covered functions. For calendar year 2019 reporting, the “user name” and “password” for the Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (DAMIS) will be available in the PHMSA Portal.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Lemoi, Drug & Alcohol Program Manager, Office of Pipeline Safety, by phone at 909–937–7232 or by email at wayne.lemoi@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Calendar Year 2020 Minimum Annual Percentage Rate for Random Drug Testing

Operators of natural gas, hazardous liquid, and carbon dioxide pipelines and operators of liquefied natural gas and underground natural gas storage facilities must randomly select and test a percentage of all covered employees for prohibited drug use in accordance with 49 CFR part 199. Pursuant to §199.105(c)(1), the PHMSA minimum annual random drug testing rate for all covered employees is 50 percent. The Administrator can adjust this random drug testing rate based on the reported positive rate in the pipeline industry’s random drug tests, which is submitted in operators’ annual Management Information System (MIS) reports as required by §199.119(a). In accordance with §199.105(c)(3), if the reported positive drug test rate is below 1 percent for 2 consecutive years, the Administrator can reduce the random drug testing rate to 25 percent of all covered employees. In calendar year 2018, the random drug test positive rate for the entire pipeline industry was reported at greater than 1 percent; therefore, the minimum annual random drug testing rate for calendar year 2020 is maintained at 50 percent of all covered employees.

Reminder for Operators To Report Contractor MIS Data

On January 19, 2010, (75 FR 2926) PHMSA published an advisory bulletin notifying operators of the appropriate methodology for the annual collection of contractor MIS drug and alcohol testing data to avoid duplicative reporting when a contractor works for multiple operators. If an operator is required to submit a MIS report in accordance with part 199, that report is not complete until PHMSA receives MIS data for each tested contractor that performed covered functions as defined in §199.3. As explained in the 2010 Advisory Bulletin, operators must submit operator and contractor employee testing data in separate MIS reports to avoid duplicative reporting and inaccurate data that could affect the positive rate for the entire industry.

Reminder of Method for Operators To Obtain User Name and Password for Electronic Reporting

By early January 2020, the user name and password required for an operator to access DAMIS and enter calendar year 2019 data will be available to all operator staff with access to the PHMSA Portal. Pipeline operators have been submitting reports required by 49 CFR parts 191 and 195 through the PHMSA Portal (https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline) since 2011. PHMSA determined that distributing information via the Portal would be more effective than the previous mailing process.

When the DAMIS user name and password are available in the PHMSA Portal, all registered users will receive an email to that effect. If operator staff responsible for submitting MIS reports do not receive the DAMIS information, they should coordinate with other registered PHMSA Portal users within their company to obtain the DAMIS user name and password. Registered PHMSA Portal users for an operator typically include operator staff or consultants who submit annual and incident reports through PHMSA F 7000- and 7100-series forms. Operators that have not previously registered staff in the PHMSA Portal for the reporting purposes of parts 191 and 195 can register users by following the instructions at: https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/PHMSAPortal2/staticContentRedesign/howto/PortalAccountCreation.pdf.

Pursuant to §§199.119(a) and 199.229(a), operators with more than 50 covered employees, including both operator and contractor staff, are required to submit annual MIS reports. Operators with 50 or fewer total covered employees are required to submit MIS reports only upon written request from PHMSA. If an operator with 50 or fewer total covered employees has submitted an MIS report in or after calendar year 2017, the PHMSA Portal message may state that no MIS report is required for calendar year 2019. If an operator with 50 or fewer covered employees has grown to more than 50 covered employees during calendar year 2019, the PHMSA Portal message will include instructions for how to obtain a DAMIS user name and password for the 2019 calendar year reporting period.
received in any of our docket by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78), or you may visit http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions, please contact: Director, Office of Information Technology, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20590. For privacy issues, please contact: Claire W. Barrett, Departmental Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, (202–366–8135, privacy@dot.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FMCSA uses SAFETYNET to share records maintained in the Motor Carrier Information Management System (MCMIS) with FMCSA field offices and state and local law enforcement officials. These records contain information on companies and drivers of commercial motor vehicles and shipping and freight-forwarding companies registered with FMCSA. In addition, some state and or local law enforcement entities may maintain complaint records in their local versions of SAFETYNET, however those records are not federal records and are outside the bounds of the Department’s Privacy Act notices. FMCSA does not maintain complaint information in SAFETYNET. MCMIS is the authoritative system of records for these records and is covered by the Privacy Act system of records notice DOT/FMCSA–001, Motor Carrier Information Management System. All records in SAFETYNET are inputs to or duplicate copies of MCMIS records subject to the DOT/FMCSA–001 system of records notice, therefore a separate notice is not required. Records transmitted to MCMIS via SAFETYNET and the authoritative copy received from MCMIS will continue to be updated on a daily basis. The rescission of this notice ensures that the Department applies the fair information practice principles and Privacy Act protections afforded by the MCMIS notice in a consistent manner.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER: DOT/FMCSA 006, SAFETYNET.

HISTORY:
71 FR 35727, June 21, 2006. Issued in Washington, DC.
Claire W. Barrett, Chief Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary

[DOT–OST–2018–0206]

Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee (AAPB Advisory Committee).

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 15, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on January 16, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Requests to speak during the meeting must be received by January 8, 2020. Requests to attend the meeting must be received by January 13, 2020. Requests for accommodations of a disability must be received by January 13, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Gorman, Senior Trial Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), at robert.gorman@dot.gov or 202–366–9350. Any committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DOT Headquarters at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the meeting minutes will be available at https://www.regulations.gov. After entering the docket number (DOT–OST–2018–0206), click on the link to “Open Docket Folder” and choose the document to review. Written materials may be submitted to this docket. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT’s West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background
The AAPB Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), in accordance with Section 418 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, to review options to improve the disclosure of charges and fees for air medical services, better inform consumers of insurance options for such services, and protect consumers from balance billing.

II. Agenda
The first meeting of the AAPB Advisory Committee is designed to gather foundational background information on the air ambulance industry, insurance and billing practices, and consumer issues such as disclosure of fees and balance billing. At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:
- Overview of the air ambulance industry;
- Air ambulance costs and billing;
- Insurance and air ambulance payment systems; and
- Disclosure and separation of charges, cost shifting, and balance billing.

III. Public Participation
The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. As space is limited and access to the DOT Headquarters building is controlled for security purposes, members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section with your name and affiliation. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting may be allowed if time permits. The time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to AAPB Advisory Committee members. Any member of the public may submit a written statement to the committee through the docket at any time.