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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Discussion

The MBRS program prioritizes racial classifications in awarding federal funding. The stated goal of the program is to “increase the numbers of ethnic minority faculty, students, and investigators engaged in biomedical research and to broaden the opportunities for participants in biomedical research of ethnic minority faculty, students, and investigators”¹ and relies on “minority student enrollment” to determine applicant eligibility.²

The regulation and the MBRS program generally are contrary to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*,³ which held that race-based affirmative action in college admissions violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The goal of promoting diversity, even if commendable, cannot survive review under equal protection principles.⁴

The principles identified in *Students for Fair Admissions* also apply to the federal government⁵ and require repeal of the MBRS program. Therefore, HHS is repealing the regulation codified at 42 CFR 52c and terminating the MBRS program.

II. Procedural Issues

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), an agency may dispense with the notice-and-comment procedures when it finds the notice-and-comment to be “impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Because the MBRS regulations are contrary to Supreme Court precedent on their face, the NIH finds good cause that notice-and-comment on this final rule is impractical, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest.

This final rule has been determined to be exempt from review for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This rule does not impose information collection and recordkeeping requirements and therefore does not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

¹ Part 52c—Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, 45 FR 12,246 (Feb. 25, 1980).

² 42 CFR 52c.3(a).

³ 600 U.S. 181 (2023).

⁴ *Id.* at 214.

⁵ See *Fullilove v. Klutznick*, 448 U.S. 448, 480 (1980).

List of Subjects in 42 CFR Part 52c

Educational study programs, Grant programs—health, Medical research, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

PART 52c—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 241, HHS amends Subchapter D of Chapter I of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations by removing part 52c.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 2

[ET Docket No. 24-136; FCC 25-27; FR ID 308172]

Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is correcting a final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2025. The document addressed requirements for all recognized telecommunication certification bodies (TCBs), test labs, and laboratory accreditation bodies to certify to the Commission that they are not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the direction of a prohibited entity and to report all equity or voting interests of 5% or greater by any entity. The document inadvertently included compliance dates for provisions that are delayed indefinitely and excluded a word in one section.

DATES: Effective September 8, 2025, except for the correction to indefinitely delayed amendatory instruction 16, which is effective as of August 26, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 2025-14970 appearing on page 38045 in the **Federal Register** of Thursday,

August 7, 2025, the following corrections are made:

■ 1. On page 38068, in the second column, correct amendatory instruction 16 to read as follows:

16. Delayed indefinitely, amend § 2.950 by adding paragraphs (c) through (e) to read as follows:

§ 2.950 Transition periods.

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(c) Each recognized laboratory accreditation body must provide to the Commission:

(1) No later than 30 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], certification to the Commission that the laboratory accreditation body is not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the direction of a prohibited entity pursuant to § 2.902; and

(2) No later than 90 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], documentation to the Commission identifying any entity that has equity or voting interests of 5% or greater in the laboratory accreditation body.

(d) Each recognized laboratory must provide to the Commission:

(1) No later than 30 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], certification to the Commission that the laboratory is not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the direction of a prohibited entity pursuant to § 2.902; and

(2) No later than 90 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], documentation to the Commission identifying any entity that has equity or voting interests of 5% or greater in the laboratory.

(e) Each recognized TCB must provide to the Commission:

(1) No later than 30 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], certification to the Commission that the TCB is not owned by, controlled by, or subject to the direction of a prohibited entity pursuant to § 2.902; and

(2) No later than 90 days after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDATORY INSTRUCTION 16], documentation to the Commission identifying any entity that has equity or voting interests of 5% or greater in the TCB.

■ 2. On page 38069, in the third column, in § 2.960, correct the introductory text of paragraph (h) to read as follows:

§ 2.960 Recognition of Telecommunication Certification Bodies (TCBs).

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(h) The Commission will notify a TCB in writing of its intention to withdraw the TCB’s recognition, and provide at

least 30 days for the TCB to respond, if the Commission determines that the TCB:

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Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 76

[GN Docket No. 25-133; DA 25-736; FR ID 309943]

Delete, Delete, Delete; Removal of Obsolete Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) conforms part 76 of the Commission's rules to the court decisions in *Time Warner Cable Inc. v. FCC*, which vacated the temporary standstill rule for program carriage complaint proceedings, and *EchoStar Satellite LLC v. FCC*, which set aside two 2003 Commission orders adopting the encoding rules.

DATES: Effective August 26, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Media Bureau's Order in GN Docket No. 25-133, DA 25-736, adopted and released on August 21, 2025. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and can be downloaded at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-736A1.pdf>.

Procedural Matters

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

Analysis: This document does not contain new or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

Congressional Review Act: The Media Bureau has determined, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Office of Management and Budget concurs, that this rule is "non-major" under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The Commission will send a copy of this Order to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

Synopsis

Introduction

By this Order, we conform part 76 of the Commission's rules to court decisions nullifying certain provisions in that part. In the *Delete, Delete, Delete* proceeding, the Commission made clear its goal to "review its rules to identify and eliminate those that are unnecessary in light of current circumstances." The Media Bureau takes this action in furtherance of that goal, finding that these rules "no longer have any operative effect," and therefore should not remain in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Specifically, this action will remove from our regulations approximately 14 pages, 5,855 words, and 43 rules or requirements.

We first conform part 76 to the decision of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals (Second Circuit) in *Time Warner Cable Inc. v. FCC (Time Warner Cable)*, which vacated the temporary standstill rule for program carriage complaint proceedings set forth in § 76.1302(k) of the Commission's rules. The Commission adopted the temporary standstill rule in the *Program Carriage Second Report and Order* on July 29, 2011, establishing procedures for the Media Bureau's consideration of requests for a temporary standstill of the price, terms, and other conditions of an existing programming contract by a program carriage complainant seeking renewal of such a contract. The Commission published a summary of the *Program Carriage Second Report and Order* in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2011. In accordance with normal procedure, the CFR was revised to reflect adoption of the temporary standstill rule. On September 4, 2013, the Second Circuit issued its decision in *Time Warner Cable* vacating the temporary standstill rule, finding that the rule was not promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act's notice and comment rulemaking requirements. As a result of the Second Circuit's decision, the text of § 76.1302(k) that currently appears in the CFR has no legal effect and is obsolete. We note that in 2020, the Commission issued a *Report and Order* deleting § 76.1302(k) from the CFR. The Commission subsequently published a summary of this *Report and Order* in

the **Federal Register**, with an effective date of January 19, 2021. Nevertheless, section 76.1302(k) still remains in the CFR. Accordingly, we delete § 76.1302(k), finding that doing so has no effect on the scope and nature of the currently enforceable Commission requirements and simply effectuates the Second Circuit's action in *Time Warner Cable*.

We also conform part 76 to the decision of the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals (D.C. Circuit) in *EchoStar Satellite LLC v. FCC (EchoStar Satellite)*, which set aside two 2003 Commission orders adopting the encoding rules set forth in §§ 76.1901 through 76.1908 of the Commission's rules. The Commission adopted the encoding rules, which place limits on the use of encoding by cable television operators and satellite providers to prevent or limit copying of their programming, in the *Second Plug and Play Report and Order* on September 10, 2003. The Commission published a summary of the *Second Plug and Play Report and Order* in the **Federal Register** on November 28, 2003. On December 19, 2003, the Commission adopted an *Order on Reconsideration* which modified one of the definitions in the encoding rules. The Commission published a summary of the *Order on Reconsideration* in the **Federal Register** on January 28, 2004. In accordance with normal procedure, the CFR was revised to reflect adoption of the encoding rules. In *EchoStar Satellite*, the D.C. Circuit vacated in their entirety the *Second Plug and Play Report and Order* and the *Order on Reconsideration*, concluding that the Commission exceeded its statutory authority in adopting the encoding rules set forth in §§ 76.1901 through 76.1908. As a result of the D.C. Circuit's decision, the text of §§ 76.1901 through 76.1908 that currently appear in the CFR has no legal effect and is obsolete. Accordingly, we delete §§ 76.1901 through 76.1908, finding that doing so has no effect on the scope and nature of the currently enforceable Commission requirements and simply effectuates the D.C. Circuit's action in *EchoStar Satellite*.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), because we are simply conforming the text of the Commission's rules in the CFR to reflect the court's decisions in *Time Warner Cable* and *EchoStar Satellite*, and we are not taking any independent action or exercising any discretion, we find that notice and the opportunity for public comment are unnecessary for this action. For the same reason, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d), this action will be effective