

Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) (see also 29 CFR 1911.10 and 1912.3). In addition, the CSA and OSHA regulations require the Assistant Secretary to consult with ACCSH before the agency proposes occupational safety and health standards affecting construction activities (40 U.S.C. 3704; 29 CFR 1911.10).

ACCSH operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2), and its implementing regulations (41 CFR 102-3 *et seq.*); and Department of Labor Manual Series Chapter 1-900 (3/25/2022). ACCSH generally meets two to four times a year.

II. Meetings

ACCSH Meeting

ACCSH will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., ET, Thursday, February 22, 2024. The meeting is open to the public.

Meeting agenda: The tentative agenda for this meeting includes:

- Assistant Secretary's agency update and remarks;
- Directorate of Construction industry update;
- Women in construction discussion;
- ACCSH Workgroup reports; and
- Public comment period.

ACCSH Workgroup Meetings

In conjunction with the ACCSH meeting, ACCSH Workgroups will meet on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. ACCSH Workgroup meetings are open to the public.

- Emerging Technology 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Workzone 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Health in Construction 2:10 to 4:10 p.m.

III. Meeting Information

The ACCSH Committee and ACCSH Workgroups will meet in Conference Room C-5521, Room 4, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Public attendance at the ACCSH Committee and Workgroup meetings will be in-person and virtual. In-person attendance will be limited to the first 25 people who register to attend the meetings in person. Please contact Ms. Gretta Jameson, OSHA, Directorate of Construction, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693-2020; email: jameson.gretta@dol.gov, to register. In-person meeting attendance registration must be completed by Thursday, February 15, 2024. Meeting in-person attendees must use the visitor's entrance located at 3rd & C Streets, NW. Virtual meeting attendance information will be

posted in the Docket (Docket No. OSHA-2024-0002) and on the ACCSH website, <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/accsch>, prior to the meeting.

Requests to speak and speaker presentations: Attendees who wish to address ACCSH must submit a request to speak, as well as any written or electronic presentation, by Thursday, February 15, 2024, using the method listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The request must state:

- The amount of time requested to speak;
- The interest you represent (*e.g.*, business, organization, affiliation), if any; and
- A brief outline of your presentation.

PowerPoint presentations and other electronic materials must be compatible with PowerPoint 2010 and other Microsoft Office 2010 formats.

Alternately, you may request to address ACCSH briefly during the public-comment period. At her discretion, the ACCSH Chair may grant requests to address ACCSH as time and circumstances permit.

Docket: OSHA will place comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information you provide, in the public docket without change, and those documents may be available online at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security Numbers and birthdates. OSHA also places in the public docket the meeting transcript, meeting minutes, documents presented at the meeting, and other documents pertaining to the ACCSH meeting. These documents are available online at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. To read or download documents in the public docket for this ACCSH meeting, go to Docket No. OSHA-2024-0002 at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the public docket are listed in the index; however, some documents (*e.g.*, copyrighted material) are not publicly available to read or download through <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions are available for inspection and copying, when permitted, at the OSHA Docket Office. For information on using <http://www.regulations.gov> to make submissions or to access the docket, click on the "Help" tab at the top of the homepage. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627 for information about materials not available through that website and for assistance in using the internet to locate submissions and other documents in the docket.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 655, 40 U.S.C. 3704, Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393), 5 U.S.C. app. 2, and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 19, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Worker's Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240-0055]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; [Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity (CA-26/CA-27)]

AGENCY: Division of Federal Employees' Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation, (OWCP/DFELHWC), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request helps to ensure that: requested data can be provided in the desired format; reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized; collection instruments are clearly understood; and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, OWCP/DFELHWC is soliciting comments on the information collection for Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity, CA-26/CA-27.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before March 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery:** Mail or visit DOL- OWCP/DFELHWC, Office of

Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Federal Employees' Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP/DFELHWC will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anjanette Suggs, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Federal Employees Longshore, and Harbor Workers' Compensation, OWCP/DFELHWC, at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov (email); (202) 354-9660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 2013, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, signed a law which provides greater Federal oversight over compounding pharmacies that custom mix medication in bulk for patients who may benefit from prescriptions that are specific to their individual medical needs. See Compounding Quality Act, Public Law 113-54, 127 Stat. 587 (2013). Compounded medications (which may contain opioids) have two or more ingredients and are offered as an alternative to FDA-approved medications that do not meet an individual patient's health needs, such as when a patient has an allergy that requires a medication to be made without a certain dye. See *Compounding and the FDA: Questions and Answers*, FDA, <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/PharmacyCompounding/ucm339764.htm>.

The President had previously announced in October 2015 that several initiatives would be undertaken by the Federal Government as it related to opioid abuse and the heroin epidemic, noting that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that overdose deaths involving prescription opioids quadrupled between 1999 and 2013, with more than 16,000 deaths in 2013. The CDC has identified addiction to prescription pain medication as the strongest risk factor for heroin addiction.

On March 23, 2016, the President, responding to the escalation of prescription opioid abuse and the heroin epidemic, announced several actions taken by his Administration to address the epidemic, including steps to expand access for treatment, prevent overdose deaths and increase community prevention strategies.

Compounded drugs are not FDA-approved. This means that the FDA does not verify the safety or effectiveness of compounded drugs. Consumers and health professionals rely on the drug approval process to ensure that drugs are safe and effective and made in accordance with Federal quality standards. Compounded drugs also lack an FDA finding of manufacturing quality before such drugs are marketed.

Health risks associated with compounded drugs include the use of ingredients that may be sub- or super-potent, contaminated, or otherwise adulterated. Additionally, patients may use ineffective compounded drugs instead of FDA-approved drugs that have been shown to be safe and effective.

Impacts on the FECA Program

The Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*, provides compensation benefits to Federal employees for work-related injury/illness and to their surviving dependents if a work-related injury/illness results in the employee's death. Section 8145 provides the Secretary of Labor the authority to delegate the responsibility to administer the FECA program to OWCP; through this delegation OWCP has the authority and the responsibility to decide all questions arising under the FECA. 5 U.S.C. 8145.

Section 8103 provides:

The United States shall furnish to an employee who is injured while in the performance of duty, the services, appliances, and supplies prescribed or recommended by a qualified physician, which the Secretary of Labor considers likely to cure, give relief, reduce the degree or the period of disability, or aid in lessening the amount of the monthly compensation. 5 U.S.C. 8103.

A number of injured workers receiving benefits under the FECA program are prescribed opioid medication. While most prescriptions are short term in nature, some patients remain on these habit-forming medications for a long period of time.

Statutorily, FECA is mandated to provide medically necessary supplies and services to treat work related injuries. However, the FECA statute gives broad discretionary authority to determine the medical necessity of supplies and services used to treat work related injuries. Due to the safety concerns for both compounded drugs and opioids, the Department of Labor has deemed it necessary to more closely review the medical necessity of these

medications in FECA claims by instituting a pre-authorization process.

OWCP believes that the two forms used to monitor compound and opiate medication further strengthens medical management procedures for prescription drugs, assist our stakeholders in controlling costs from medically unnecessary treatments, and lessen the impact of potential drug addiction and medical fraud.

A major goal of the FECA program is to return an injured employee back to employment as soon as medically feasible. The forms that are in use serve as a means for injured workers to continue receiving opioids and compounded drugs only where medically necessary and simultaneously give OWCP greater oversight in monitoring their use.

OWCP has issued regulations relating to its authority to require prior authorization for medical treatment which will now be applied through these forms to compounded drugs and opioids. (20 CFR 10.310, 10.800 & 10.809). Requiring Prior Authorization will assist OWCP in determining whether the prescribed medication will assist in curing, giving relief, and lessening the degree of disability. FECA further provides OWCP the authority to conduct such investigation as necessary before making an award of compensation (including the need for medical treatment by certain prescription drugs). 5 U.S.C. 8124(a)(2). Finally, 5 U.S.C. 8149 provides OWCP the authority to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of FECA.

As such, the CA-26, Authorization Request form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Compounded Drugs, and CA-27, Authorization Request form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity or Opioid Medications, fulfill these requirements and obligations under the FECA.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection (ICR) titled, "Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity", CA-26/CA-27.

OWCP/DFELHWC is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of OWCP/DFELHWC's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Background documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL–OWCP/DFELHWC located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S–3323, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns the Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity, CA–26/CA–27.

OWCP/DFELHWC has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Federal Employees' Longshore, and Harbor Workers' Compensation, OWCP/DFELHWC.

OMB Number: 1240–0055.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,104.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 4,212.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,106 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$241,685.00.

OWCP Form CA–26/CA–27, Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Anjanette Suggs,
Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 24–005]

Information Collection: NASA New Technology Reporting System

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; renewal of existing approved collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are due by March 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 60-day Review-Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to NASA PRA Clearance Officer, Bill Edwards-Bodmer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, JF0000, Washington, DC 20546, phone 757–864–7998, or email hq-ocio-pra-program@mail.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Personnel performing research and development are required by statutes, NASA implementing regulations, and OMB policy to submit reports of inventions, patents, data, and copyrights, including the utilization and disposition of same. The NASA New Technology Summary Report reporting form is being used for this purpose. This information is required to ensure the proper disposition of rights to inventions made in the course of NASA-funded research contracts. The requirement is codified in 48 CFR part 1827. The legislative authorities are 42 U.S.C. 2457 *et seq.*, and 35 U.S.C. 200 *et seq.*

II. Methods of Collection

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encourage personnel to use an electronic form and provide a hyperlink to the electronic New Technology Reporting System (e-NTR) site: <http://invention.nasa.gov>. This website has been set up to help NASA employees and parties under NASA funding agreements (*i.e.*, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) to report new technology information directly to NASA via a secure internet connection.

III. Data

Title: NASA New Technology Reporting System.

OMB Number: 2700–0052.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses, colleges and university, and/or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Number of Activities: 3,372.

Estimated Number of Respondents per Activity: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,372.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,116.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

William Edwards-Bodmer,
NASA PRA Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: The Members of the National Council on Disability (NCD) will hold a quarterly business meeting