdf>), would amend the existing language in Item XVII of the Table to include “and/or pregnant women” after “children.” This proposed revision would add to the general category of the Table any new vaccine recommended by the CDC for routine administration in pregnant women after imposition of an excise tax and publication of a notice of coverage. The Secretary is seeking public comment on the proposed revision to the Table. The public comment period for the NPRM closes on October 1, 2018.

A public hearing on the NPRM will take place on September 17, 2018. This hearing is to provide an open forum for the presentation of information and views concerning the proposed revision to the Table by interested persons. In preparing a final regulation, the Secretary will consider the administrative record of this hearing along with all other written comments received during the comment period specified in the NPRM. The presiding officer, representing the Secretary of HHS, will be Dr. Narayan Nair, Director, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Individuals or representatives of interested organizations may participate in the public hearing in accordance with the following schedule and procedures. Persons who wish to participate should file a notice of participation with the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) on or before September 3, 2018. The notice should be mailed to the Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Room 08N146B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857 or emailed to [abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov](mailto:abalingit-wines@hrsa.gov). To ensure timely handling, any outer envelope or the subject line of an email should be clearly marked “VICP NPRM Hearing.” The notice of participation should contain the interested person’s name, address, email address, telephone number, any business or organizational affiliation of the person desiring to make a presentation, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. Groups that have similar interests should consolidate their comments as part of one presentation. Time available for the hearing will be allocated among the persons who properly file notices of participation. If time permits, interested parties attending the hearing who did not submit notice of participation in advance will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the conclusion of the hearing.

Persons who find that there is insufficient time to submit the required information in writing may give oral notice of participation by calling Ana Marie Balingit-Wines, Division of Injury Compensation Programs, at (301) 443–2030, no later than September 3, 2018. After reviewing the notices of participation and accompanying information, HHS will schedule each appearance and notify each participant by mail, email, or telephone of the time allotted to the person(s) and the approximate time the person’s oral presentation is scheduled to begin.

Written comments and transcripts of the hearing will be made available for public inspection as soon as they have been prepared, on weekdays (except Federal holidays) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EDT) at the Division of Injury Compensation Programs, Room 08N146B, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Dated: August 24, 2018.

**Alex M. Azar II,**

*Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 10–90, WT Docket No. 10–208; FCC 18–124]

### Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes modifying the timeframe for collecting acceptable speed test data in support of Mobility Fund II eligibility challenges, such that acceptable data may be collected at any time on or after February 27, 2018, until November 26, 2018.

**DATES:** Comments are due September 10, 2018, and reply comments are due by September 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket No. 10–90 and WT Docket No. 10–208, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Federal Communications Commission’s Website:** <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **People with Disabilities:** Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov), phone: 202–418–0530 or TTY: 202–418–0432.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Audra Hale-Maddox, at (202) 418–0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), WC Docket No. 10–90 and WT Docket No. 10–208, FCC 18–124, adopted on August 14, 2018, and released on August 21, 2018. The complete text of this document is available for public inspection and copying from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday through Thursday or from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET on Fridays in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW, Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text is also available on the Commission’s website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov>, or by using the search function on the ECFS web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs>.