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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

7 CFR Parts 272 and 273

[Amendment No. 376]

RIN: 0584–AB57

Food Stamp Program: Anticipating Income and Reporting Changes

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule finalizes provisions of a proposed rulemaking published December 17, 1996. It revises the current requirement that households report a change of more than $25 in monthly gross income by increasing the reporting threshold for unearned income to $50 and by allowing State agencies two options for reporting requirements for changes in the amount of earned income. The rule also provides State agencies with the option of establishing a quarterly reporting system for all nonexempt households. The rule also includes a technical amendment addressing procedures for the handling of certain recurring income in a retrospective budgeting system.

DATES: *Effective date:* This rule is effective May 29, 2003.

Implementation date: This rule must be implemented no later than November 1, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Procedural Matters

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be significant and was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12372

The Food Stamp Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.551. For the reasons set forth in the final rule in 7 CFR part 3015, Subpart V and related Notice (48 FR 29115), this Program is excluded from the scope of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed with regard to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601–612). The Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services has certified that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. State and local welfare agencies will be the most affected to the extent that they administer the Food Stamp Program (FSP).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements associated with this rulemaking have been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and approved under OMB No. 0584–0064. We did not publish a separate notice requesting comments on the proposed information collection associated with this rule. We did, however, solicit comments concerning the information collection in the proposed rule, which was published on December 17, 1996 at 61 FR 66233. We specifically requested comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information was necessary; (b) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on potential respondents. We received no comments specifically concerning the proposed information collection.

Although this rule eliminates or reduces the need to report certain changes in household circumstances, households will still be required to report other changes. Therefore, we believe that households will still be required to submit an average of one change report form per year. At the time we issued the proposed rule we estimated that approximately 9,342,000 households are subject to change reporting. Based on an estimated average of .167 hours per report and one report per year, we estimated that the report form results in a total burden if 1,507,691 hours per year.

Executive Order 13132

Federalism Summary Impact Statement

Executive Order 13132 requires Federal agencies to consider the impact of their regulatory actions on State and local governments. We note that all references to State agencies when used in the context of Federalism also refer to local welfare agencies in States in which the FSP is administered by local governments. In developing this rule the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has considered the impact on State agencies. This rule increases State agency flexibility by increasing the number of options that State agencies will have regarding procedures for the reporting of information by Food Stamp Program recipients. To a large extent this rule codifies procedures that are currently being utilized by State agencies through waivers, and imposes no new requirements on State agencies.

Prior Consultation With State and Local Officials

Before drafting this rule, we received input from State agencies at various times. Because the FSP is a State-administered, federally funded program, our regional offices have formal and informal discussions with State and local officials on an ongoing basis. These discussions involve implementation and policy issues. This arrangement allows State agencies to provide feedback that forms the basis for many discretionary decisions in this and other FSP rules. In addition, FNS officials attend regional, national, and professional conferences to discuss issues and receive feedback from State officials at all levels. Lastly, the comments on the proposed rule from State officials were carefully considered in drafting this final rule.

Nature and Concerns and the Need To Issue this Rule

State agencies have generally wanted greater flexibility in the establishment of criteria for the reporting of changes in circumstances by participating households. FNS has responded to these concerns through the granting of waivers of current regulatory criteria with respect to household reporting. State agencies have indicated that they would prefer to have greater discretion without the need to go through the time-consuming and cumbersome waiver process. They believe that such discretion would enhance their ability to more efficiently administer the FSP.

Extent to Which FNS Meets Those Concerns

FNS has considered the impact on State and local agencies. In response to State agency concerns we are amending 7 CFR 273.12 to provide State agencies with greater discretion regarding requirements for the reporting of changes in household circumstances. The rule also reduces the burden on households and State agencies by eliminating the need to report relatively small changes in income.

This rule is intended to have a preemptive effect on any State law that conflicts with its provisions or that would otherwise impede its full implementation. FNS is not aware of any case where the provisions of the rule would preempt State law. To the extent the rule includes discretionary changes, the Department has established compliance time frames which give due consideration to State agency processes for notification of customers and stakeholders and for the implementation of the new procedures in local offices.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. The rule is intended to have preemptive effect with respect to any State or local laws, regulations or policies which conflict with its provisions or which would otherwise impede its full implementation. This rule is not intended to have retroactive effect unless so specified in the Dates paragraph of this preamble. Prior to any judicial challenge to the provisions of this rule or the application of its provisions, all applicable administrative procedures must be exhausted.

Regulatory Impact Analysis

Need for Action

This action is needed to respond to requests from State Food Stamp Program agencies for revision of the requirements for reporting changes in the amount of income received, to clarify procedures for averaging income, and to assist recipients in meeting their responsibility to comply with FSP requirements.

Benefits

State agencies will benefit from this rule because households will better understand which changes in income they are required to report, and the number of reports requiring State agency action will be reduced. Recipients who work will benefit because they will have to report only significant changes in their income rather than changes that are minor and temporary.

Costs

The revisions in requirements for reporting changes in income and acting on reported changes are estimated to cost $58 million over the 2003 to 2007 period.

II. Background

On December 17, 1996, we published a rule at 61 FR 66233 in which we proposed to revise FSP regulations at 7 CFR 273.10 and 7 CFR 273.12 governing the income changes food stamp households are required to report during the certification period and the treatment of this income in determining benefits. Comments were solicited on the provisions of the proposed rule through February 18, 1997, and a total of 29 comments were received. This final rule addresses the commenters' concerns. Readers are referred to the proposed rule for a more complete description of the basis for the rule. Following is a discussion of the provisions of the proposed rule, the comments received, and changes made in the final rule.

1. Income Averaging—7 CFR 273.10(c)(3)(i)

The proposed rule retained current 7 CFR 273.10(c)(3)(i) which provides that households (except destitute migrant and seasonal farm worker households) may elect to have their income averaged and that the State agency shall use the household's anticipation of monthly income fluctuations over the certification period. We proposed to provide in addition that an average must be recalculated at recertification and in response to changes in income in accordance with 7 CFR 273.12(c).

We solicited comments on whether to continue to allow households the option of determining whether their income is averaged or whether to allow State agencies to make the determination. Seven commenters objected to the proposed continuation of the current provision allowing households to determine whether or not their income should be averaged. The commenters indicated that averaging should be at the option of the State agency, rather than the household. According to these commenters, use of an averaged income amount is administratively easier and an average more accurately reflects income received over the certification period. They believe income averaging is beneficial for households because it reduces the household's need to report changes, simplifies instructions to households concerning reporting responsibilities, and provides households a consistent level of benefits from month to month. One State agency recommended that to minimize administrative costs and to offer States more flexibility, FNS should allow States the option to average monthly income, except for destitute households or unless averaging would result in denial of an otherwise eligible case.

The income of food stamp households frequently fluctuates from month to month, making it difficult for change reporting households to correctly report changes and for the State agency to provide accurate benefits based on the income received in a particular month. Averaging is an effective alternative to monthly reporting and retrospective budgeting, which is more costly for the State agency and burdensome for the household. State agencies have requested the flexibility to determine when averaging is appropriate so that the household's income can be budgeted consistently for food stamps and other assistance programs. Basing allotments on an average also assists households in budgeting for their needs by providing the same level of benefits over several months. Therefore, as revised by this rule, 7 CFR 273.10(c)(3)(i) provides that the State agency may develop methods to be applied Statewide for averaging the income of categories of households. If income has been averaged, we believe State agencies should inform the household of the amount used to calculate the allotment, as many State agencies already do. Therefore, paragraph (c)(3)(i) also contains a provision to that effect.

Another commenter suggested that the rule should prohibit income averaging for migrant and seasonal farm worker households if the income is earned by contract from one employer in less than a 12-month period. We are not adopting this suggestion because, as pointed out by the commenter, 7 CFR 273.10(c)(3)(ii) already prohibits treating the income of migrant or seasonal farm

workers as contract income. This type of income is required to be annualized or prorated over the period it is intended to cover. We also feel that this suggestion is beyond the scope of this rulemaking and that an additional reference to the prohibition against income averaging for such households is unnecessary.

Another commenter asked that the final rule clarify that use of the income conversion factors in 7 CFR 273.10(c)(2) is not a form of income averaging. In the preamble to the proposed rule (61 FR at 66237), we discussed the difference between conversion and averaging but did not propose any change to 7 CFR 273.10(c)(2). However, we agree that some clarification in the regulations would be helpful. Therefore, we are adding a sentence to 7 CFR 273.10(c)(3) to specify that converting income to a monthly amount, as provided in paragraph (c)(2), does not constitute averaging for the purposes of paragraph (c)(3).

2. Reporting Requirement for Unearned Income—7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(A)

We wish to preface our discussion regarding the reporting requirements contained in this final rule by noting that on November 21, 2000, we published a final rule at 65 FR 70134, which included, among several other provisions, an amendment to 7 CFR 273.10(f) giving the State agencies more discretion with respect to the assignment of certification periods. This rule amended 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1) by adding a new paragraph (vii) that provided State agencies with the option of limiting reporting for households with earned income that are assigned certification period of at least six months to only changes in their gross monthly income that result in household gross income greater that 130 percent of the Federal poverty guideline. In States electing this option, households with earned income that are assigned certification periods greater than six months are required to submit reports of their households circumstances every six months. Section 4109 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171) expanded this option, limited to earned income households through regulation, to all households not statutorily exempt from periodic reporting. Although twenty States have currently adopted this option in some form and several other may do so in the future, to maximize State agency flexibility we have elected, subject to the modifications discussed below, to provide State agencies with most of the options contained in the 1996 proposed rule.

We did not propose any change in the requirement that households report a change of more than $25 in unearned income and we solicited comments on ways State agencies could use information from computer matches to update unearned income amounts rather than relying on household reports. As proposed, the regulation would have continued to require that households report changes of more than $25 in unearned income. Change in earned income would be handled in accordance with one of the options specified by the State agency. Seven commenters recommended that the reporting threshold for earned and unearned income should be the same. Three commenters indicated that the unearned income threshold should be increased to $50.

Although it would be administratively simpler and less confusing if the reporting threshold for earned and unearned income were the same, raising the threshold for unearned income to the same level as the earned income threshold could result in a greater increase in Program costs than only raising the threshold for earned income. According to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 ''Characteristics of Food Stamp Households,'' 78.7 percent of food stamp households receive some unearned income, compared to the 27.2 percent of households that receive earned income. We believe some increase in the unearned income reporting threshold is justified, however, because of inflation since the $25 figure was established in regulations in 1974. Therefore, we are adopting the $50 threshold suggested by commenters. Changes in households' public assistance and jointly processed general assistance grants are still excluded from unearned income reporting since the State agency has prior knowledge of all changes in these grants.

Although we did not propose any changes in current procedures we solicited comments regarding the use of computer matching as an alternative to the reporting of changes in certain types of unearned income such as supplemental security income (SSI), Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI), and unemployment compensation. Five State agencies commented that information from computer matching with other agencies would not be received in time to make changes within the 10-day periods generally required by current regulations at 7 CFR 273.12(c). One State agency is pursuing the possibility of developing an interface with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that will provide on-line access to benefit information. That would enable the State to identify and act on changes in benefits provided under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act within the current time frames. Other State agencies pointed out that information is received overnight from SSA only if requested; new information is not provided automatically. Also, households are required to report prospective changes in income; however, the data match may not show a discrepancy until the month in which the change actually occurred. At the time that the proposed rule was published the use of data obtained through matches would generally not have been feasible since changes based on matched data could not be made as quickly as changes reported by the household.

One State agency commented that households should not be required to report changes in unearned income if the State has an FNS-approved computer matching process that reports these changes at least monthly. Another State agency supported the ability of States to automatically use information received from sources such as SSA, but commented that States should not have to act on information more frequently than monthly. The State agency believes the payment information should be received once a month whether workers must take an action or the actions are automated. The State agency believes use of computer match information is difficult in a prospective budgeting system.

We are retaining the requirement that households are responsible for reporting changes in unearned income. Since the proposed rule was published, a number of States now have online access to data from the SSA. Although we are not eliminating the requirement that households report changes in SSI and OASDI, we will consider waiver requests to eliminate the requirement that households report of changes in those forms of income if the State agency making the request has online access to data from SSA and can implement changes within the timeframes specified under 7 CFR 273.12(c). We also wish to note that as the result of the November 21, 2000, final rule and the recently enacted legislation limiting reporting only to changes that result in household gross income in excess of 130 percent of the poverty level, a significant number of households are no longer subject to change reporting.

As revised in response to comments, 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(A) provides that change reporting households are required to report a change greater than $50 in the amount of unearned income, except changes in public assistance (PA) or jointly processed general assistance (GA). Changes in households' public assistance and jointly processed general assistance grants are still excluded from unearned income reporting since the State agency has prior knowledge of all changes in these grants.

3. Reporting Requirement for Changes in Earned Income—7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)

The proposed rule offered State agencies three reporting options for earned income. Under these options, a household with earned income would be required to report one of the following, as determined by the State agency:

- A change in wage rate and a change in part-time or full-time status, provided the household is certified for no more than 3 months;
- A change in wage rate and a change of more than 5 hours a week in the number of hours worked that is expected to continue for more than a month; or
- A change in the amount earned of more than $80 a month.

State agencies commenting on the proposed rule were generally in favor of the increased flexibility offered by the options. There was, however, some concern expressed that different reporting requirements for earned and unearned income may result in confusion.

We believe that the revised requirements will reduce the number of small ($25) or temporary changes households have to report, minimizing any possible burden of the different reporting requirements. Also, very few households would be affected because, according to data derived from the FY 2000 ''Characteristics of Food Stamp Households,'' less than 20 percent of households had both earned and unearned income.

One State agency expressed concern that the proposed changes might give change reporting States an advantage over monthly reporting States and suggested that certification errors should not be cited in monthly reporting States for amounts not required to be reported in States without monthly reporting. State agencies have the flexibility under 7 CFR 273.21 to determine what information should be reported on the monthly report form, to limit monthly reporting to certain categories of households, and to discontinue requiring monthly reports. We believe it is to the advantage of all State agencies to increase the number of available reporting options.

A commenter feared that recipients that move to a different State would be confused if the State had different reporting requirements. It is true that increasing State agency flexibility decreases the consistency offered by national Program requirements. However, reporting requirements have varied from State to State since monthly reporting was made optional in 1988. Administrative waivers and welfare reform demonstration projects have also resulted in a variety of reporting requirements. We expect that State agencies will explain reporting procedures to all households so that the requirements will be understood.

The same commenter believes households will report more changes than necessary and there will be no reduction in the work of the food stamp office. State agencies that have a waiver similar to the first earned income reporting option indicate that the revised reporting requirement reduces the number of changes that are reported and require action by the caseworker. We believe this rule contains reporting requirements that are easier for households to understand and apply.

The commenter also pointed out that current rules at 7 CFR 273.10(f)(4)(ii) require one or two-month certification periods if income cannot be reasonably predicted. Although State agencies always have the option of certifying households with extremely unstable circumstances (such as some homeless households or migrants) for one or two months, we believe it would be an unnecessary burden on both State agencies and households to certify all households with fluctuating earned income for such a short period. We also wish to note that the previously referenced November 21, 2000 rule included an amendment to 7 CFR 273.10(f) giving the State agencies more discretion with respect to the assignment of certification periods. One of the changes in that rule was the elimination of mandatory one and two month certification periods.

One commenter noted that the proposed rule is not clear as to whether the same reporting system has to be used in all parts of the State or if different options can be used in different locations. The commenter supported an option for States to use different methods in different parts of the State. Since some State agencies delegate a significant amount of autonomy to political subdivisions (counties and/or cities) with respect to the operation of their food stamp programs, and since conditions may vary significantly within a State, in the interest of maximizing State flexibility we are adopting the option suggested by the commenter.

The same commenter indicated that the proposed rule does not allow State agencies to update information at random times outside of the change reporting time frames. For example, according to the commenter, a household cannot be required to return a mailer updating case information during a certification period. The mailer can be sent, but if it is not returned, the case cannot be closed. To find out why the household did not return the report, the State agency is required to call the household in for a formal recertification. The commenter believes the regulations should allow States to do regular reviews of case circumstances without requiring excessive formal administrative procedures. The same commenter also suggested shortening the certification period if the household fails to return the form. We feel that the issue of shortening certification periods in response to a household's failure to return a form requesting information on changes is not within the scope of this rule and, therefore, we are not addressing it here.

a. Status Reporting—7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(1)

In addition to current change reporting procedures and the six-month reporting option contained in the November 21, 2000 final rule, this rule provides State agencies with three reporting options with respect to earned income. Under the first reporting option, households that are required to report only a change in source, wage-rate, and part-time or full-time employment status (status reporting households) would be assigned certification periods of no more than 3 months. Twenty-one commenters (all State or local agencies) opposed limiting this option to households certified for 3 months; one commenter supported the proposal. Four commenters suggested a 6-month limit and one suggested 4-month certification periods.

We proposed that status reporting households be certified for no more than 3 months to limit any potential cost to the FSP of removing the $25 reporting requirement. Under the status reporting proposal, some households certified on the basis of a small number of hours of part-time work could be required to work progressively more hours from week-to-week and experience a substantial increase in income without having to report the change. Without a

certification period limit, this change could exist for several months before it came to the attention of the State agency at recertification.

One State agency commented that households with a reliable wage history merit a certification period up to 12 months. Households with new employment or a less stable work history would be assigned a shorter certification period. This would allow the agency to tailor a certification period to the household's circumstances rather than arbitrarily assigning a certification period based on the type of income the household receives.

The State agency was also concerned about the administrative impact of the requirement for a 3-month certification period and indicated that households certified for longer than 2 months would receive a notice of expiration in the calendar month before the month their certification ends. Generally, the recertification interview is also conducted at the end of the month before the month the certification ends. In that State, a household certified for 3 months could have a recertification appointment in the same month it receives the approval notice, which would be administratively burdensome and confusing. The State agency also believes that certifying households with earned income for no more than 3 months could create a barrier to participation. While the State agency can offer flexible appointment times to accommodate work hours, other arrangements such as transportation or child care availability may pose a challenge for these households. They may be unable to cope with the requirement to appear for an interview.

Another commenter indicated that the State would assign 3-month certification periods to households with able-bodied adults without dependents to ensure they do not exceed the limit of 3 months of participation in 36 months. Adding another population to the 3-month certifications would unnecessarily burden clients and local offices with added paperwork and office visits and have an adverse impact on Program integrity and client services. This commenter believes that shorter certification periods do not guarantee that clients will report changes correctly.

Other commenters opposed the 3-month certification period limit because it would hamper efforts to make reporting and certification requirements consistent across assistance programs, it is not necessary for households with stable earned income, and it is not consistent with Program simplification and the changing role of the caseworker, which requires frequent contact with clients during the certification period. Several commenters indicated that State agencies with waivers that allow status reporting without a limited certification period have not reported problems with the waivers and that State agencies should be allowed to use their discretion in setting certification period length.

As pointed out by several commenters, the requirement to be recertified every 3 months could place a substantial burden on low-income working households, as well as on State agencies. We considered offering the status reporting option for only those households with fluctuating income because it was unnecessary to certify households with stable earned income every 3 months. However, although the term ''fluctuating income'' is often used and understood, it is difficult to define for purposes of regulation. Consequently, to avoid complicating the status reporting option, we proposed to apply it to all earned income.

We have considered all of the commenters' objections to the 3-month certification period limit and agree that certifying earned income households no more than 3 months can create problems for both State agencies and households. We understand the need for State agencies to have uniform requirements across programs and to simplify procedures as much as possible. Nevertheless, we cannot support assigning 12-month certification periods for earned income households who are required to report changes in their work status rather than changes in the amount of their income. As provided in the option for semi-annual reporting set forth in the November 21, 2000, final rule and as evidenced in the recent amendments to the Food Stamp Act (section 4109 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002), the Department believes that State agencies should have some contact with households with earnings at 6-month intervals. The contact may be a recertification or a periodic report. Therefore, paragraph 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(*1*) of this final rule, provides that households subject to status reporting shall be certified for no more than 6 months. This gives State agencies flexibility to set certification periods appropriate for the stability of the household's circumstances while maintaining program integrity and limiting costs. The Department is also amending the implementation provision of the proposed rule to give States until January 1, 2004 to implement the 6-month certification limit for households subject to status reporting.

One commenter assumed incorrectly that under the proposal, households certified for more than 3 months would be subject to the $25 reporting requirement. The intent of the proposed revision was to eliminate the $25 reporting requirement for earned income. If a State agency selects the status reporting option only, all households with earned income will be subject to it regardless of the length of the certification period actually assigned. Quality control will consider the certification period assigned to status reporting households and review cases certified for more than 12 months under the procedures for households with expired certification periods.

The proposed rule did not specifically allow State agencies to select more than one of the earned income reporting options. After the rule was published, several State agencies requested and were granted waivers to use a combination of reporting requirements. For example, State agencies have obtained waivers to use status reporting for households with fluctuating income that are certified for up to 3 months and the $80 option for households certified for more than 3 months, such as households with stable income or self-employment income that has not been annualized. We believe it is appropriate to tailor reporting requirements to households with different types of earned income. Consequently, in 7 CFR 273.12 of this final rule, paragraph (a)(1)(i)(C) specifies that State agencies may use one or more of the options for categories of households with different types of earned income. However, only one option would apply to an individual household.

In response to 7 CFR 273.12 of the proposed rule, several commenters indicated that the word ''and'' in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(C)(*1*) should be ''or'' so that the option would read: ''A change in wage rate of earned income or a change in part-time or full-time employment status.'' The word ''and'' was used in the proposed rule to indicate that both of these changes are components of this option. A State agency cannot choose to implement one component or the other. We intended that a household would be required to report if a member had either a change in wage rate or a change in part-time or full-time employment, not that both events had to occur to trigger a report. To clarify our intent, we are changing ''and'' to ''or'' in the final rule. We are also adding the words ''or salary'' after wage rate because not all recipients are paid by the hour. To reduce the burden on both State agencies and affected households, in the final rule we are

qualifying the reporting requirement regarding changes in employment to specify that a household is required to report a change in employment only if that change is accompanied by a change in the household's income.

In response to the above comments, we are revising the first earned income reporting option at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(*1*) to read as follows: ''a change in the wage rate or salary or a change in full-time or part-time employment status (as determined by the employer or as defined in the State's PA program),''.

Seven State agencies commented on the requirement in 7 CFR 273.12(a)(2) that changes be reported within 10 days of the date the change becomes known to the household. These State agencies recommended that the date a change becomes known to the household should be the date of receipt of the first payment. In response to those comments and as result of our experience with waivers, we are amending 7 CFR 273.12(a)(2) to allow State agencies to use a range to define the date that the change must be reported. Under the amendment, the State could define the date that the change must be reported as early as the date that the change becomes known to the household or as late as the date that the household receives its first payment as a result of the change. To maximize State agency flexibility, in addition to income from new employment, the amendment to 7 CFR 273.12(a)(2) would also allow State agencies to use the same criteria for the reporting of other changes of income, such as changes in the amount of income (both earned and unearned) or a change resulting from a new source of unearned income. We are also amending 7 CFR 273.12(a)(2) to clarify that households subject to the semi-annual reporting requirement at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii) must report changes no later than 10 days from the end of the calendar month in which the change occurred, provided that the household has a minimum of 10 days within which to report the change. To reflect the elimination of the requirement that FNS approve State agency forms provided under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, we are making a technical correction to the second sentence of 7 CFR 273.12(a)(2) by removing the words, ''FNS-approved'' prior to the reference to joint reporting forms.

b. Changes in Wage Rate and/or Hours Worked—7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(2)

The second proposed earned income reporting option would allow State agencies to require households to report a change in wage rate and a change in hours worked of more than 5 hours a week that is expected to continue for more than a month. We received 11 comments on this option. Five commenters supported the proposal, and six found it confusing or suggested modifications. Currently, only three State agencies are utilizing the 5-hour reporting option (through approved waivers). Of the three States, one State limits 5-hour reporting to households in which earned income is received in the form of hourly wages while another State appears likely to replace the 5-hour reporting requirement with the 6-month reporting option. Because of the very small number of States utilizing this option and the possible confusion resulting from the difficulty of determining whether a change in the hours worked will continue for more than one month we decided not to include this option in the final rule.

As indicated above, the primary concern among the commenters was that households might not know how long a change would last, especially if the work environment involves work hours that fluctuate from month to month. Therefore, it might not be reasonable to expect a household to know for how long a change in hours is expected to continue and the proposed requirement would be error-prone. One of these commenters suggested the option would be more effective and less error-prone if it simply required a household to report a change of more than 5 hours per week without having to decide how long this change might last. While this alternative would be less confusing we elected not to adopt it since it could result in the reporting of temporary changes in earned income.

Another commenter asked whether ''a month'' would be a calendar month or 30 days and if quality control would cite an error if the client did not report an increase in hours on the expectation that the increase would not continue, but in fact the individual is required to continue working more hours. This commenter thought that clients would become confused about the 5 hours, what a month means, and whether the change is anticipated to be longer than a month. Another commenter asked if the 5-hour threshold should be applied each week or averaged over the month. In view of the potential for confusion on the part of clients and the difficulty of determining whether a change is expected to continue we decided not to provide the 5-hour earned income reporting option in the final rule, although we will continue to consider waivers regarding this option.

c. $100 Earned Income Reporting Threshold—7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(3)

The third proposed earned income reporting option would allow State agencies to require households to report a change in the amount of earned income of more than $80. Commenters were evenly divided on this option with six supporting it and six opposing it. Three commenters suggested that the amount should be increased to $100, and one thought $80 was too high. We have considered these comments and examined possible alternatives. We believe the earned income reporting requirement should be realistic in terms of current wages and a reasonable expectation of future increases. $100 per month is slightly less than 5 hours of additional work per week at the current minimum wage rate of $5.15 an hour. Therefore, we are increasing the $80 threshold to $100.

Three State agencies suggested that the phrase ''and is expected to continue for more than one month'' should be added. We are not accepting the commenters' suggestion. We believe that any change of more than $100 a month should be reported. The eligibility worker can then determine whether the change is expected to continue, in accordance with the addition to 7 CFR 273.12(c) as discussed below, and document the case file accordingly.

Several commenters indicated that raising the $25 threshold to $80 does not address the problems with the requirement for fluctuating income and that it will still be too difficult for a household to know when a change occurs. It is true that many problems associated with having a dollar threshold will remain, even if the threshold is raised considerably. One problem with a fixed dollar threshold is that when income is averaged or converted, households may not know the base figure from which to measure a change. Therefore, we are revising the proposed option to provide at 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(*2*) that the base amount is the amount used by the eligibility worker the last time the allotment was calculated. Since changes in earned income of less than $100 would not be implemented until the household's next recertification, we are including in 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(*2*) a provision that households subject to this reporting option be assigned certification periods of no more than six months. Consistent with the reasons noted previously for the status reporting option, the final rule establishes a 6-month limit on the length of certification periods provided under this option. Consistent with the status

reporting option, the Department is also amending the implementation provision of the proposed rule to give States until January 1, 2004 to implement the 6-month certification limit for households subject to the $100 earned income reporting option.

Another commenter indicated that the fifth check received in a five-payday month should not be counted for purposes of determining when a change should be reported. We believe the periodic problem of extra paychecks is addressed in the revised version of the option. Whether actual weekly or biweekly income is used, converted, and/or averaged, the amount last used to calculate the allotment is the figure from which a change should be measured. We believe it is the State agency's responsibility to inform households of this amount and are including this provision in 7 CFR 273.10(c)(3)(i).

We are aware that we did not propose any changes to the provisions of current 7 CFR 273.2(f)(8)(i) and (f)(8)(ii) regarding changes required to be verified at recertification and when reported during the certification period. These provisions prohibit the State agency from requiring verification of changes in income or certain expenses that have not changed by more than $25. To reflect the new minimum reporting requirement for unearned income, we are amending 7 CFR 273.2(f)(8)(i) and (f)(8)(ii) to require verification of changes in income only if the amount of the change is greater than $50 per month.

4. Quarterly Reporting—7 CFR 273.12(a)(4) and 7 CFR 273.12(b)(2)

Two States expressed disappointment that the rule did not include an option for quarterly reporting. During the period from 1993 through 1995, we granted a limited number of waivers allowing State agencies to operate quarterly reporting systems for a part of their caseloads. As the result of the favorable reaction to the original quarterly reporting waivers, we have expanded the quarterly reporting option through waivers, and are now granting waivers allowing State agencies to utilize quarterly reporting for all households not statutorily exempt from periodic reporting (specifically migrant or seasonal farmworker households or households consisting entirely of homeless persons).

Based on the comments and the positive response from State agencies that are currently operating under quarterly reporting waivers, we have elected to provide a comprehensive quarterly reporting option for all households, except for those statutorily exempt from periodic reporting. The option is described in a new paragraph 7 CFR 273.12 (a)(4). Current paragraphs (a)(4) and (5) will be redesignated as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively. We note that we have elected to continue to describe the current option for the quarterly reporting of the child support obligation separately in redesignated paragraph (a)(5). We have done so based in the belief that State agencies may elect to utilize the quarterly reporting option for the child support obligation while continuing to require change reporting of the other factors of eligibility.

The following conditions apply to quarterly reporting systems. First, a State agency may not include migrant or seasonal farmworker households or households in which all members are homeless individuals in its quarterly reporting system. These categories of households are exempt from any type of periodic reporting under Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(c)(1)(A)), including quarterly reporting. This final rule also specifies that households subject to the reporting requirements of 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii) may not be included in a quarterly reporting system since semi-annual reporting under 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii) and quarterly reporting are intended to be mutually exclusive options. The State agency would have the option of including all households, subject to the above exceptions, in its quarterly reporting system or may limit the system to certain categories of households. We anticipate that a number of State agencies may elect to exclude households with annualized self-employment income since that type of income would normally not change on a monthly or quarterly basis. The State agency must notify affected households of the quarterly reporting requirement, including the consequences that would result from the failure to file the report in a timely manner. Other conditions include the requirement that the State agency provide the household with a reminder notice if the household does not file the report by the due date, or files an incomplete report, and the requirement that the State agency send the household an adequate notice (which may be combined with the reminder notice) notifying the household that its benefits will be reduced or terminated if it fails to submit a complete report. This final rule also provides that the household not be terminated solely for failure to provide information regarding deductible expenses. The rule specifies that in cases in which a household fails to provide sufficient information regarding a deductible expense or fails to provide the necessary verification of the expense, the household's eligibility and benefits would be determined without consideration of the deduction. This rule also specifies that the changes reported outside of the quarterly report are subject to the requirements of 7 CFR 273.12(c) and that the quarterly report form shall be the sole reporting requirement for any information which must be included in the form. This rule also provides that changes in the number of hours worked by individuals subject to the work requirement of 7 CFR 273.24 must be reported whenever their work hours fall below 20 hours per week, averaged monthly, pursuant to 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(viii), regardless of whether the State agency elects to include the household in a quarterly reporting system. We are also revising 7 CFR 273.12(b)(2) to reflect that the quarterly report form applies to quarterly reporting in general rather than the quarterly reporting of the child support obligation.

5. State Agency Action on Changes—7 CFR 273.12(c)

We proposed to amend 7 CFR 273.12(c) to provide that if a household reports a change in income, the State agency shall act on the change if the new circumstance is expected to continue for at least one month beyond the month in which the change is reported. We received two comments in support of this proposal. Therefore, we are adopting the addition to the regulations as proposed.

6. Technical Amendment to 7 CFR 273.21(f)(2)(v)

On October 17, 1996, the Department published a final rule at 61 FR 54303 entitled ''Food Stamp Program: Simplification of Program Rules.'' The rule amended 7 CFR 273.10(c)(2)(iii) to require that income received on a recurring monthly or semimonthly basis be counted for the month which it is intended to cover rather than the month in which it is received. The amendment specified that the amount of monthly income attributed to the household should not be varied merely because of changes in mailing cycles or pay dates, or because weekends or holidays cause additional payments to be received in a month. It was our intent that this principle apply to both prospectively and retrospectively budgeted households. Because 7 CFR 273.10(c) applies primarily to prospectively budgeted households, and 7 CFR 273.21(f)(2)(v) in its current form addresses only monthly income rather

than both monthly and semimonthly income, we are amending 7 CFR 273.21(f)(2)(v) to enhance consistency and to ensure that recurring income received on a monthly or semimonthly basis by households subject to retrospective budgeting will be counted only for the month which it is intended to cover.

III. Implementation

The proposed rule provided that State agencies would be required to implement the rule no later than the first day of the month 180 days after publication of the final rule. No comments were received regarding the implementation date. This rule provides in 7 CFR 272.1(g) that the rule is effective May 29, 2003 and must be implemented no later than November 1, 2003. The provisions must be implemented for all households that newly apply for FSP benefits on or after either the required implementation date or the date the State agency implements the provision prior to the required implementation date. The current change reporting caseload shall be converted to these provisions no later than the required implementation date in accordance with procedures established by the State agency. However, for households subject to status reporting or $100 earned income reporting, the State agency has until January 1, 2004 to convert households to 6-month certification periods. Monthly reporting households shall be changed to the new procedures at 7 CFR 273.21(f)(2)(v) in accordance with 7 CFR 273.21(r). For quality control purposes, any variances resulting from the implementation of this rule shall be excluded from error analysis for 120 days from the required implementation date in accordance with 7 CFR 275.12(d)(2)(vii).

Since the publication of the proposed regulations, we have granted a number of waivers of the requirements for change reporting households to allow State agencies to utilize the reporting options available in the proposed regulations. Nearly half of all State agencies currently have approved waivers to implement one or more of these options. All existing waivers of 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i), including those that allow quarterly reporting, will be obsolete when the State agency implements the final rule or on the required implementation date, whichever is sooner. Since the requirement that households report changes in gross monthly income of more than $25 will be superseded by the reporting options contained in this rule, State agencies which are still requiring households to report changes of more than $25 in gross monthly income will be required to adopt one of the reporting options upon implementation of this rule.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 272

Alaska, Civil Rights, Food Stamps, Grant programs-social programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 273

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Claims, Food stamps, Fraud, Grant programs-social programs, Penalties, Records, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social security, Students.

■ Accordingly, 7 CFR parts 272 and 273 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for parts 272 and 273 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2011–2036.

PART 272—REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING STATE AGENCIES

■ 2. In §272.1, a new paragraph (g)(167) is added to read as follows:

§ 272.1 General terms and conditions.

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(g) * * *

(167) *Amendment No. 376.* The provisions of Amendment No. 376 are effective May 29, 2003 and must be implemented no later than November 1, 2003. The provisions must be implemented for all households that newly apply for Program benefits on or after either the required implementation date or the date the State agency implements the provision prior to the required implementation date. The current change reporting caseload shall be converted to these provisions no later than the required implementation date in accordance with procedures established by the State agency. However, for households subject to the reporting requirements at § 273.12(a)(1)(i)(C)(*1*) or (*2*) of this chapter, the State agency has until January 1, 2004 to convert households to 6 month certification periods. Monthly reporting households shall be converted in accordance with § 273.21(r) of this chapter. For quality control purposes, any variances resulting from the implementation of this rule shall be excluded from error analysis for 120 days from the required implementation date, in accordance with § 275.12(d)(2)(vii) of this chapter.

PART 273—CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

§ 273.2 [Amended]

■ 3. In §273.2: a. The first sentence of paragraph (f)(8)(i)(A) is amended by removing the words ''or actual utility expenses''.

■ b. The second sentence of paragraph (f)(8)(i)(A) is amended by adding a comma and the words ''actual utility expenses'' after the phrase, ''Previously unreported medical expenses''.

■ c. The first and third sentences of paragraph (f)(8)(i)(A) and the first sentence of paragraph (f)(8)(ii) are amended by removing the figure ''$25'' and adding in its place the figure ''$50''.

■ 4. In § 273.10, paragraph (c)(3)(i) is revised to read as follows:

§ 273.10 Determining household eligibility and benefit levels.

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(c) * * *

(3) * * *

(i) Income may be averaged in accordance with methods established by the State agency to be applied Statewide for categories of households. When averaging income, the State agency shall use the household's anticipation of monthly income fluctuations over the certification period. An average must be recalculated at recertification and in response to changes in income, in accordance with § 273.12(c), and the State agency shall inform the household of the amount of income used to calculate the allotment. Conversion of income received weekly or biweekly in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of this section does not constitute averaging.

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■ 5. In § 273.12:

■ a. The section heading, the introductory text of paragraph (a)(1) and paragraph (a)(1)(i) are revised.

■ b. Paragraph (a)(2) is revised.

■ c. Paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5) are redesignated as paragraphs (a)(5) and (a)(6) respectively, and a new paragraph (a)(4) is added.

■ d. Paragraph (b)(2) is revised.

■ e. The introductory text of paragraph (c) is amended by adding two sentences after the first sentence.

The revisions and additions read as follows:

§ 273.12 Requirements for change reporting households.

(a) *Household responsibility to report.* (1) Monthly reporting households are required to report as provided in § 273.21. Quarterly reporting households are subject to the procedures as provided in paragraph (a)(4) of this section. Certified change

reporting households are required to report the following changes in circumstances:

(i) (A) A change of more than $50 in the amount of unearned income, except changes relating to public assistance (PA) or general assistance (GA) in project areas in which GA and food stamp cases are jointly processed. The State agency is responsible for identifying changes during the certification period in the amount of PA, or GA in jointly processed cases. If GA and food stamp cases are not jointly processed, the household is responsible for reporting changes in GA of more than $50.

(B) A change in the source of income, including starting or stopping a job or changing jobs, if the change in employment is accompanied by a change in income.

(C) One of the following, as determined by the State agency (different options may be used for different categories of households as long as no household is required to report under more than one option; the State may also utilize different options in different project areas within the State):

(*1*) A change in the wage rate or salary or a change in full-time or part-time employment status (as determined by the employer or as defined in the State's PA program), provided that the household is certified for no more than 6 months; or

(*2*) A change in the amount earned of more than $100 a month from the amount last used to calculate the household's allotment, provided that the household is certified for no more than 6 months.

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(2) Certified households must report changes within 10 days of the date the change becomes known to the household. For reportable changes of income, the State agency may require that change to be reported as early as within 10 days of the date that the household becomes aware of the change or as late as within 10 days of the date that the household receives the first payment attributable to the change. For example, in the case of new employment, the State may require the household to report the change within 10 days of the date that the household becomes aware of the new employment, within 10 days of the date the employment begins or within 10 days of the date that the household receives its first paycheck. For households subject to semi-annual reporting, the household must report changes no later than 10 days from the end of the calendar month in which the change occurred, provided that the household has at least 10 days within which to report the change. Optional procedures for reporting changes are contained in paragraph (f) of this section for households in States with forms for jointly reporting food stamp and public assistance changes and food stamp and general assistance changes.

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(4) The State agency may establish a system of quarterly reporting in lieu of the change reporting requirements specified under paragraph (a)(1) of this section. The following requirements are applicable to quarterly reporting systems:

(i) *Included households.* The State agency may include all households within a quarterly reporting system, except migrant or seasonal farmworker households, households that have no earned income and in which all adult members are elderly or disabled, households in which all members are homeless individuals, or households subject to the reporting requirement under paragraph (a)(1)(vii) of this section. The State agency may also limit quarterly reporting to specific categories of households.

(ii) *Notification of the quarterly reporting requirement.* The State agency must notify households of the quarterly reporting requirement, including the consequences of failure to file a report, at initial certification and recertification.

(iii) *Failure to file a complete form by the specified filing date.* If a household fails to file a complete report by the specified filing date, the State agency will send a notice to the household advising it of the missing or incomplete report no later than 10 days from the date the report should have been submitted. If the household does not respond to the notice, the household's participation shall be terminated. The State agency may combine the notice of a missing or incomplete report with the adequate notice of termination described in paragraph (a)(4)(v) of this section.

(iv) *Content of the quarterly report form.*

The State agency may include all of the items subject to reporting under paragraph (a)(1) of this section in the quarterly report, except changes reportable under paragraphs (a)(1)(vii) or (a)(1)(viii) of this section, or may limit the report to specific items while requiring that households report other items through the use of the change report form.

(v) *Reduction or termination of benefits.* If the household files a complete report resulting in reduction or termination of benefits, the State agency shall send an adequate notice, as defined in § 271.2 of this chapter. The notice must be issued so that it will be received by the household no later than the time that its benefits are normally received. If the household fails to provide sufficient information or verification regarding a deductible expense, the State agency will not terminate the household, but will instead determine the household's benefits without regard to the deduction.

(vi) *Changes reported outside of the quarterly report.* The State agency must act on any changes reported outside of the quarterly report in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(vii) *Sole reporting requirement.* The quarterly report form shall be the sole reporting requirement for any information that is required to be reported on the form, except that able-bodied adults subject to the time limit of § 273.24 shall report whenever their work hours fall below 20 hours per week, averaged monthly.

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(b) * * *

(2) The quarterly report form, including the form for the quarterly reporting of the child support obligation, must be written in clear, simple language, and must meet the bilingual requirements described in § 272.4(b) of this chapter. In addition, the form must specify the date by which the agency must receive the form and the consequences of submitting a late or incomplete form. The form (or an attachment) must specify the verification the household must submit with the form, inform the household where to call for help in completing the form, and include a statement to be signed by a member of the household indicating his or her understanding that the information provided may result in reduction or termination of benefits. The form should also include a brief description of the Food Stamp Program fraud penalties.

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(c) * * * If a household reports a change in income, and the new circumstance is expected to continue for at least one month beyond the month in which the change is reported, the State agency shall act on the change in accordance with paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section. The time frames in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section apply to these actions. * * *

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6. In § 273.21, paragraph (f)(2)(v) is revised to read as follows:

§ 273.21 Monthly Reporting and Retrospective Budgeting (MRRB).

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(f) * * *

(2) * * *

(v) The State agency shall budget income received on a recurring monthly or semimonthly basis for the month that it is intended to cover. The State agency shall not vary the budgeting of such income merely because it is received during another month as the result of changes in mailing cycles or pay dates, or because weekends or holidays result in an additional or missed payment.

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Dated: April 18, 2003.

Eric M. Bost,

Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

9 CFR Parts 319 and 381

[Docket No. 01–032DF]

RIN 0583–AC96

Approving Ingredients Used in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products: Use of Any Safe and Suitable Binder or Antimicrobial Agent in Meat and Poultry Products With Standards of Identity or Composition

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is amending its regulations to permit the use of any safe and suitable binder or antimicrobial agent in the production of meat and poultry products that are subject to a standard of identity or composition that provides for the use of such ingredients. The use of these ingredients must be consistent with any limitations or conditions of use prescribed in applicable FSIS or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations. This direct final rule will provide establishments with greater flexibility in formulating meat and poultry products.

DATES: This rule will be effective June 30, 2003 unless FSIS receives written adverse comments that are within the scope of this rulemaking or written notice of the intent to submit adverse comments that are within the scope of this rulemaking on or before May 29, 2003.

If we receive such comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public that this rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit adverse comments or notice of intent to submit adverse comments within the scope of this rulemaking to: FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 01–032DF, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700. Any comments received will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of this direct final rule are available on the Internet at *http://www.fsis.usda.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Post, Ph.D., Director, Labeling and Consumer Protection Staff, Room 602, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 602 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250–3700, 202–205–0279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 23, 1999, FSIS published in the **Federal Register**, a final rule entitled, ''Food Ingredients and Sources of Radiation Listed or Approved for Use in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products.'' The final rule provided a comprehensive background regarding the status of food ingredients and sources of radiation currently listed in Titles 9 and 21 of the CFR, and explained the process by which FDA and FSIS would be working together regarding future requests for approvals of ingredients to be used in meat and poultry products, which are under USDA jurisdiction.

After publishing that rule, the two agencies entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines the responsibilities of each Agency during the joint review of new ingredients or new uses of previously approved ingredients. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), FDA has the responsibility for determining the safety of ingredients. FSIS has authority under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) to determine whether new ingredients, or new uses of previously approved ingredients, are suitable for their intended use in meat and poultry products. The final rule and MOU are available on the internet at: *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oppde/larc.*

As used in this rule, the term ''safe and suitable'' has the same meaning as in FDA regulations (21 CFR 130.3(d)) and as is applied in the MOU between the two Agencies. A safe and suitable ingredient is one that: (1) Performs an appropriate technical function in the food in which it is used; (2) is used at the lowest level necessary to achieve its intended purpose in that food; and (3) is currently approved or listed in FDA regulations as a food additive (21 CFR parts 172–180); GRAS substance (21 CFR parts 182 and 184); Prior-Sanctioned Food Ingredient (21 CFR part 181); Color Additive (21 CFR part 70); or is a self-determined GRAS ingredient for which FDA has provided FSIS with a written no objection opinion regarding the safety of the use of the substance in meat and poultry products and for which FSIS has determined the use to be suitable (per an acceptability determination described in the MOU).

Under current regulations, a person wishing to use an FDA-approved ingredient that FSIS has determined to be suitable for use in meat and poultry products, such as an antimicrobial agent or binder, in a product for which there exists a regulatory standard that does not provide for the use of the ingredient, must petition FSIS to amend the standard. Evaluation of the petition for the proposed ingredient use and the rulemaking to amend the standard may take two years or more.

FSIS receives approximately 2 to 3 petitions annually for uses of newly approved or new uses of approved antimicrobials or binders. A recent example of this was the 1999 petition to allow the use of transglutaminase enzyme and pork collagen for use in limited amounts as binders in certain standardized meat and poultry products, which led to an October 31, 2001, final rule (66 FR 54912). Without amending specific product standards of identity, the use of the approved ingredient is limited to non-standardized products only.

The Final Rule

FSIS is amending the general requirements of the regulations governing standards of identity and composition for meat and poultry products (9 CFR 319.1 and 381.155). A standard of identity prescribes the manner of preparation and the ingredients of a product that is to be called by a certain name. A standard of composition prescribes the quantity of ingredients, such as the minimum meat or poultry content, of a product. Numerous specific standards of identity and composition for meat and poultry products are set out in the regulations (9 CFR 319, subparts A–U and 381, subpart P). FSIS is adding to the general requirements a provision that will permit the use of any binder or antimicrobial agent if FDA and FSIS

have found the ingredients to be safe and suitable in the production of products that are subject to such standards, and if the standards and other applicable regulations already allow the use of these types of ingredients in the preparation or processing of the products.

FSIS has determined that conducting rulemaking to amend individual food standards of identity to permit the addition of new ingredients on a case by case basis is not an efficient use of Agency resources and results in unnecessary delays for the use of safe and suitable binders and antimicrobial agents by meat and poultry establishments. Therefore, the objectives to be accomplished by this direct final rule is to provide for efficient use of Agency resources and to provide establishments greater flexibility in the formulation of meat and poultry products with a standard of identity and composition in 9 CFR parts 319 and 381 which already permit the use of ingredients of these types.

With the implementation of this direct final rule, establishments that prepare or process meat or poultry food products for which a standard of identity or composition provides for the use of binders or antimicrobial agents will be able to choose from a larger number of antimicrobial agents or binders than at present when formulating their products. Even though the standardized products will be permitted to contain these new antimicrobial agents or binders, the products will continue to be identified by the same standardized product names. The establishments thus would benefit from continued consumer acceptance of their products.

Executive Order 12988

This direct final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This direct final rule: (1) Preempts all state and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This direct final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866 and therefore, has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Effect on Small Entities

Costs associated with this direct final rule will be voluntary. Establishments can be expected to assume such costs only if it would be profitable for them to do so. The direct final rule will not mandate any changes in the way meat food or poultry products are produced or labeled. The rule will increase the availability to establishments of antimicrobial agents and binders that may be added to standardized meat food and poultry products without prolonged regulation development processes to amend food standards. Establishments that choose to prepare or process products that contain antimicrobial agents or binders will continue to incur the normal costs of production, labeling, and marketing.

This direct final rule will not impose any new requirement on small entities but will provide them with greater flexibility in the use in their products of antimicrobial agents and binders. The decision to use a new antimicrobial agent or binder in the production of standardized meat and poultry products is strictly voluntary. The rule could benefit as many as 1,150 federally inspected establishments. Most of these establishments—almost 900—are small operations, each employing fewer than 500 persons. If States operating meat or poultry inspection programs for products in intrastate commerce that are ''equal to'' the Federal program for products in interstate commerce issue similar regulatory amendments, an additional 1,100 establishments could benefit. Nearly all the State-inspected establishments are small business entities.

Paperwork Requirements

Abstract: Establishments choosing to take advantage of the flexibility of this rule by changing their product formulations to include different antimicrobial agents or binders would have to change their labels. In most cases, the label changes will be subject to the provisions for generically approved labeling in 9 CFR 317.5 and 381.133 because the changes will apply to products with standards of identity. That means that the label changes would not entail prior review and approval by FSIS before the new labels could be used. In most cases, the changes involved will be limited to changes in the statement of ingredients. A small percentage of the establishments affected by this rule may find that they need to revise and revalidate their HACCP plans.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take at most one hour to develop a modified label. As many as 300 federally inspected establishments, principally establishments that manufacture products that are heat-treated, not-fully-cooked, and not shelf-stable would be more likely to consider changes, such as the addition or substitution of an antimicrobial agent, that might entail a reassessment of their HACCP plans. For example, an establishment wishing to add an antimicrobial to its product formulation, or substitute another approved antimicrobial for one that the establishment is already using, may have determined that such a change in product formulation would improve product safety. If so, FSIS estimates that it may take up to two hours for an establishment to reassess its HACCP plan as a result of a formulation change.

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this direct final rule, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at *http://www.fsis.usda.gov.* The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720–9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the ''Constituent Update'' page on the FSIS Web site at *http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/update.htm.* Click on the ''Subscribe to the Constituent Update Listserv'' link, then fill out and submit the form.

List of Subjects

9 CFR Part 319

Food Standards, Meat Inspection.

9 CFR Part 381

Food Standards, Poultry Inspection.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, FSIS is amending 9 CFR part 319 and part 381 as follows:

PART 319—DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS OF IDENTITY OR COMPOSITION

Subpart A—General

■ 1. The authority for Part 319 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 1901–1906; 21 U.S.C. 601–695; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.55.

■ 2. Section 319.1 is amended by designating the existing text as paragraph (a) and by adding a new paragraph (b) as follows:

§ 319.1 Labeling and preparation of standardized products.

(a) * * *

(b) Any binder or antimicrobial agent that has been found to be safe and suitable by the Food and Drug Administration and the Food Safety and Inspection Service may be used in the production of meat products with standards of identity in this part, where the product standards and applicable Federal regulations already permit the use of these types of ingredients.

PART 381—POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION REGULATIONS

Subpart P—Definitions and Standards of Identity or Composition

■ 3. The authority for Part 381 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 138f, 450; 21 U.S.C. 451–470; 7 CFR 2.18, 2.53.

■ 4. Section 381.155 is amended by adding a new paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 381.155 General.

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(b) Any binder or antimicrobial agent that has been found to be safe and suitable by the Food and Drug Administration and the Food Safety and Inspection Service may be used in the production of poultry products with standards of identity in this part, where the product standards and applicable Federal regulations already permit the use of these types of ingredients.

Done at Washington, DC on: April 21, 2003.

Garry L. McKee,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM247, Special Conditions No. 25–232–SC]

Special Conditions: Learjet Model 24/25 Series Airplanes; High Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes, as modified by LJSC Ltd. These airplanes will have novel and unusual design features when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. The modification incorporates the installation of dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU) and a single IS&S analog interface unit (AIU). The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the protection of these systems from the effects of high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF). These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that provided by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: The effective date of these special conditions is April 14, 2003. Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on these special conditions may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Attn: Rules Docket (ANM–113), Docket No.NM247, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington, 98055–4056; or delivered in duplicate to the Transport Airplane Directorate at the above address. All comments must be marked: Docket No. NM247. Comments may be inspected in the Rules Docket weekdays, except Federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Dunn, FAA, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM–111, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–2799; facsimile (425) 227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FAA's Determination as to Need for Public Process

The FAA has determined that notice and opportunity for prior public comment are unnecessary in accordance with 14 CFR 11.38, because the FAA has provided previous opportunities to comment on substantially identical special conditions and has fully considered and addressed all the substantive comments received. Based on a review of the comment history and the comment resolution, the FAA is satisfied that new comments are unlikely. The FAA, therefore, finds that good cause exists for making these special conditions effective upon issuance. However, the FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning these special conditions. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

We will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these special conditions in light of the comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on this proposal, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it back to you.

Background

On October 8, 2002, LJSC Ltd., 8201 E. 34th North Building 800, Suite 805, Wichita, Kansas 67226, applied for a supplemental type certificate (STC) to modify the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes approved under Type Certificate No. A10CE. The modification incorporates the installation of dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU), and a single IS&S analog interface unit (AIU).

The dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU) and single IS&S analog

interface unit (AIU) replace the existing altimetry system. This system uses electronics to a far greater extent than the original altimetry system, and may be more susceptible to electrical and magnetic interference caused by high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF). Disruption of these signals could result in loss of altitude, or present misleading information to the pilot.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101, Amendment 21–69, effective September 16, 1991, LJSC Ltd. must show that the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes, as changed, continue to meet the applicable provisions of the regulations incorporated by reference in Type Certificate No. A10CE, or the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change. The regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate are commonly referred to as the ''original type certification basis.'' The certification basis for the modified Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes includes 14 CFR part 25 effective February 1, 1965, as amended by 25–2 and 25–4. Other applicable amendments, regulations, and special conditions are noted in Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) A10CE.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (that is, 14 CFR part 25, as amended) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes because of novel or unusual design features, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes must comply with the fuel vent and exhaust emission requirement of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise certification requirement of part 36.

Special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, are issued in accordance with § 11.38, and become part of the type certification basis in accordance with § 21.101(b)(2).

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should LJSC Ltd. apply at a later date for a supplemental type certificate to modify any other model already included on the same type certificate to incorporate the same novel or unusual design features, these special conditions would also apply to the other model under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101(a)(1).

Novel or Unusual Design Features

The Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes will incorporate the installation of dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU) and a single IS&S analog interface unit (AIU). Because these advanced systems use electronics to a far greater extent than the original altimetry system, they may be more susceptible to electrical and magnetic interference caused by high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF) external to the airplane. The current airworthiness standards (14 CFR part 25) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards that address protecting this equipment from the adverse effects of HIRF. Accordingly, these instruments are considered to be a novel or unusual design feature.

Discussion

There is no specific regulation that addresses protection requirements for electrical and electronic systems from HIRF. Increased power levels from ground-based radio transmitters and the growing use of sensitive avionics/electronics and electrical systems to command and control airplanes have made it necessary to provide adequate protection.

To ensure that a level of safety is achieved equivalent to that intended by the regulations incorporated by reference, special conditions are needed for the Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes, as modified to include the new altimetry system. These special conditions will require that the new dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU) and single IS&S analog interface unit (AIU), which perform critical functions, be designed and installed to preclude component damage and interruption of function due to both the direct and indirect effects of HIRF.

High-Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF)

With the trend toward increased power levels from ground-based transmitters, plus the advent of space and satellite communications, coupled with electronic command and control of the airplane, the immunity of critical digital avionics/electronics and electrical systems to HIRF must be established.

It is not possible to precisely define the HIRF to which the airplane will be exposed in service. There is also uncertainty concerning the effectiveness of airframe shielding for HIRF. Furthermore, coupling of electromagnetic energy to cockpit-installed equipment through the cockpit window apertures is undefined. Based on surveys and analysis of existing HIRF emitters, an adequate level of protection exists when compliance with the HIRF protection special condition is shown in accordance with either paragraph 1 OR 2 below:

1. A minimum threat of 100 volts rms (root-mean-square) per meter electric field strength from 10 KHz to 18 GHz.

a. The threat must be applied to the system elements and their associated wiring harnesses without the benefit of airframe shielding.

b. Demonstration of this level of protection is established through system tests and analysis.

2. A threat external to the airframe of the field strengths indicated in the table below for the frequency ranges indicated. Both peak and average field strength components from the table below are to be demonstrated.

Frequency	Field strength (volts per meter)	
	Peak	Average
10kHz–100kHz	50	50
100kHz–500kHz	50	50
500kHz–2 MHz	50	50
2 MHz–30 MHz	100	100
30 MHz–70 MHz	50	50
70 MHz–100 MHz	50	50
100 MHz–200 MHz	100	100
200 MHz–400 MHz	100	100
400 MHz–700 MHz	700	50
700 MHz–1 GHz	700	100
1 GHz–2 GHz	2000	200
2 GHz–4 GHz	3000	200
4 GHz–6 GHz	3000	200
6 GHz–8 GHz	1000	200
8 GHz–12 GHz	3000	300
12 GHz–18 GHz	2000	200
18 GHz–40 GHz	600	200

The field strengths are expressed in terms of peak of the root-mean-square (rms) over the complete modulation period.

The threat levels identified above are the result of an FAA review of existing studies on the subject of HIRF, in light of the ongoing work of the Electromagnetic Effects Harmonization Working Group of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes modified by LJSC Ltd. to include the dual IS&S air data display units (ADDU) and a single IS&S analog interface unit (AIU). Should LJSC Ltd. apply at a later date for a supplemental type certificate to modify any other model already included on Type Certificate A10CE to incorporate the same novel or unusual design features, these special conditions would apply to that model as well under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101(a)(1).

Conclusion

This action affects only certain design features on Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes modified by LJSC Ltd. It is not a rule of general applicability and affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the airplane.

The substance of the special conditions for this airplane has been subjected to notice and comment procedure in several prior instances and has been derived without substantive change from those previously issued. Because a delay would significantly affect the certification of the airplane, which is imminent, the FAA has determined that prior public notice and comment are unnecessary and impracticable, and good cause exists for adopting these special conditions upon issuance. The FAA is requesting comments to allow interested persons to submit views that may not have been submitted in response to the prior opportunities for comment described above.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

The Special Conditions

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the supplemental type certification basis for Learjet Model 24/25 series airplanes modified by LJSC Ltd.

1. *Protection from Unwanted Effects of High-Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF).* Each electrical and electronic system that performs critical functions must be designed and installed to ensure that the operation and operational capability of these systems to perform critical functions are not adversely affected when the airplane is exposed to high-intensity radiated fields external to the airplane.

2. For the purpose of these special conditions, the following definition applies:

Critical Functions. Functions whose failure would contribute to or cause a failure condition that would prevent the continued safe flight and landing of the airplane.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 14, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. NM250; Special Conditions No. 25–233–SC]

Special Conditions: Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 Airplanes; High-Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services. These modified airplanes will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. The modification incorporates the installation of dual Innovative Solutions & Support Air Data Display Units. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the protection of these systems from the effects of high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF). These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: The effective date of these special conditions is April 18, 2003.

Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on these special conditions may be mailed in duplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Attn: Rules Docket (ANM–113), Docket No. NM250, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton Washington, 98055–4056; or delivered in duplicate to the Transport Airplane Directorate at the above address. All comments must be marked: Docket No. NM250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Dunn, FAA, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM–111, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–2799; facsimile (425) 227–1320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FAA Determination as to Need for Public Process

The FAA has determined that notice and opportunity for prior public comment is impracticable because these procedures would significantly delay certification of the airplane and thus delivery of the affected airplane. The FAA therefore finds that good cause exists for making these special conditions effective upon issuance; however the FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the special conditions, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. We ask that you send us two copies of written comments.

We will file in the docket all comments we receive, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning these special conditions. The docket is available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. If you wish to review the docket in person, go to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

We will consider all comments we receive on or before the closing date for comments. We will consider comments filed late if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. We may change these special conditions based on comments we receive.

If you want the FAA to acknowledge receipt of your comments on these special conditions, include with your comments a pre-addressed, stamped postcard on which the docket number appears. We will stamp the date on the postcard and mail it back to you.

Background

On September 25, 2002, Alternative Aviation Services, 1661 Airport Road, Waterford, MI 48327, applied for a supplemental type certificate (STC) to modify Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes approved under Type Certificate No. A2SW. The Model 1124 is a small transport category airplane powered by two Airesearch Manufacturing Company TFE–731–3–1G turbofan engines and has a maximum takeoff weight of 23,500 pounds. This airplane operates with a 2-pilot crew and can hold up to 10

passengers. The modification incorporates the installation of Innovative Solutions & Support Air Data Display Units (ADDU). The ADDU replaces the existing analog flight instrumentation and provides additional functional capability and redundancy in the system. The avionics/electronics and electrical systems installed in this airplane have the potential to be vulnerable to high-intensity radiated fields (HIRF) external to the airplane.

Type Certification Basis

Under the provisions of 14 CFR 21.101, Amendment 21–69, effective September 16, 1991, Alternative Aviation Services must show that the Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplane, as changed, continues to meet the applicable provisions of the regulations incorporated by reference in Type Certificate No. A2SW, or the applicable regulations in effect on the date of application for the change. [Subsequent changes have been made to § 21.101 as part of Amendment 21–77, but those changes do not become effective until June 10, 2003.] The regulations incorporated by reference in the type certificate are commonly referred to as the ''original type certification basis.'' The original type certification basis for the modified Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes includes 14 CFR part 25 as amended by Amendments 25–1 through 25–20, dated February 1, 1964, except for special conditions and exceptions noted in Type Certificate Data Sheet A2SW.

If the Administrator finds that the applicable airworthiness regulations (that is, part 25, as amended) do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes because of a novel or unusual design feature, special conditions are prescribed under the provisions of § 21.16.

In addition to the applicable airworthiness regulations and special conditions, the Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes must comply with the fuel vent and exhaust emission requirements of 14 CFR part 34 and the noise certification requirement of 14 CFR part 36.

Special conditions, as defined in 14 CFR 11.19, are issued in accordance with § 11.38 and become part of the type certification basis in accordance with § 21.101(b)(2), Amendment 21–69, effective September 16, 1991.

Special conditions are initially applicable to the model for which they are issued. Should Alternative Aviation Services apply at a later date for a supplemental type certificate to modify any other model included on Type Certificate No. A2SW to incorporate the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would also apply to the other model under the provisions of § 21.101(a)(1), Amendment 21–69, effective September 16, 1991.

Novel or Unusual Design Features

As noted earlier, Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services will incorporate systems comprised of dual Innovative Solutions & Support Air Data Display Units that will perform critical functions. These systems may be vulnerable to high-intensity radiated fields external to the airplane. The current airworthiness standards of part 25 do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for the protection of this equipment from the adverse effects of HIRF. Accordingly, this system is considered to be a novel or unusual design feature.

Discussion

There is no specific regulation that addresses protection requirements for electrical and electronic systems from HIRF. Increased power levels from ground-based radio transmitters and the growing use of sensitive avionics/electronics and electrical systems to command and control airplanes have made it necessary to provide adequate protection.

To ensure that a level of safety is achieved equivalent to that intended by the regulations incorporated by reference, special conditions are needed for Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services. These special conditions require that new avionics/electronics and electrical systems that perform critical functions be designed and installed to preclude component damage and interruption of function due to both the direct and indirect effects of HIRF.

High-Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF)

With the trend toward increased power levels from ground-based transmitters and the advent of space and satellite communications, coupled with electronic command and control of the airplane, the immunity of critical avionics/electronics and electrical systems to HIRF must be established.

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1. A minimum threat of 100 volts rms (root-mean-square) per meter electric field strength from 10 KHz to 18 GHz.

a. The threat must be applied to the system elements and their associated wiring harnesses without the benefit of airframe shielding.

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The threat levels identified above are the result of an FAA review of existing studies on the subject of HIRF, in light of the ongoing work of the Electromagnetic Effects Harmonization Working Group of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

Applicability

As discussed above, these special conditions are applicable to Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services. Should Alternative Aviation Services apply at a later date for a supplemental type certificate to modify any other model included on Type Certificate A2SW to incorporate the same or similar novel or unusual design feature, these special conditions would apply to that model as well

under the provisions of § 21.101(a)(1), Amendment 21–69, effective September 16, 1991.

Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services. It is not a rule of general applicability and affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the airplane.

The substance of these special conditions has been subjected to the notice and comment period in several prior instances and has been derived without substantive change from those previously issued. Because a delay would significantly affect the certification of the airplane, which is imminent, the FAA has determined that prior public notice and comment are unnecessary and impracticable, and good cause exists for adopting these special conditions upon issuance. The FAA is requesting comments to allow interested persons to submit views that may not have been submitted in response to the prior opportunities for comment described above.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 25

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701, 44702, 44704.

The Special Conditions

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the following special conditions are issued as part of the supplemental type certification basis for Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. Model 1124 airplanes modified by Alternative Aviation Services.

1. *Protection from Unwanted Effects of High-Intensity Radiated Fields (HIRF).* Each electrical and electronic system that performs critical functions must be designed and installed to ensure that the operation and operational capability of these systems to perform critical functions are not adversely affected when the airplane is exposed to high-intensity radiated fields.

2. For the purpose of these special conditions, the following definition applies:

Critical Functions: Functions whose failure would contribute to or cause a failure condition that would prevent the continued safe flight and landing of the airplane.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 18, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003–CE–01–AD; Amendment 39–13130; AD 2003–09–01]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Model PC–6 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. (Pilatus) Model PC–6 airplanes. This AD requires you to inspect and correct, as necessary, the aileron control bellcrank assemblies at the wing and fuselage locations. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Switzerland. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct increased friction in the aileron control bellcrank assemblies, which could result in failure of the aileron flight-control system. Such failure could lead to problems in controlling flight.

DATES: This AD becomes effective on June 17, 2003.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of June 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may get the service information referenced in this AD from Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., Customer Liaison Manager, CH–6371 Stans, Switzerland; telephone: +41 41 619 63 19; facsimile: +41 41 619 6224; or from Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd., Product Support Department, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021; telephone: (303) 465–9099; facsimile: (303) 465–6040. You may view this information at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003–CE–01–AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4059; facsimile: (816) 329–4090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

What events have caused this AD? The Federal Office for Civil Aviation (FOCA), which is the airworthiness authority for Switzerland, recently notified FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on all Pilatus Model PC–6 airplanes. The FOCA reports one occurrence where the pilot reported increased friction on the ailerons. Inspection revealed unwanted axial movement of the aileron bellcrank assemblies, part numbers 6132.0071.51, 6132.0071.52, and 6232.0118.00. The axial movement is caused by deterioration of the adhesive bond around the bellcrank bearings which could cause the heads of the control cable attachment bolts to catch on the adjacent structure.

Has FAA taken any action to this point? We issued a proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to certain Pilatus Model PC–6 airplanes. This proposal was published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on February 12, 2003 (68 FR 7081). The NPRM proposed to you to inspect and correct, as necessary, the aileron control bellcrank assemblies at the wing and fuselage locations.

What is the potential impact if FAA took no action? Increased friction in the aileron control bellcrank assemblies could result in failure of the aileron flight-control system. Such failure could lead to problems in controlling flight.

Was the public invited to comment? The FAA encouraged interested persons to participate in the making of this amendment. We did not receive any comments on the proposed rule or on our determination of the cost to the public.

FAA's Determination

What is FAA's final determination on this issue? We carefully reviewed all available information related to the subject presented above and determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for the changes discussed above and minor editorial questions. We have determined that these changes and minor corrections:

—Provide the intent that was proposed in the NPRM for correcting the unsafe condition; and

—Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM.

Cost Impact

How many airplanes does this AD impact? We estimate that this AD affects 32 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

What is the cost impact of this AD on owners/operators of the affected airplanes? We estimate the following costs to accomplish the inspections and modifications:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane	Total cost on U.S. operators
7 workhours × $60 per hour = $420	$300	$720	$720 × 32 = $23,040.

We have no way of estimating costs to accomplish any necessary repairs that would be required based on the results of the inspections. We have no way of determining the number of airplanes that may need such repair.

Regulatory Impact

Does this AD impact various entities? The regulations adopted herein will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Does this AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action? For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. FAA amends § 39.13 by adding a new AD to read as follows:

2003–09–01 Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.: Amendment 39–13130; Docket No. 2003–CE–01–AD.

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD affects Model PC–6 airplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN) up to and including 939, that are certificated in any category.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of the airplanes identified in paragraph (a) of this AD must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct increased friction in the aileron control bellcrank assemblies, which could result in failure of the aileron flight-control system. Such failure could lead to problems in controlling flight.

(d) *What actions must I accomplish to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following:

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect, before removal, the wing bellcrank assemblies, part numbers (P/N) 6132.0071.51 and 6132.0071.52, for installed circlips, P/N N237. (i) If circlips are installed, perform the actions required in paragraphs (d)(5) and (d)(6). (ii) If circlips are not installed, perform all actions required by paragraphs (d)(3), (d)(4), (d)(5), (d)(6), and (d)(7).	Within the next 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after June 17, 2003 (the effective date of this AD), unless already accomplished.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(2) Inspect, before removal, the fuselage bellcrank assembly, P/N 6232.0118.00, for the circlip installed on the housing to prevent axial movement of the bellcrank on its bearing and the flange of the housing to the rear. If the fuselage bellcrank assembly has either no circlip and/or is not installed as required, perform the actions in paragraphs (d)(8) and (d)(9).	Prior to further flight after the inspection required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(3) Remove the wing bellcrank assemblies, P/Ns 6132.0071.51 and 6132.0071.52, and inspect for worn or damaged bearings. Replace worn or damaged bearings.	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD, as applicable.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(4) Stake and lock the bearing in the housing of the wing bellcranks, P/Ns 6132.0071.51 and 6132.0071.52.	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD, as applicable.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(5) Inspect the wing bellcranks control-cable attachment bolts for correct type and for signs of rub damage on the heads. Replace bolts which are damaged and/or have a total length (including head) of more than 21.5 mm (0.85 in.).	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(6) Inspect the wing bellcranks support plate for signs of rub damage caused by the bolts. If damage is found:.	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(i) Obtain a repair scheme from the manufacturer through FAA at the address specified in paragraph (f) of this AD.		
(ii) Incorporate this repair scheme.		
(7) Reinstall wing bellcrank assemblies	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(8) Remove the fuselage bellcrank assembly, P/N 6232.0118.00, and inspect the housing for wear, damage, and signs of axial movement of the bearing in the housing. Replace worn or damaged bearings. If any signs of axial movement of a bearing are found:	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(i) Obtain a repair scheme from the manufacturer through FAA at the address specified in paragraph (f) of this AD.		
(ii) Incorporate this repair scheme.		
(9) Reinstall the fuselage bellcrank assembly. Ensure that the fuselage bellcrank assembly is installed so that the surface of the bellcrank with the flange of the housing is installed to the rear. The effect of this is to lock the bellcrank on the bearing tube and thus prevent movement.	Prior to further flight after the inspections required in paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2) and d)(8) of this AD.	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(10) Do not install any bellcrank assemblies, P/Ns 6132.0071.51, 6132,0071.52, and 6232.0118.00 (or FAA-approved equivalent part numbers), unless the aileron assembly has been inspected, modified, and installed.	As of June 17, 2003 (the effective date of this AD).	In accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.

Note 1: Axial movement of serviceable bearings in the housings of the wing bellcranks is permitted provided no wear or damage to the bearing is found.

Note 2: Any signs of axial movement of a bearing in the housing of the fuselage bellcrank assembly requires that you obtain a repair scheme from the manufacturer through FAA at the address specified in paragraph (f) of this AD and incorporate the repair scheme.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and

(2) The Standards Office Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, approves your alternative. Submit your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Standards Office Manager.

Note 3: This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4059; facsimile: (816) 329–4090.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *Are any service bulletins incorporated into this AD by reference?* Actions required by this AD must be done in accordance with Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. PC–6 Service Bulletin No. 27–001, dated June 5, 2002. The Director of the Federal Register approved this incorporation by reference under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. You may get copies from Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., Customer Liaison Manager, CH–6371 Stans, Switzerland; telephone: +41 41 619 63 19; facsimile: +41 41 619 6224; or from Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd., Product Support Department, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021; telephone: (303) 465–9099; facsimile: (303) 465–6040. You may view copies at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri, or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 4: The subject of this AD is addressed in Swiss AD Number HB 2002–642, dated November 15, 2002.

(i) *When does this amendment become effective?* This amendment becomes effective on June 17, 2003.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 18, 2003.

Dorenda D. Baker,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003–NM–64–AD; Amendment 39–13132; AD 2003–09–03]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB–135 and–145 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain EMBRAER Model EMB–135 and –145 series airplanes. This action requires repetitive inspections of the spring cartridges of the elevator gust lock system to determine if the lock washer projection correctly fits the slots in the cartridge flange, and corrective action if necessary. This action also provides for optional terminating action for certain airplanes. This action is necessary to prevent the elevator from jamming due to the spring cartridges unscrewing in the gust lock system, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective May 14, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of May 14, 2003.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-NM–64–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: *9-anm-iarcomment@faa.gov.* Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain ''Docket No. 2003-NM–64-AD'' in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–2125; fax (425) 227–1149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Departmento de Aviacao Civil (DAC), which is the airworthiness authority for Brazil, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain EMBRAER Model EMB–135 and –145 series airplanes. The DAC advises that there have been several cases involving the clevis unscrewing from the spring cartridge assembly of the electromechanical gust lock system on the elevator. Investigation revealed that the lock washer that prevents the clevis from becoming unscrewed did not properly fit the slots in the cartridge flange. This condition, if not corrected, could result in a jammed elevator and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The manufacturer has issued EMBRAER Service Bulletins 145LEG–27–0006 (for Model EMB–135BJ series airplanes) and 145–27–0098 (for other Model EMB–135 series airplanes and Model EMB–145 series airplanes). The service bulletins are dated December 9, 2002, and describe procedures for:

- Repetitive visual inspections of the spring cartridges of the elevator gust lock system to determine if the lock washer projection correctly fits the slots in the cartridge flange.
- Replacement of discrepant spring cartridges with new parts having the same part number.
- Optional removal of the spring cartridges on airplanes equipped with provisions for installing the gust lock system, which would eliminate the need for the repetitive inspections.

Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletins is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition. The DAC classified these service bulletins as mandatory and issued Brazilian airworthiness directive 2003–01–03, dated February 10, 2003, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Brazil.

FAA's Conclusions

These airplane models are manufactured in Brazil and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of § 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the DAC has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the DAC, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Explanation of Requirements of Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of the same type design registered in the United States, this AD is being issued to prevent the elevator from jamming due to the spring cartridges unscrewing in the gust lock system, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane. This AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletins described previously, except that the inspection report recommended in the service bulletins is not required by this AD.

Determination of Rule's Effective Date

Since a situation exists that requires the immediate adoption of this regulation, it is found that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable, and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES.** All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that

supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the AD is being requested.
- Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket Number 2003–NM–64–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2003–09–03 Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER): Amendment 39–13132. Docket 2003–NM–64–AD.

Applicability: Model EMB–135 and –145 series airplanes, certificated in any category; having spring cartridges part number KPD2611 installed in the elevator gust lock system.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously within 30 days before the effective date of this AD.

To prevent the elevator from jamming due to the spring cartridges unscrewing in the gust lock system, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane, accomplish the following:

Inspection

(a) For Model EMB–135BJ series airplanes: Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, perform a general visual inspection of each spring cartridge of the elevator gust lock system to determine if the lock washer projection correctly fits the slots in the cartridge flange, in accordance with EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145LEG–27–0006, dated December 9, 2002. Before further flight, replace any discrepant spring cartridge with a new part having the same part number, in accordance with the service bulletin. Repeat the inspection at least every 800 flight hours. Although the service bulletin recommends that operators report inspection results to EMBRAER, this AD does not require such a report.

Note 2: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is defined as: ''A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to enhance visual access to all exposed surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked.''

(b) For airplanes not identified in paragraph (a) of this AD: At the applicable time specified in paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this AD, perform a general visual inspection of each spring cartridge of the elevator gust lock system to determine if the lock washer projection correctly fits the slots in the cartridge flange, in accordance with EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145–27–0098, dated December 9, 2002. Repeat the inspection at least every 800 flight hours after the initial inspection. Although the service bulletin recommends that operators report inspection results to EMBRAER, this AD does not require such a report.

(1) For airplanes equipped with an operational electromechanical gust lock system on the elevator: Inspect within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, in accordance with PART I of the service bulletin. Before further flight, replace any discrepant spring cartridge with a new part having the same part number, in accordance with PART I of the service bulletin.

(2) For airplanes that are not equipped with an operational electromechanical gust lock system on the elevator, but that are equipped with provisions for the system: Inspect within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, in accordance with PART II of the service bulletin. Before further flight, replace any discrepant spring cartridge with a new part having the same part number, in accordance with PART II of the service bulletin. Alternatively, removal of the spring cartridges terminates the repetitive inspection requirement of this AD during the time the cartridges are removed.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be

obtained from the International Branch, ANM–116.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference

(e) The actions shall be done in accordance with EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145–27–0098, dated December 9, 2002; or EMBRAER Service Bulletin 145LEG–27–0006, dated December 9, 2002; as applicable. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 4: The subject of this AD is addressed in Brazilian airworthiness directive 2003–01–03, dated February 10, 2003.

Effective Date

(f) This amendment becomes effective on May 14, 2003.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 21, 2003.

Michael J. Kaszycki,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003–NM–54–AD; Amendment 39–13133; AD 2003–09–04]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Bombardier Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet series 100 & 440) airplanes. This action requires revising the airworthiness limitations section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by incorporating new structural inspection intervals for the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513; repair if necessary; and submission of inspection findings to the airplane manufacturer. This action is necessary to detect and correct in a timely manner fatigue cracks of the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513, which could result in failure of the pressure floor skin and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane during flight. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective May 14, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of May 14, 2003.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003–NM–54–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: *9-anm-iarcomment@faa.gov.* Comments sent via the Internet must contain ''Docket No. 2003–NM–54–AD'' in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via fax or the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Bombardier, Inc., Canadair, Aerospace Group, P.O. Box 6087, Station Centre-ville, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3G9, Canada. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Parrillo, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Flight Test Branch, ANE–172, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York 11581; telephone (516) 256–7505; fax (516) 568–2716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the airworthiness authority for Canada, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain Bombardier Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet series 100 & 440) airplanes. TCCA advises that fatigue cracks were found on the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513. This condition, if not corrected, could result in failure of the pressure floor skin and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane during flight.

Explanation of Canadian Airworthiness Directive and Relevant Service Information

TCCA issued Canadian airworthiness directive CF–2002–39, effective October 25, 2002, in order to assure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Canada. The Canadian airworthiness directive requires revising the Transport Canada-approved maintenance schedule by incorporating the revised inspection requirements for airworthiness limitations (AWL) as introduced in Canadair Temporary Revision (TR) 2B–1230, Canadair Regional Jet Maintenance Requirements Manual, Part 2, Appendix B, ''Airworthiness Limitations,'' approved on July 26, 2002, by TCCA. The TR describes new structural inspection intervals for the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513. The Canadian airworthiness directive also requires repair of any crack per the airplane manufacturer and submission of inspection findings to the airplane manufacturer. Accomplishment of these actions is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition.

FAA's Conclusions

This airplane model is manufactured in Canada and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of § 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, TCCA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of TCCA, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Explanation of Requirements of Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other airplanes of the same

type design registered in the United States, this AD is being issued to detect and correct in a timely manner fatigue cracks of the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513, which could result in failure of the pressure floor skin and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane during flight. This AD requires revising the AWL section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by incorporating new structural inspection intervals for the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513; repair if necessary; and submission of inspection findings to the airplane manufacturer. The AWL revision is required to be accomplished per the TR described previously.

Differences Between the AD and Canadian Airworthiness Directive

Operators should note that, although the Canadian airworthiness directive requires that TCCA be contacted only for disposition of the repair conditions, this AD would require the repair of those conditions to be accomplished per a method approved by either the FAA, or TCAA (or its delegated agent). In light of the type of repair that will be required to address the identified unsafe condition, and in consonance with existing bilateral airworthiness agreements, the FAA has determined that, for this AD, a repair approved by either the FAA or TCAA will be acceptable for compliance with this AD.

Determination of Rule's Effective Date

Since a situation exists that requires the immediate adoption of this regulation, it is found that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable, and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES.** All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the AD is being requested.
- Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket Number 2003–NM–54–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and that it is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2003–09–04 Bombardier, Inc. (formerly Canadair): Amendment 39–13133. Docket 2003–NM–54–AD.

Applicability: Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet series 100 & 440) airplanes, serial numbers 7003 through 7999 inclusive; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD requires revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new inspections. Compliance with these inspections is required by 14 CFR Part 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by these inspections, the operator may not be able to accomplish the inspections described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR part 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include a description of changes to the required inspections that will ensure the continued damage tolerance of the affected structure. The FAA has provided guidance for this determination in Advisory Circular (AC) 25–1529.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect and correct in a timely manner fatigue cracks of the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513, which could result in failure of the pressure floor skin and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane during flight, accomplish the following:

Revise Airworthiness Limitations (AWL) Section

(a) Within 14 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the AWL section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by inserting a copy of Canadair Temporary Revision 2B–1230, Canadair Regional Jet Maintenance Requirements Manual, Part 2, Appendix B, ''Airworthiness Limitations,'' approved on July 26, 2002, by TCCA, into the AWL section. Thereafter, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this AD, no alternative

structural inspection intervals may be approved for the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513.

Repair and Revise AWL section

(b) If any crack is found during any inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, before further flight, do the actions specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD.

(1) Repair per a method approved by either the Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA; or Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) (or its delegated agent).

(2) Revise the AWL section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness by inserting a copy of the new airworthiness limitation and inspection requirements associated with the FAA- or TCCA-approved repair referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this AD into the Canadair Regional Jet Maintenance Requirements Manual, Part 2, Appendix B, ''Airworthiness Limitations'' section. Thereafter, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this AD, no alternative structural inspection intervals specified in the TCCA-approved repair may be approved for the pressure floor skin of the center fuselage at fuselage stations 460 and 513.

Reporting

(c) Within 30 days after each inspection required by this AD, submit a report of the inspection results (both positive and negative findings) to Bombardier, Inc., Canadair, Aerospace Group, P.O. Box 6087, Station Centre-ville, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3G9, Canada; telephone (514) 855–5001, extension 58500; fax (514) 855–8501. Information collection requirements contained in this AD have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and have been assigned OMB Control Number 2120–0056.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, New York ACO, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, New York ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the New York ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference

(f) Unless otherwise specified in this AD, the AWL revision shall be done in accordance with Canadair Temporary Revision 2B–1230, Canadair Regional Jet Maintenance Requirements Manual, Part 2, Appendix B, ''Airworthiness Limitations,'' approved on July 26, 2002, by TCCA (The approval date of this document is indicated only on page 2 of 2). This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Bombardier, Inc., Canadair, Aerospace Group, P.O. Box 6087, Station Centre-ville, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3G9, Canada. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or the FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office, 10 Fifth Street, Third Floor, Valley Stream, New York; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Canadian airworthiness directive CF–2002–39, effective date October 25, 2002.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on May 14, 2003.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 21, 2003.

Michael J. Kaszycki,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NE–15–AD; Amendment 39–13131; AD 2003–09–02]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW4000 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), that is applicable to certain serial number (SN) Pratt and Whitney (PW) models PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A turbofan engines. This amendment requires operators to initially and repetitively borescope-inspect 14th and 15th stage rubstrips located on the 13th and 14th stage stator set for wear. This amendment is prompted by reports of high pressure compressor (HPC) surges during the takeoff phase of flight that have been attributed to increased stage 14 and stage 15 HPC blade tip clearances caused by excessive wear on the HPC inner rear case rear hook. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent engine power loss during takeoff due to HPC surge.

DATES: Effective June 3, 2003. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of June 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Pratt & Whitney, 400 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108, telephone (860) 565–6600; fax (860) 656–4503. This information may be examined, by appointment, at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Lardie, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7189; fax (781) 238–7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that is applicable to certain SN PW models PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A turbofan engines was published in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2002 (67 FR 59215). That action proposed to require operators to initially and repetitively borescope-inspect 14th and 15th stage rubstrips located on the 13th and 14th stage stator set for wear in accordance with Pratt & Whitney Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) PW4G–100–A72–170, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2002. That action also proposed that installation of an HPC inner rear case assembly in accordance with Pratt & Whitney service bulletin (SB) No. PW4G–100–72–159, Revision 1, dated July 12, 2000, be terminating action for the repetitive borescope inspections of this AD.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the comments received.

Terminating Action Too Specifically Tied to SB

One commenter states that the proposed terminating action to modify or repair the HPC inner rear case hook recognizes only one method of compliance, which is in accordance with PW SB PW4G–100–72–159. The commenter requests the addition of Chromalloy Florida Repair Procedure

00–CFL–039–0 as an approved method to repair the HPC inner rear case.

The FAA agrees. Therefore, the terminating action of the final rule includes both PW SB PW4G–100–72–159 and Chromalloy Florida Repair Procedure 00–CFL–039–0, as approved methods to modify or replace the HPC inner rear case.

Include HPC Inner Rear Case Assembly P/N 58H559–01

One commenter suggests including HPC inner rear case assembly P/N 58H559–01 as an installation option to installing HPC inner rear case assembly P/N 58H026–01, because P/N 58H559–01 also introduces the rear hook made from Haynes 242 material, as specified in PW SB No. PW4G–100–72–187.

The FAA agrees. Therefore, SB PW4G–100–72–187, which incorporates an HPC inner rear case assembly with an improved durability rear hook, is added as an additional method for terminating action for the repetitive borescope inspections of this AD.

Allow for Engines Already Inspected

The same commenter suggests that another category be added to Table 1 that makes allowances for engines already inspected per ASB PW4G–100–A72–170 before the effective date of this AD. The proposal as-written has no condition stated for engines already inspected per ASB PW4G–100–A72–170.

The FAA agrees. However, instead of modifying Table 1, a paragraph has been added to the final rule that states that engines borescope-inspected before the effective date of this AD, in accordance with PW ASB PW4G–100–A72–170, Revision 1, dated November 21, 2001, or Revision 2, dated June 24, 2002, must perform actions in accordance with the wear limits and disposition instructions of this AD.

Change Replacement Wording and Supply Definition Paragraph

The same commenter suggests that the last phrase in paragraph (c)(2) be changed from requiring the replacement of the engine with an engine not affected by this AD, to requiring the replacement of the engine with a ''non-worn'' engine. The commenter also suggests supplying a definition for the term ''non-worn'' engine. The commenter's reason for this suggestion is that he believes that engines that do not exhibit wear should be acceptable replacements, rather than mandating as acceptable replacements only engines that have incorporated the new material hooks.

The FAA partially agrees. The risk analysis assumes that all engines containing HPC inner rear case rear hooks made from Greek Ascoloy would be inspected at least every 600 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the effective date of this AD. The intent of the AD is to remove engines showing wear of the HPC inner rear case rear hook before a surge event is caused. Therefore, paragraph (c) is rewritten to require the replacement of ''engines with HPC inner rear case hook wear beyond limits'' with ''a serviceable engine''. A definition of serviceable engine has also been added.

Delete Paragraphs for Borescope Inspections of Uninstalled Engines

The same commenter suggests deleting the paragraphs for borescope inspections of uninstalled engines, because the wear limits are already covered previously in the compliance section.

The FAA agrees. The risk analysis treats uninstalled and installed engines equally by using an average utilization rate. These paragraphs as originally proposed may result in misinterpretation. Therefore, these paragraphs are deleted from the final rule.

ASB PW4G–100–A72–170 Revised

Although the proposal incorporated the Accomplishment Instructions of ASB PW4G–100–A72–170, Revision 2, dated June 24, 2002, by reference, this final rule incorporates the Accomplishment Instructions of ASB PW4G–100–A72–170, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003 by reference. Revision 3 of ASB PW4G–100–A72–170 includes changes for clarification purposes and does not affect the original intent of the ASB. These changes include treating installed and uninstalled engines alike as discussed in the preceding comments, adding P/N 58H559–01 to the new material list, and simplifying Table 1.

Move Applicability Information

For clarification, the FAA has deleted paragraph (a) as it appeared in the proposal and has expanded the Applicability paragraph in the final rule to state that this AD is applicable to PW models PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A turbofan engines, serial numbers P733301 through P733500 that have HPC inner case assembly P/N 53H272–01 which incorporates an HPC inner case rear hook susceptible to excessive wear.

Change to Table 1

Table 1 has been simplified to eliminate redundant and potentially confusing information. The compliance categories for ''engines with between 900 and 1,500 CSN or CSR'' and ''engines with over 1,500 CSN or CSR'' have been combined.

Tables 2 and 3 added

Tables 2 and 3 have been added to clarify the repetitive borescope inspection and removal schedules as outlined in ASB PW4G–100–A72–170. This information was referenced previously and does not constitute additional compliance requirements.

After careful review of the available data, including the comments noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule with the changes described previously. The FAA has determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

Economic Analysis

There are approximately 90 Pratt & Whitney models PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A turbofan engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 21 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this AD. The FAA also estimates that it would take approximately 3 work hours per engine to perform the inspection, and that the average labor rate is $60 per work hour. Assuming an average accumulation of 100 cycles-in-service per month per engine, the FAA estimates an average of two borescope inspections be required per engine per year. Parts cost is not included in this analysis, as this AD requires inspection. Based on these figures, the total cost of the AD to U.S. operators is estimated to be $7,560.

Regulatory Analysis

This final rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order 13132, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a

substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

2003–09–02 Pratt & Whitney: Amendment 39–13131. Docket No. 2002–NE–15–AD.

Applicability

This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to Pratt and Whitney (PW) models PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A turbofan engines, serial numbers P733301 through P733500, that have HPC inner case assembly part number (P/N) 53H272–01 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to Airbus Industrie A330 airplanes.

Note 1: This AD applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (g) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance

Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

To prevent engine power loss during takeoff due to high pressure compressor (HPC) surge, do the following:

(a) Borescope-inspect in accordance with paragraphs 1.A. through 1.I of the Accomplishment Instructions, Borescope Inspection of Pratt & Whitney (PW) Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) PW4G–100–A72–170, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003, using schedules in the following Table 1:

TABLE 1.—INSTALLED-ENGINE INITIAL BORESCOPE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Accumulated engine cycles on the effective date of this AD:	Initial borescope-inspect 14th and 15th stage rubstrips:
(1) Fewer than 900 cycles-since-new (CSN) or cycles-since-refurbishment (CSR) of the HPC inner rear case assembly.	Before accumulating 1,500 CSN or CSR, whichever occurs later.
(2) 900 or more CSN or CSR	Within 600 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the effective date of this AD.

(b) Perform the applicable action as specified in the following Table 2:

TABLE 2.—BORESCOPE INSPECTION RESULTS AND REQUIRED ACTION

Results observed at last borescope inspection:	Action:
(1) 14th stage rubstrip shows wear through to the parent material of the stator, with the circumferential length of the wear being 1.0″ or more.	Remove engine from service within 250 CIS.
(2) 15th stage rubstrip shows wear through to the parent material of the stator, with the circumferential length of the wear being 2.0″ or more.	Remove engine from service within 250 CIS.
(3) 14th stage rubstrip shows wear through to the parent material of the stator, with the circumferential length of the wear being less than 1.0″.	Reinspect every 300 CIS.
(4) 15th stage rubstrip shows wear through to the parent material of the stator, with the circumferential length of the wear being less than 2.0″.	Reinspect every 300 CIS.
(5) Both 14th and 15th stage rubstrips show no wear through to the parent material of the stator.	Reinspect every 600 CIS.

Airplanes With Two Affected Engines Installed

(c) For airplanes with two affected engines installed, perform the actions as specified in following Table 3:

TABLE 3.—BORESCOPE INSPECTION RESULTS AND REQUIRED ACTIONS FOR TWO AFFECTED ENGINES

First engine borescope results:	Second engine borescope schedule:	Second engine borescope results:	Action:
(1) Wear as specified in Table 2, Steps (1) through (4).	Within 10 CIS since borescope inspection of first engine.	Wear as specified in Table 2, Steps (1) through (4).	Remove either the first or second engine from service within 25 CIS since borescope inspection of the second engine and replace with a serviceable engine. Remove or re-inspect in accordance with Table 2 for remaining engine and if still applicable perform actions as specified in paragraph (c).

TABLE 3.—BORESCOPE INSPECTION RESULTS AND REQUIRED ACTIONS FOR TWO AFFECTED ENGINES—Continued

First engine borescope results:	Second engine borescope schedule:	Second engine borescope results:	Action:
(2) Wear as specified in Table 2, Steps (1) through (4).	Within 10 CIS since borescope inspection of first engine.	Wear as specified in Table 2, Step (5).	For both engines, remove or re-inspect in accordance with Table 2 and, if still applicable, perform actions as specified in paragraph (c).
(3) Wear as specified in Table 2, Step (5).	Inspect as specified in Table 1.	Wear as specified in Table 2.	For both engines, remove or inspect in accordance with Table 2 and, if still applicable, perform actions as specified in paragraph (c).

Definition of Serviceable Engine

(d) For the purposes of this AD, a serviceable engine is:

(1) An engine that incorporates an HPC with zero CSN; or

(2) An engine covered by the Terminating Action in accordance with paragraph (f) of this AD; or

(3) An engine inspected as specified in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this AD, and is following the 600 CIS re-inspection interval as specified in Table 2 of this AD.

Engines Borescope-Inspected Before the Effective Date of This AD

(e) Engines borescope-inspected before the effective date of this AD in accordance with PW ASB PW4G–100-A72–170, Revision 1,or Revision 2, must follow the requirements of paragraphs (a) through (c) of this AD, after the effective date of this AD.

Terminating Action

(f) Replacement of HPC inner rear case assembly with an HPC inner rear case assembly containing a Haynes 242 rear hook, including assemblies modified or replaced by PW SB No. PW4G–100–72–159, PW SB No. PW4G–100–72–187, or Chromalloy Repair Procedure 00-CFL–039–0, constitutes terminating action for the repetitive engine borescope inspections of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(g) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office (ECO). Operators must submit their request through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ECO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the ECO.

Special Flight Permits

(h) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be done.

Documents That Have Been Incorporated by Reference

(i) The inspections must be done in accordance with Pratt & Whitney alert service bulletin PW4G–100-A72–170, Revision 3, dated January 31, 2003. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Pratt & Whitney, 400 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108, telephone (860) 565–6600; fax (860) 656–4503. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(j) This amendment becomes effective on June 3, 2003.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 21, 2003.

Robert Guyotte,

Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NE–35–AD; Amendment 39–13135; AD 2003–09–06]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6–50 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), that is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF6–50 series turbofan engines. This amendment requires removal from service of eight serial number (SN) low-pressure turbine (LPT) stage 1 disks, part number (P/N) 9061M21P03, at the next engine shop visit. This amendment is prompted by a report of the potential for iron-rich inclusions introduced during manufacture in the affected disks. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent LPT stage 1 disk cracking, due to iron-rich inclusions introduced during manufacture, leading to uncontained disk failure.

DATES: Effective June 3, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Curtis, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone: (781) 238–7192; fax: (781) 238–7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) CF6–50 series turbofan engines was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2002 (67 FR 79007). That action proposed to require removal from service of eight SN LPT stage 1 disks, P/N 9061M21P03, at the next engine shop visit.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public. The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Economic Analysis

There are approximately 2,101 CF6–50 series turbofan engines of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that no more than eight of the 469 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 32 work hours per engine to perform the required actions, and that the average labor rate is $60 per work hour. Required parts will cost approximately $75,490 per engine. Based on these figures, the total cost of the AD to eight U.S. operators is estimated to be $619,280.

Regulatory Analysis

This final rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order 13132, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and

the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

■ Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

2003–09–06 General Electric Company: Amendment 39–13135. Docket No. 2002–NE–35–AD.

Applicability: This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to General Electric Company CF6–50 series turbofan engines with low pressure turbine (LPT) stage 1 disks, part number (P/N) 9061M21P03, serial numbers (SNs) SNL17693, SNL17694, SNL44200, SNL47624, SNL47625, SNL47626, SNL47627, and SNL47628 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to Airbus Industrie A300, Boeing 747, and McDonnell Douglas DC–10 airplanes.

Note 1: This AD applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

To prevent LPT stage 1 disk cracking due to the potential for iron-rich inclusions introduced during manufacture, leading to uncontained disk failure, do the following:

(a) Remove from service LPT stage 1 disks P/N 9061M21P03, SNs SNL17693, SNL17694, SNL44200, SNL47624, SNL47625, SNL47626, SNL47627, and SNL47628 at the next engine shop visit.

(b) After the effective date of this AD, do not install any of the LPT stage 1 disks listed in paragraph (a) of this AD into any engine.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office (ECO). Operators must submit their request through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ECO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the ECO.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be done.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on June 3, 2003.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 22, 2003.

Robert E. Guyotte,

Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2003–14346; Airspace Docket No. 2003–ANE–101]

Amendment to Class E Airspace; Presque Isle, ME

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This notice confirms the effective date of a direct final rule revising the Class E airspace area at the Northern Maine Regional Airport in Presque Isle, Maine (KPQI), to eliminate reference to the new closed Rogers Airport.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The direct final published at 68 FR 10654 is effective 0901 UTC, May 15, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David T. Bayley, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, ANE–520, Federal Aviation Administration, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone: (781) 238–7552; fax (781) 238–7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA published this direct final rule with a request for comments in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 44, FR 10654). The FAA uses the direct final rulemaking procedure for a non-controversial rule where the FAA believes that there will be no adverse public comment. This direct final rule advised the public that no adverse comments were anticipated, and that unless a written adverse comment, or a written notice of intent to submit such an adverse comment, were received within the comment period, the regulation would become effective on May 15, 2003. No adverse comments were received, and thus this notice confirms that this direct final rule will become effective on that date.

Issued in Burlington, MA, on April 16, 2003.

William C. Yuknewicz,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, New England Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 522

Implantation or Injectable Dosage Form New Animal Drugs; Butorphanol Tartrate Injection

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the animal drug regulations to reflect approval of an abbreviated new animal drug application (ANADA) filed by Phoenix Scientific, Inc. The ANADA provides for the use of a butorphanol

tartrate injectable solution for the relief of pain in horses.

DATES: This rule is effective April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lonnie W. Luther, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV–104), Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301–827–8549, e-mail: *lluther@cvm.fda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Phoenix Scientific, Inc., 3915 South 48th Street Ter., St. Joseph, MO 64503, filed ANADA 200–322 that provides for the use of Butorphanol Tartrate Injection for the relief of pain associated with colic and postpartum pain in adult and yearling horses. Phoenix Scientific's Butorphanol Tartrate Injection is approved as a generic copy of Fort Dodge Animal Health's TORBUGESIC approved under NADA 135–780. The ANADA is approved as of January 22, 2003, and the regulations are amended in 21 CFR 522.246 to reflect the approval. The basis of approval is discussed in the freedom of information summary.

In accordance with the freedom of information provisions of 21 CFR part 20 and 21 CFR 514.11(e)(2)(ii), a summary of safety and effectiveness data and information submitted to support approval of this application may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.33(a)(1) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

This rule does not meet the definition of ''rule'' in 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(A) because it is a rule of ''particular applicability.'' Therefore, it is not subject to the congressional review requirements in 5 U.S.C. 801–808.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 522

Animal drugs.

■ Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Center for Veterinary Medicine, 21 CFR part 522 is amended as follows:

PART 522—IMPLANTATION OR INJECTABLE DOSAGE FORM NEW ANIMAL DRUGS

■ 1. The authority citation for 21 CFR part 522 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 360b.

§ 522.246 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 522.246 *Butorphanol tartrate injection* is amended in paragraph (b)(1) by removing ''No. 057926'' and by adding in its place ''Nos. 057926 and 059130''.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Stephen F. Sundlof,

Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 31 and 301

[TD 9055]

RIN 1545–BA18

Receipt of Multiple Notices With Respect to Incorrect Taxpayer Identification Numbers

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains final regulations relating to backup withholding. These regulations clarify the method of determining whether the payor has received two notices that a payee's taxpayer identification number (TIN) is incorrect. If a payor receives two or more such notices with respect to the same account during a three-year period, the payor must begin backup withholding unless the payee provides verification of its correct TIN pursuant to the regulations. This document also contains regulations which clarify when an information return filer must solicit a payee's TIN following the receipt of a penalty notice.

DATES: These regulations are effective January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy L. Rose at (202) 622–4910 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This document contains amendments to the Employment Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 31) under section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), and to the Procedure and Administration Regulations (26 CFR part 301) under section 6724 of the Code. These regulations finalize proposed amendments to existing §§ 31.3406(d)–5(d)(2)(ii) and (g)(4), and 301.6724–1(f)(2), (f)(3), (f)(5) and (k). These regulations also revise existing § 301.6724(f)(1) and (g)(1) to remove obsolete cross-references. A notice of proposed rulemaking (REG–116644–01) was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 44579) on July 3, 2002. The IRS received written comments responding to the notice of proposed rulemaking, but no commentators requested the opportunity to present oral comments at a public hearing. A notice cancelling the public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2002, was published on October 17, 2002 (67 FR 64067).

Explanation of Provisions and Summary of Comments

Section 3406

Section 3406 imposes a requirement to backup withhold on any reportable payment if the Secretary notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect. After receiving a notice of incorrect TIN, the payor must backup withhold on reportable payments until the payee furnishes another TIN. However, if the payor receives two notices with respect to the same account within a three-year period, the payor must backup withhold on reportable payments until the payor receives a verification of the payee's TIN from the Social Security Administration or the IRS.

The regulations under section 3406 set forth detailed procedures for payors to follow after receipt of a notice of incorrect TIN from the IRS. When the first such notice is received by the payor, the payor must send a notice (commonly referred to as a ''B'' notice) to the payee stating that the payee will be subject to backup withholding if the payee does not furnish a certified TIN. If a second notice of incorrect TIN is received by a payor with respect to the payee's account within a three-year period, the payor must send a second ''B'' notice to the payee stating that the payee will be subject to backup withholding unless the payor receives verification of the payee's TIN from the Social Security Administration or IRS.

If the payor receives two or more notices of incorrect TIN with respect to a payee's account within the same calendar year, the regulations provide that the multiple notices may be treated as one notice for purposes of sending out a first ''B'' notice, and must be treated as one notice for purposes of sending out a second B notice. However,

in some cases, a payor may receive multiple notices of incorrect TIN in different calendar years which relate to the same payee's account for the same year. This may occur where a payor files different types of information returns with respect to the same payee, such as a Form 1099-B (gross proceeds reported by brokers) and a Form 1099-DIV (payment of dividends). Typically these information returns all contain the same TIN, following information contained in the payor's records. Variations in the processing of such returns by the IRS may result in the issuance of incorrect TIN notices at different times.

The amendments to the regulations provide that two or more notices of incorrect TIN relating to the same payee and the same year, but which are received in different calendar years, count as one notice. Accordingly, a payor who sends a first ''B'' notice to the payee after receipt of the first notice of incorrect TIN would not be required to send a second ''B'' notice after receipt of the second notice of incorrect TIN if the second notice relates to an information return filed for the same year as the first notice.

Section 6724

Section 6724 provides for a waiver of information reporting penalties under sections 6721 through 6723 where the failure giving rise to such penalties was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect. Under § 301.6724–1(a) of the regulations, in order to prove reasonable cause for a failure, the filer must establish either that there are significant mitigating factors with respect to the failure or that the failure arose from events beyond the filer's control. In addition, the filer must have acted in a responsible manner both before and after the failure.

Section 301.6724–1(c)(1)(v) of the regulations provides that certain actions of the payee or another person providing necessary information with respect to the return may be an event beyond the filer's control. Thus, a payee's furnishing of an incorrect TIN to a payor may be an event beyond the payor's control.

As provided in § 301.6724–1(a), the payor must also act in a responsible manner with respect to the failure. That section sets forth special rules for acting in a responsible manner with respect to incorrect TINs. The filer is required to make an initial solicitation for the payee's correct TIN at the time the account is opened, and up to two annual solicitations following receipt of penalty notices.

If a filer receives a penalty notice with respect to an incorrect payee TIN and a notice of incorrect TIN under section 3406(a)(1)(B) during the same calendar year for the same payee, the filer will satisfy the section 6724 annual solicitation requirements by sending the required ''B'' notice. The filer does not have to make another solicitation pursuant to section 6724.

The amendments to the regulations address the situation where a filer receives a section 3406(a)(1)(B) notice with respect to a payee in one year, and the following year receives a penalty notice with respect to the same payee and the same year as the section 3406(a)(1)(B) notice. The amendments provide that the filer is not required to make an annual solicitation for the payee's TIN pursuant to section 6724 in this situation, provided the filer has sent the required B notice.

The written comments received expressed the view that the proposed regulations clarified the backup withholding rules and reduced the regulatory burden associated with backup withholding. No revisions to the proposed amendments were suggested by commentators.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and, because the regulation does not impose a collection of information of small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

26 CFR Part 31

Employment taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Railroad retirement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social security, Unemployment compensation.

26 CFR Part 301

Employment taxes, Estate taxes, Excise taxes, Gift taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations

■ Accordingly, 26 CFR parts 31 and 301 are amended as follows:

PART 31—EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX AT SOURCE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 31 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

■ 2. Section 31.3406(d)–5 is amended by revising paragraphs (d)(2)(ii) and (g)(4) to read as follows:

§ 31.3406(d)–5 Backup withholding when the Service or a broker notifies the payor to withhold because the payee's taxpayer identification number is incorrect.

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(d) * * *

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(ii) *Two or more notices for an account for the same year or received in the same year.* A payor who receives, under the same payor taxpayer identification number, two or more notices under paragraph (c)(1) or (2) of this section with respect to the same payee's account for the same year, or in the same calendar year, need only send one notice to the payee under this section.

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(g) * * *

(4) *Receipt of two notices for the same year or in the same calendar year.* A payor who receives, under the same payor taxpayer identification number, two or more notices under paragraph (c)(1) or (2) of this section with respect to the same payee's account for the same year, or in the same calendar year, must treat such notices as one notice for purposes of this paragraph (g).

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PART 301—PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

■ 3. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

■ 4. Section 301.6724–1 is amended as follows:

■ 1. Amending paragraph (f)(1)(ii), fourth sentence, by removing ''(n)'' after ''section 6721''.

■ 2. Revising paragraphs (f)(2) and (f)(3).

■ 3. Amending paragraph (f)(5)(vi), last sentence, by removing the language ''paragraph (f)(2)'' and adding ''paragraph (f)(3)'' in its place.

■ 4. Amending paragraph (g)(1) by removing the language ''as provided under section 6724(c)(1)''.

■ 5. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 3*(ii), second sentence, by removing the language ''§ 35a.3406–1(c)(1) of this paragraph'' and adding ''§ 31.3406(d)–5(d)(2)(i) of this chapter'' in its place; and by removing the language ''(f)(2)'' and adding ''(f)(3)'' in its place.

■ 6. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 3*(ii), fifth sentence, by removing the language ''§ 301.6721–1T'' and adding ''§ 301.6721–1'' in its place.

■ 7. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 3*(iii), fifth sentence, by removing the language ''§ 35a.3406–1(c)(1)'' and adding ''§ 31.3406(d)–5(d)(2)(i)'' in its place.

■ 8. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 3*(iii), last sentence, by removing the language ''§ 301.6721–1T'' and adding ''§ 301.6721–1'' in its place.

■ 9. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 5*, final sentence, by removing the language ''§ 301.6721–1T'' and adding ''§ 301.6721–1'' in its place.

■ 10. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 6*(ii), sixth sentence, by removing the language ''(f)(3)'' and adding the language ''(f)(2)'' in its place.

■ 11. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 7*(ii), fourth sentence, by removing the language ''(f)(2)'' and adding ''(f)(3)'' in its place; and by removing the language ''§ 35a.3406–1(c)(1)'' and adding ''§ 31.3406(d)-5(g)(1)(ii)'' in its place.

■ 12. Amending paragraph (k), *Example 7*(ii), fifth sentence, by removing the language ''§ 35a.3406–1(c)(1)'' and adding ''§ 31.3406(d)-5(g)(1)(ii)'' in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 301.6724–1 Reasonable cause.

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(f) * * *

(2) *Manner of making annual solicitation if notified pursuant to section 6721.* A filer that has been notified of an incorrect TIN by a penalty notice or other notification pursuant to section 6721 may satisfy the solicitation requirement of this paragraph (f) either by mail, in the manner set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section; by telephone, in the manner set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(ii) of this section; or by requesting the TIN in person.

(3) *Coordination with solicitations under section 3406(a)(1)(b).* (i) A filer that has been notified of an incorrect TIN pursuant to section 3406(a)(1)(B) (except filers to which § 31.3406(d)-5(b)(4)(i)(A) of this chapter applies) will satisfy the solicitation requirement of this paragraph (f) only if it makes a solicitation in the manner and within the time period required under § 31.3406(d)-5(d)(2)(i) or (g)(1)(ii) of this chapter, whichever applies.

(ii) A filer that has been notified of an incorrect TIN by a notice pursuant to section 6721 (except filers to which § 31.3406(d)-5(b)(4)(i)(A) of this chapter applies) is not required to make the annual solicitation of this paragraph (f) if—

(A) The filer has received an effective notice pursuant to section 3406(a)(1)(B) with respect to the same payee, either during the same calendar year or for information returns filed for the same year; and

(B) The filer makes a solicitation in the manner and within the time period required under § 31.3406(d)-5(d)(2)(i) or (g)(1)(ii) of this chapter, whichever applies, before the filer is required to make the annual solicitation of this paragraph (f).

(iii) A filer that has been notified of an incorrect TIN by a notice pursuant to section 6721 with respect to a fiduciary or nominee account to which § 31.3406(d)-5(b)(4)(i)(A) of this chapter applies is required to make the annual solicitation of this paragraph (f).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 301 and 602

[TD 9054]

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Disclosure of Returns and Return Information to Designee of Taxpayer

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final regulation and removal of temporary regulation.

SUMMARY: This final regulation relates to the disclosure of returns and return information to a designee of the taxpayer. The regulation provides guidance to IRS employees responsible for disclosing returns and return information and to taxpayers who wish to designate a person or persons to whom returns and return information may be disclosed.

DATES: Effective Date: This regulation is effective April 29, 2003.

Applicability Date: For dates of applicability, *see* § 301.6103(c)–1(f).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collections of information contained in this final regulation have been reviewed and, pending receipt and evaluation of public comments, approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)) under control number 1545–1816.

The collections of information relating to requests for or consents to disclosure of returns and return information are in § 301.6103(c)-1(b), (c) and (d). Information provided in a request or consent under paragraph (b) is required by the IRS to identify the return or return information described in the request or consent; to search for and, where found, compile such return or return information; and to identify the person to whom any such return or return information is to be provided. Information provided in a request under paragraph (c) is required by the IRS to determine the nature and extent of the information or assistance requested by the taxpayer; to determine any return or return information to be disclosed to a third party in order to comply with the taxpayer's request; and to search for and, where found, to compile any such return or return information. Information provided in a request under paragraph (c)(2) is also required by the IRS to confirm the identity of the taxpayer and the designee. Information provided in a consent under paragraph (d)(1) is required by the IRS to make certain disclosures to an electronic return transmitter or other third party in connection with the taxpayer's electronic filing of returns or other documents or information, such as disclosures to a transmitter of the IRS's receipt of a taxpayer's return and its acceptance or rejection by the IRS. The collections of information in this regulation are not mandatory, but are required if the IRS is to make disclosures to designees under the regulation. The likely respondents are individuals and households; farms, businesses, and other for-profit institutions; nonprofit institutions; and small businesses and organizations.

Comments on the collections of information should be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies to the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: IRS Reports

Clearance Officer, W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, Washington DC 20224. Comments on the collections of information should be received by June 30, 2003.

Comments on the collections of information are specifically requested concerning the following:

(a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the IRS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the estimated burden associated with the collections of information (see below);

(c) How the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected may be enhanced;

(d) How the burden of complying with the collections of information may be minimized, including through the application of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of service to provide information.

Portions of the burden for the reporting requirements contained in paragraph (b) will be reflected in IRS Forms 4506, 6847, and 8821, and in the United States Department of Education form entitled ''William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Income Contingent Repayment Plan Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information.'' A portion of the burden for the reporting requirement contained in paragraph (c)(1) will be reflected in the return of the taxpayer. The burden for the reporting requirement contained in paragraph (d)(1) will be reflected in IRS Forms 8453 and 8879 and the income tax return of the taxpayer.

Estimated total annual reporting burden under § 301.6103(c)–1(b) for consents not using forms disclosed above: 800 hours.

Estimated annual burden per respondent: 0.2 hours (12 minutes).

Estimated number of respondents: 4,000.

Estimated annual frequency of responses: On occasion.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Background

On January 11, 2001, a temporary regulation (TD 8935) and a cross-referenced notice of proposed rulemaking (REG–103320–00) under section 6103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) were published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 2261).

No written comments were received on the proposed regulation. In this Treasury decision, the regulation proposed by REG–103320–00 is adopted as revised in six minor respects.

Explanation of Provisions

Under section 6103(a), returns and return information are confidential unless disclosure is otherwise authorized by the Code. Section 6103(c), as amended in 1996 by section 1207 of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II, Public Law 104–168 (110 Stat. 1452), authorizes the IRS to disclose returns and return information to such person or persons as the taxpayer may designate in a request for or consent to disclosure, or to any other person at the taxpayer's request to the extent necessary to comply with a request for information or assistance made by the taxpayer to such other person. Disclosure is permitted subject to such requirements and conditions as may be prescribed by regulations. With the amendment in 1996, Congress eliminated the longstanding requirement that disclosures to designees of the taxpayer must be pursuant to the written request or consent of the taxpayer.

The temporary regulation contained in TD 8935 authorized the disclosure of tax returns and return information to a designee of the taxpayer pursuant to a nonwritten request or consent when the taxpayer seeks the assistance of a third party in resolving a tax matter. TD 8935 also amended the existing regulation to clarify the rules applicable to written requests or consents to disclosure. The temporary regulation is scheduled to expire on January 10, 2004.

This final regulation adopts the proposed regulation as revised in six minor respects.

Paragraphs (b) and (c) of the proposed regulation permit disclosures of returns or return information to the designee of a taxpayer when the requirements of such paragraphs are met. In the final regulation, paragraphs (b) and (c) have been amended to state that returns or return information may be disclosed in written or nonwritten form. This amendment is intended as a clarification rather than a change in the effect of the regulation.

Paragraph (b) of the proposed regulation concerns disclosures of returns and return information to a designee of the taxpayer pursuant to a written request or consent. Paragraph (b)(1) (i)—(iv) lists four pieces of information that must be included in the written request or consent (taxpayer identity information, the identity of the person to whom disclosure is to be made, the type of return or return information to be disclosed, and the taxable years covered by the return or return information). The final regulation adds language to paragraph (b) to make clear that, in order to constitute a valid written request or consent, a writing must contain the four pieces of information when it is signed and dated by the taxpayer. A written request or consent is not valid if the taxpayer signs it in blank, *i.e.*, signs the written request or consent with any of the four pieces of information or the date missing, even if another party later adds such information or the date. This addition is intended as a clarification rather than a change in the effect of the regulation.

Paragraph (c)(2) of the proposed regulation concerns disclosures of returns and return information to a designee of the taxpayer pursuant to a nonwritten request or consent. Paragraph (c)(2)(i) sets forth the requirements to be met in order for such disclosures to be authorized. Paragraph (c)(2)(ii) provides two examples of circumstances under which such disclosures may be useful or convenient: a meeting or interview with the IRS to which a taxpayer brings a friend, relative, or other person, and a telephone conversation with the IRS when the taxpayer wishes to involve another person. In the final regulation, a new paragraph (c)(2)(iii) has been added, which states that the taxpayer does not need to be present, either in person or as part of a telephone conversation, for disclosures of returns and return information to be made to the other person under paragraph (c)(2). This addition is intended as a clarification rather than a change in the effect of the regulation.

Paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of the proposed regulation provide parameters for the development of consents for, respectively, the IRS's electronic filing program and combined Federal-State (FedState) return filing programs. Each of these paragraphs permits the creation of limited purpose disclosure consents that would not otherwise be effective under paragraph (b) (relating to general purpose consents in the form of separate written documents pertaining solely to

an authorized disclosure) or paragraph (c) (relating to disclosures to designees to comply with a taxpayer's request for information or assistance). Accordingly, the last sentence in paragraph (d)(1) of the proposed regulation states that the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply to a consent under paragraph (d)(1). The final regulation deletes such sentence and adds a similar sentence at the beginning of paragraph (d), stating that the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply under paragraph (d). This modification is intended as a clarification rather than a change in the effect of the regulation.

Paragraph (e)(1) of the proposed regulation defines the phrase ''separate written document.'' (To be valid under paragraph (b), a request for or consent to disclosure must be in the form of a separate written document pertaining solely to the authorized disclosure.) Under paragraph (e)(1)(A), one meaning of the phrase ''separate written document'' is the text appearing on a sheet of 8½-inch by 11-inch or larger paper. Similarly, under paragraph (e)(1)(B), another meaning of the phrase ''separate written document'' is the text appearing on a single computer screen containing all the elements described in paragraph (b)(1), which can be signed and dated by the taxpayer, and which can be reproduced if necessary. In the final regulation, paragraphs (e)(1)(A) and (e)(1)(B) have been amended to provide that the text at issue in such paragraphs may appear, respectively, on one or more sheets of 8½-inch by 11-inch or larger paper or on one or more computer screens. This amendment will provide taxpayers and their representatives with additional flexibility in drafting written and electronic consents while continuing to require that language authorizing disclosures of tax information be kept separate and distinct from language regarding other matters.

Paragraph (e)(3) of the proposed regulation provides rules regarding permissible designees. Paragraph (e)(3) has been amended to include an additional sentence stating that when a designee is an individual, this regulation does not authorize disclosures to other individuals associated with such individual, such as employees of such individual or members of such individual's staff. This modification is intended as a clarification rather than a change in the effect of the regulation.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. This final regulation provides taxpayers with enhanced procedures to resolve problems with the IRS, and it clarifies the requirements for a valid request for or consent to the disclosure of returns or return information. Therefore, notice and public procedure are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Moreover, a delayed effective date would be contrary to the public interest and is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(d). Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, the temporary regulation was submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

It is hereby certified that the collection of information in this regulation will not have a significant economic impact of a substantial number of small entities. This certification is based upon the fact that any burden on taxpayers is minimal, since the regulation only applies to taxpayers which request or consent to the disclosure of returns or return information, and since the information collected is only that necessary to carry out the disclosure of returns or return information requested or consented to by the taxpayer (such as the name and taxpayer identification number of the taxpayer, the return or return information to be disclosed, and the identity of the designee). Moreover, it is based upon the fact that the regulation reduces the burden imposed upon taxpayers by the prior regulation by clarifying the requirements for and conditions of a request for or consent to disclosure and by permitting certain disclosures pursuant to nonwritten requests or consents. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) is not required.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

26 CFR Part 301

Employment taxes, Estate taxes, Excise taxes, Gift taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

26 CFR Part 602

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations

■ Accordingly, 26 CFR part 301 and 26 CFR part 602 are amended as follows:

PART 301—PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

■ 2. Section 301.6103(c)-1 is added to read as follows:

§ 301.6103(c)–1 Disclosure of returns and return information to designee of taxpayer.

(a) *Overview.* Subject to such requirements and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe by regulation, section 6103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code authorizes the Internal Revenue Service to disclose a taxpayer's return or return information to such person or persons as the taxpayer may designate in a request for or consent to such disclosure, or to any other person at the taxpayer's request to the extent necessary to comply with the taxpayer's request to such other person for information or assistance. This regulation contains the requirements that must be met before, and the conditions under which, the Internal Revenue Service may make such disclosures. Paragraph (b) of this section provides the requirements that are generally applicable to designate a third party to receive the taxpayer's returns and return information. Paragraph (c) of this section provides requirements under which the Internal Revenue Service may disclose information in connection with a taxpayer's written or nonwritten request for a third party to provide information or assistance with regard to a tax matter, for example, a Congressional inquiry. Paragraph (d) of this section provides the parameters for disclosure consents connected with electronic return filing programs and combined Federal-State filing. Finally, paragraph (e) of this section provides definitions and general rules related to requests for or consents to disclosure.

(b) *Disclosure of returns and return information to person or persons designated in a written request or consent*—(1) *General requirements.* Pursuant to section 6103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Internal Revenue Service (or an agent or contractor of the Internal Revenue Service) may disclose a taxpayer's return or return information (in written or nonwritten form) to such person or persons as the taxpayer may designate in a request for or consent to such disclosure. A request for or consent to

disclosure under this paragraph (b) must be in the form of a separate written document pertaining solely to the authorized disclosure. (For the meaning of separate written document, see paragraph (e)(1) of this section.) The separate written document must be signed (see paragraph (e)(2) of this section) and dated by the taxpayer who filed the return or to whom the return information relates. At the time it is signed and dated by the taxpayer, the written document must also indicate—

(i) The taxpayer's taxpayer identity information described in section 6103(b)(6);

(ii) The identity of the person or persons to whom the disclosure is to be made;

(iii) The type of return (or specified portion of the return) or return information (and the particular data) that is to be disclosed; and

(iv) The taxable year or years covered by the return or return information.

(2) *Requirement that request or consent be received within sixty days of when signed and dated.* The disclosure of a return or return information authorized by a written request for or written consent to the disclosure shall not be made unless the request or consent is received by the Internal Revenue Service (or an agent or contractor of the Internal Revenue Service) within 60 days following the date upon which the request or consent was signed and dated by the taxpayer.

(c) *Disclosure of returns and return information to designee of taxpayer to comply with a taxpayer's request for information or assistance.* If a taxpayer makes a written or nonwritten request, directly to another person or to the Internal Revenue Service, that such other person (for example, a member of Congress, friend, or relative of the taxpayer) provide information or assistance relating to the taxpayer's return or to a transaction or other contact between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service, the Internal Revenue Service (or an agent or contractor of the Internal Revenue Service or a Federal government agency performing a Federal tax administration function) may disclose returns or return information (in written or nonwritten form) to such other person under the circumstances set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) through (3) of this section.

(1) *Written request for information or assistance.* (i) The taxpayer's request for information or assistance may be in the form of a letter or other written document, which must be signed (*see* paragraph (e)(2) of this section) and dated by the taxpayer. The taxpayer must also indicate in the written request—

(A) The taxpayer's taxpayer identity information described in section 6103(b)(6);

(B) The identity of the person or persons to whom disclosure is to be made; and

(C) Sufficient facts underlying the request for information or assistance to enable the Internal Revenue Service to determine the nature and extent of the information or assistance requested and the returns or return information to be disclosed in order to comply with the taxpayer's request.

(ii) A person who receives a copy of a taxpayer's written request for information or assistance but who is not the addressee of the request, such as a member of Congress who is provided with a courtesy copy of a taxpayer's letter to another member of Congress or to the Internal Revenue Service, cannot receive returns or return information under paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(2) *Nonwritten request or consent.* (i) A request for information or assistance may also be nonwritten. Disclosure of returns and return information to a designee pursuant to a taxpayer's nonwritten request will be made only after the Internal Revenue Service has—

(A) Obtained from the taxpayer sufficient facts underlying the request for information or assistance to enable the Internal Revenue Service to determine the nature and extent of the information or assistance requested and the return or return information to be disclosed in order to comply with the taxpayer's request;

(B) Confirmed the identity of the taxpayer and the designee; and

(C) Confirmed the date, the nature, and the extent of the information or assistance requested.

(ii) Examples of disclosures pursuant to nonwritten requests for information or assistance under this paragraph (c)(2) include, but are not limited to, disclosures to a friend, relative, or other person whom the taxpayer brings to an interview or meeting with Internal Revenue Service officials, and disclosures to a person whom the taxpayer wishes to involve in a telephone conversation with Internal Revenue Service officials.

(iii) As long as the requirements of this paragraph (c)(2) are met, the taxpayer does not need to be present, either in person or as part of a telephone conversation, for disclosures of returns and return information to be made to the other person.

(3) *Rules applicable to written and nonwritten requests for information or assistance.* A return or return information will be disclosed to the taxpayer's designee as provided by this paragraph only to the extent considered necessary by the Internal Revenue Service to comply with the taxpayer's request or consent. Such disclosures shall not be made unless the request or consent is received by the Internal Revenue Service, its agent or contractor, or a Federal government agency performing a Federal tax administration function in connection with a request for advice or assistance relating to such function. This paragraph (c) does not apply to disclosures to a taxpayer's representative in connection with practice before the Internal Revenue Service (as defined in Treasury Department Circular No. 230, 31 CFR part 10). For disclosures in these cases, see section 6103(e)(6) and §§ 601.501 through 601.508 of this chapter.

(d) *Acknowledgments of electronically filed returns and other documents; combined filing programs with State tax agencies.* The requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section do not apply to this paragraph (d).

(1) *Acknowledgment of, and notices regarding, electronically filed returns and other documents.* When a taxpayer files returns or other documents or information with the Internal Revenue Service electronically, the taxpayer may consent to the disclosure of return information to the transmitter or other third party, such as the taxpayer's financial institution, necessary to acknowledge that the electronic transmission was received and either accepted or rejected by the Internal Revenue Service, the reason for any rejection, and such other information as the Internal Revenue Service determines is necessary to the operation of the electronic filing program. The consent must inform the taxpayer of the return information that will be transmitted and to whom disclosure will be made.

(2) *Combined return filing programs with State tax agencies.* (i) A taxpayer's participation in a combined return filing program between the Internal Revenue Service and a State agency, body, or commission (State agency) described in section 6103(d)(1) constitutes a consent to the disclosure by the Internal Revenue Service, to the State agency, of taxpayer identity information, signature, and items of common data contained on the return. For purposes of this paragraph, common data means information reflected on the Federal return required by State law to be attached to or included on the State return. Instructions accompanying the forms or published procedures involved in such program must indicate that by participating in the program, the

taxpayer is consenting to the Internal Revenue Service's disclosure to the State agency of the taxpayer identity information, signature, and items of common data, and that such information will be treated by the State agency as if it had been directly filed with the State agency. Such instructions or procedures must also describe any verification that takes place before the taxpayer identity information, signature and common data is transmitted by the Internal Revenue Service to the State agency.

(ii) No disclosures may be made under this paragraph (d)(2) unless there are provisions of State law protecting the confidentiality of such items of common data.

(e) *Definitions and rules applicable to this section*—(1) *Separate written document.* (i) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of this section, *separate written document* means—

(A) Text appearing on one or more sheets of 8½ -inch by 11-inch or larger paper, each of which pertains solely to the authorized disclosure, so long as such sheet or sheets, taken together, contain all the elements described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section;

(B) Text appearing on one or more computer screens, each of which pertains solely to the authorized disclosure, so long as such screen or, taken together, such screens—

(*1*) Contain all the elements described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section,

(*2*) Can be signed (see paragraph (e)(2) of this section) and dated by the taxpayer, and

(*3*) Can be reproduced, if necessary; or

(C) A consent on the record in an administrative or judicial proceeding, or a transcript of such proceeding recording such consent, containing the information required under paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(ii) A provision included in a taxpayer's application for a loan or other benefit authorizing the grantor of the loan or other benefit to obtain any financial information, including returns or return information, from any source as the grantor may request for purposes of verifying information supplied on the application, does not meet the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section because the provision is not a separate written document relating solely to the disclosure of returns and return information. In addition, the provision does not contain the other information specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(2) *Method of signing.* A request for or consent to disclosure may be signed by any method of signing the Secretary has prescribed pursuant to § 301.6061–1(b) in forms, instructions, or other appropriate guidance.

(3) *Permissible designees and public forums.* Permissible designees under this section include individuals; trusts; estates; corporations; partnerships; Federal, State, local and foreign government agencies or subunits of such agencies; or the general public. When disclosures are to be made in a public forum, such as in a courtroom or congressional hearing, the request for or consent to disclosure must describe the circumstances surrounding the public disclosure, *e.g.*, congressional hearing, judicial proceeding, media, and the date or dates of the disclosure. When a designee is an individual, this section does not authorize disclosures to other individuals associated with such individual, such as employees of such individual or members of such individual's staff.

(4) *Authority to execute a request for or consent to disclosure.* Any person who may obtain returns under section 6103(e)(1) through (5), except section 6103(e)(1)(D)(iii), may execute a request for or consent to disclose a return or return information to third parties. For taxpayers that are legal entities, such as corporations and municipal bond issuers, any officer of the entity with authority under applicable State law to legally bind the entity may execute a request for or consent to disclosure. A person described in section 6103(e)(6) (a taxpayer's representative or individual holding a power of attorney) may not execute a request for or consent to disclosure unless the designation of representation or power of attorney specifically delegates such authority. A designee pursuant to this section does not have authority to execute a request for or consent to disclosure permitting the Internal Revenue Service to disclose returns or return information to another person.

(5) *No disclosure of return information if impairment.* A disclosure of return information shall not be made under this section if the Internal Revenue Service determines that the disclosure would seriously impair Federal tax administration (as defined in section 6103(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code).

(f) *Effective date.* This section is applicable on April 29, 2003.

§ 301.6103(c)–1T [Removed]

■ 3. Section 301.6103(c)–1T is removed.

PART 602—OMB CONTROL NUMBERS UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

■ 4. The authority citation for part 602 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805.

■ 5. In § 602.101, paragraph (b):

1. The following entry to the table is removed:

§ 602.101 OMB Control numbers.

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(b) * * *

CFR part or section where identified and described	Current OMB control No.
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301.6103(c)–1	1545–0280
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2. The following entry is added in numerical order to the table:

§ 602.101 OMB Control numbers.

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301.6103(c)–1	1545–1816
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David A. Mader,

Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Approved: April 9, 2003.

Pamela F. Olson,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 920

[MD–049–FOR]

Maryland Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule; approval of amendment.

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are approving a proposed amendment to the Maryland regulatory program (the ''Maryland program'') under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Maryland proposed to revise its program by making changes to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) concerning the survey of structures and renewable resources lands; the definitions of material damage and

replacement of water supply; subsidence control and subsidence control plans; hydrologic balance; surface owner protection from subsidence; and deep mine bonding requirements. Maryland intended to revise its program to be consistent with Federal rules promulgated by OSM as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Rieger, Telephone: 412–937–2153. Internet: *grieger@osmre.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Maryland Program
II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment
III. OSM's Findings
IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments
V. OSM's Decision
VI. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Maryland Program

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its State program includes, among other things, ''a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of the Act * * *; and rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to the Act.'' See 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Maryland program on February 18, 1982. You can find background information on the Maryland program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval in the February 18, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 7214). You can also find later actions concerning Maryland's program and program amendments at 30 CFR 920.12, 920.15 and 920.16.

II. Submission of the Proposed Amendment

By letter dated October 22, 2002, Maryland sent us an amendment to its program (Administrative Record No. MD–574–05) under SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*). Maryland sent the amendment in response to Federal rules promulgated by OSM as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The amendment is intended to make the Maryland program consistent with the Federal regulations and to comply with a 30 CFR part 732 issue letter sent to the State dated June 7, 1996 (Administrative Record No. MD–574–00). We announced receipt of the proposed amendment in the January 16, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 2268). In the same document, we opened the public comment period and provided an opportunity for a public hearing or meeting on the amendment's adequacy. We did not hold a public hearing or meeting because no one requested one. The public comment period ended on February 18, 2003. We did not receive any comments. In response to our own concerns, however, Maryland submitted minor changes to the ''material damage'' definition and to COMAR 26.20.02.16E, pertaining to presubsidence water supply surveys, on February 24, 2003.

III. OSM's Findings

Following are the findings we made concerning the amendment under SMCRA and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 732.15 and 732.17. We are approving the amendment. Any revisions that we do not specifically discuss below concern nonsubstantive wording or editorial changes. The full text of the changes can be found in the January 16, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 2268).

Maryland proposed revisions to the following sections of COMAR containing language that is the same as or similar to the corresponding sections of the Federal regulations. Because these proposed rules contain language that is the same as or similar to the corresponding Federal regulations, we find that they are no less effective than the corresponding Federal regulations.

26.20.01.02 Definitions

Maryland proposed to amend this section by adding definitions for ''material damage,'' and ''replacement of water supply.'' The proposed definitions are substantively identical to the corresponding Federal definitions found at 30 CFR 701.5. Therefore, we are approving the proposed changes.

26.20.02.15 Survey of Structures and Renewable Resources Lands

Maryland proposed several changes to COMAR 26.20.02.15. As unamended, this section contained structures and renewable resources lands survey requirements. The changes proposed by Maryland make its regulations consistent with and therefore no less effective than the Federal counterpart found at 30 CFR 784.20 by requiring a listing of any water supplies that could be contaminated, diminished, and interrupted, and the quantity and quality of these water supplies, to be incorporated into the survey.

Similarly, the proposed changes also incorporate the Federal requirement that the pre-subsidence survey contain a map of specified scale of the permit and adjacent areas if determined necessary by the regulatory authority. The proposed changes, like the Federal counterpart, require the map to show the location and type of ''structures and renewable resource lands that subsidence may materially damage or for which the value or reasonably foreseeable use may be diminished by subsidence.''

Next, the proposed changes require a ''narrative indicating whether subsidence, if it occurred, could cause material damage to or diminish the value or reasonably foreseeable use of any structures or renewable resource lands or could contaminate, diminish, or interrupt any water supplies.'' Because this requirement applies to any water supplies rather than simply drinking, domestic, or residential water supplies, as does the Federal counterpart, it is more stringent than the Federal regulations, and thus is consistent with those regulations, pursuant to section 505(b) of SMCRA, 30 U.S.C. 1255(b). Finally, subdivisions B and C have been recodified as subdivisions C and D, respectively, and have been amended such that they are now substantively identical to 30 CFR 784.20(b), pertaining to subsidence control plans. Therefore, we find that the proposed changes to COMAR 26.20.02.15 are no less effective than the Federal regulations and can be approved.

26.20.02.16 Subsidence Control Plan

Maryland proposed to amend this section by adding an additional subsidence control plan requirement. Other than the references to Maryland statutory and regulatory provisions, the language of the amendment is identical to the counterpart Federal requirement found at 30 CFR 784.20(b)(8). Further, the State statutory and regulatory provisions referenced in the amendment contain substantively the same requirements as the Federal provisions referenced in 30 CFR 784.20(b)(8), with the following exception. The referenced Maryland water replacement requirement, at COMAR 26.20.13.05D, requires replacement of water supplies used for agricultural and other legitimate purposes, as well as for those purposes for which replacement is required under the Federal regulations. Thus, the State requirement is more stringent. However, as noted above, more stringent state environmental controls and regulations are consistent, as a matter of law, with their Federal counterparts. For all of these reasons, the proposed amendment to COMAR 26.20.02.16E is consistent with its

counterpart Federal regulation, and is therefore approved.

26.20.13.05 Hydrologic Balance: General Requirements

Maryland proposed to amend this section by adding a water replacement requirement to the general requirements for hydrologic balance. The amendment requires a permittee to ''promptly replace the water supply of an owner of interest in real property who obtains all or part of the agricultural, industrial, or other legitimate use from an underground or surface source that is contaminated, diminished, or interrupted by underground mining activities.'' The amendment also clarifies that the term ''owner of interest'' includes a renter, tenant, or a lessee of real property.

This amendment is consistent with the Federal regulation at 30 CFR 817.41(j), which requires a permittee to ''promptly replace any drinking, domestic or residential water supply that is contaminated, diminished or interrupted by underground mining activities.'' Further, Maryland's amendment is more stringent than its Federal counterpart because it applies to agricultural, industrial, and other legitimate uses of underground or surface waters rather than simply drinking, domestic or residential water supplies as required in the Federal counterpart. We are therefore approving the proposed changes.

Regarding the State's definition of ''owner in interest,'' we note that, in approving the amendment, we are construing the term to include the normally recognized meaning of the word ''owner'' in addition to a renter, tenant, or lessee of real property.

26.20.13.07 Subsidence Control: General Requirements

We are approving all of Maryland's proposed changes to this section. First, Maryland proposed changes to subsection A. The amended subsection A reads as follows:

A. Underground mining activities shall be planned and conducted so as to prevent subsidence from causing material damage to the extent technologically and economically feasible, and so as to maintain the value and reasonably foreseeable use of surface lands. This may be accomplished by leaving adequate coal in place, backfilling, or other measures to support the surface, or by conducting underground mining in a manner that provides for planned and controlled subsidence.

The counterpart Federal regulation is found at 30 CFR 817.121(a) and is quoted below:

The permittee must either adopt measures consistent with known technology that prevent subsidence from causing material damage to the extent technologically and economically feasible, maximize mine stability, and maintain the value and reasonably foreseeable use of surface lands or adopt mining technology that provides for planned subsidence in a predictable and controlled manner.

The provisions are similar, but not identical. The Federal regulation requires the permittee to either mine in a manner that prevents subsidence from causing material damage to the extent technologically and economically feasible, maintain the value and reasonably foreseeable use of surface lands, and ensure the stability of the mine or to mine in a way that provides for planned and controlled subsidence. The Maryland provision, on the other hand, requires mining in a manner that prevents subsidence from causing material damage to the extent technologically and economically feasible, maintains the value and reasonably foreseeable use of surface lands, and ensures the stability of the mine, even where the mining technology used provides for planned and controlled subsidence. In this respect, the Maryland provision is more stringent than, and therefore is consistent with, its Federal counterpart. Regarding the mine stability requirement, we note that the Federal requirement explicitly requires a permittee to ''maximize mine stability,'' while the State requires ''measures to support the surface.'' We find that, although the State's regulation is worded slightly differently, it implies a mine stability requirement through surface support measures and therefore is no less effective than the Federal counterpart.

Second, Maryland proposed to amend COMAR 26.20.13.07 by adding a new subsection B which requires, with certain exceptions, measures to minimize material damage to structures caused by planned subsidence. The proposed amendment is virtually identical to the Federal counterpart found at 30 CFR 817.121(a)(2). The only difference between the two is that the Maryland regulation applies to all structures while the Federal counterpart applies only to ''non-commercial buildings and occupied residential dwellings and structures related thereto.'' Thus, because the Maryland regulation is more stringent than the Federal counterpart, we are approving the amendment.

We are also approving Maryland's proposal to add a new subsection C which states that ''nothing in this regulation prohibits the standard method of room-and-pillar mining.'' This language is found in the Federal counterpart, 30 CFR 817.121(a)(3), and is therefore no less effective than the Federal regulations.

Third, we are approving a change to the current regulation at COMAR 26.20.13.07B. Without the change, subsection B requires compliance with the subsidence control plan. The approved amendment incorporates a reference to COMAR 26.20.02.16, which lists the requirements for the subsidence control plan, and also renumbers the regulation to COMAR 26.20.13.07D. The Federal counterpart found at 30 CFR 817.121(b) also requires compliance with the subsidence control plan and references the Federal regulations containing the subsidence control plan requirements. We are approving the amendment because, like its Federal counterpart, the State provision now requires compliance with the subsidence control plan prepared and approved in accordance with the subsidence control plan requirement regulations.

Finally, we are approving the proposed addition of subsection E of COMAR 26.20.13.07. The proposed subsection requires that permit applications contain a ''survey of the condition of the quantity and quality of all water supplies within the permit area and adjacent area that could be contaminated, diminished, or interrupted by subsidence.'' The proposed subsection E is more stringent than the Federal counterpart, 30 CFR 784.20(a)(3), because it applies to all water supplies. The Federal regulation applies only to all ''drinking, domestic, and residential water supplies.'' Because the remaining language is substantively identical to its Federal counterpart, we find that the proposed addition is no less effective than the Federal regulations and can therefore be approved.

26.20.13.09 Subsidence Control: Surface Owner Protection

Maryland proposed to add a subsection D to its current regulations found at COMAR 26.20.13.09. The proposed subsection D requires that when ''determining whether damage to protected structures was caused by subsidence from underground mining, all relevant and reasonably available information will be considered'' by the regulatory authority. Because the proposed language is substantively identical to the Federal counterpart found at 30 CFR 817.121(c)(4)(v), we find that it is no less effective than the

Federal regulations and can therefore be approved.

26.20.14.13 Deep Mine Bonding Requirements

Maryland proposed to add a subsection D to its current regulations at COMAR 26.20.14.13. The proposed language can be found in its entirety in the January 16, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 2268). We are approving the amendment because it is substantively identical to its Federal counterpart found at 30 CFR 817.121(c)(5). In short, both provisions require a permittee to obtain additional performance bond when subsidence-related material damage to protected land, structures or facilities occurs or when contamination, diminution, or interruption to a protected water supply occurs. Both regulations also provide that no additional bond is required if repair, compensation, or replacement is completed within 90 days of the occurrence of damage. Finally, both regulations provide substantively identical criteria governing when the regulatory authority may extend the 90-day time frame and limit such extension to one year or less.

IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments

Public Comments

We asked for public comments on the amendment (Administrative Record No. MD–574–06), but did not receive any.

Federal Agency Comments

Under 30 CFR 732.17(h)(11)(i) and section 503(b) of SMCRA, we requested comments on the amendment from various Federal agencies with an actual or potential interest in the Maryland program (Administrative Record No. MD–574–08). We did not receive any comments.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Concurrence and Comments

Under 30 CFR 732.17(h)(11)(i), we requested comments on the amendment from EPA (Administrative Record No. MD–574–09). In a March 13, 2003 telephone conversation, EPA notified us that it had no substantive comments (Administrative Record No. MD–574–10). Under 30 CFR 732.17(h)(11)(ii), we are required to obtain written concurrence from EPA for those provisions of the program amendment that relate to air or water quality standards issued under the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*) or the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*). This amendment does not contain provisions that relate to air or water quality standards and, therefore, concurrence by the EPA is not required.

State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)

Under 30 CFR 732.17(h)(4), we are required to request comments from the SHPO and ACHP on amendments that may have an effect on historic properties. On November 5, 2002, we requested comments on Maryland's amendment (Administrative Record No. MD–574–05), but neither responded to our request.

V. OSM's Decision

Based on the above findings, we approve the amendment Maryland sent us. We approve, as discussed in the findings above: COMAR 26.20.02.15, concerning Survey of Structures and Renewable Resources Lands; 26.20.01.02, concerning the definitions of material damage and replacement of water supply; 26.20.02.16, concerning subsidence control plans; 26.20.13.05, concerning hydrologic balance; 26.20.13.07, concerning subsidence control; 26.20.13.09, concerning surface owner protection from subsidence; and 26.20.14.13, concerning deep mine bonding requirements.

We approve the rules proposed by Maryland with the provision that they be fully promulgated in identical form to the rules submitted to and reviewed by OSM and the public.

To implement this decision, we are amending the Federal regulations at 30 CFR Part 920, which codify decisions concerning the Maryland program. We find that good cause exists under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) to make this final rule effective immediately. Section 503(a) of SMCRA requires that Maryland's program demonstrate that it has the capability of carrying out the provisions of the Act and meeting its purposes. Making this regulation effective immediately will expedite that process. SMCRA requires consistency of Maryland and Federal standards.

VI. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12630—Takings

This rule does not have takings implications. This determination is based on the analysis performed for the counterpart Federal regulation.

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 and has determined that this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments because each program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

Executive Order 13132—Federalism

This rule does not have Federalism implications. SMCRA delineates the roles of the Federal and State governments with regard to the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations. One of the purposes of SMCRA is to ''establish a nationwide program to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations.'' Section 503(a)(1) of SMCRA requires that State laws regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations be ''in accordance with'' the requirements of SMCRA, and section 503(a)(7) requires that State programs contain rules and regulations ''consistent with'' regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to SMCRA.

Executive Order 13175—Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have evaluated the potential effects of this rule on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that the rule does not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes. The basis for this determination is that our decision is on a State regulatory program and does not involve a Federal program involving Indian Tribes.

Executive Order 13211—Regulations That Significantly Affect the Supply, Distribution, or Use of Energy

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13211 which requires agencies to prepare a Statement of Energy Effects for a rule that is (1) Considered significant under Executive Order 12866, and (2) likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Because this rule is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866 and is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, a Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not require an environmental impact statement because section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule: (a) Does not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million; (b) will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; and (c) does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This determination is based upon the fact that the State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an analysis was prepared and a determination made that the Federal regulation was not considered a major rule.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of $100 million or more in any given year. This determination is based upon the fact that the State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an analysis was prepared and a determination made that the Federal regulation did not impose an unfunded mandate.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 920

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Brent Wahlquist,

Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 30 CFR part 920 is amended as set forth below:

PART 920—MARYLAND

■ 1. The authority citation for part 920 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*

■ 2. Section 920.15 is amended in the table by adding a new entry in chronological order by April 29, 2003 to read as follows:

§ 920.15 Approval of Maryland regulatory program amendments.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
*	*	*
October 22, 2002	April 29, 2003	COMAR 26.20.01.02 (51–1), (81–1); 26.20.02.15B,C,D; 26.20.02.16E; 26.20.13.05A,B,C,D; 26.20.13.07A,B,C,D,E; 26.20.13.09D; 26.20.14.13D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 164

46 CFR Parts 25 and 27

[USCG–2000–6931]

RIN 1625–AA60 [Formerly RIN 2115–AF53]

Fire-Suppression Systems and Voyage Planning for Towing Vessels

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Based on public involvement and comments, this interim rule modifies and implements both the requirements for the installation of fire-suppression systems in the engine rooms of towing vessels and the requirements for voyage planning proposed together in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2000. As modified, this rule aims at reducing the number of uncontrolled engine-room fires and other mishaps on towing vessels. It should save lives, reduce property damage, and reduce the

associated threats to maritime commerce and the environment.

DATES: This interim rule is effective August 27, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 27, 2003. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket more than once, please submit them (referred to USCG–2000–6931) by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(2) By delivery to Room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at *http://dms.dot.gov*.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov/*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call Randall Eberly, P.E., Project Manager, at 202–267–1861. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202–366–5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify this rulemaking by docket number (USCG–2000–6931), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by mail, delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this interim rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

In 1996, as a result of the tugboat SCANDIA's catching fire and causing the spillage of about 850,000 gallons of oil from the barge NORTH CAPE, which it was towing, Congress amended (in Pub. L. 104–324) section 902 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act (codified as 46 U.S.C. 3719) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe rules for fire-suppression equipment on towing vessels (See *Statutory Mandate* for a statement of current authority). Subsequently, on October 6, 1997, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** entitled ''Towing Vessel Safety'' (62 FR 52057). The NPRM proposed fire-suppression measures on towing vessels, but did not make the installation of fixed fire-suppression systems mandatory on existing vessels, because their engine rooms were typically not designed as enclosed spaces. Instead, it proposed a combination of fire-detection systems, semi-portable fire extinguishers, training of crews, and fixed or portable fire pumps. It also solicited public comments on principles of voyage planning for the development of a future Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC).

A number of comments submitted in response to the NPRM criticized the proposed fire-safety measures, saying they failed to meet the intent of the Authorization Act because they did not entail total-flooding fixed fire-suppression systems on all vessels, or, at least, not on all towing vessels used to transport oil and other hazardous substances. Many of the comments also held our logic of proposing alternative measures on existing vessels flawed, because there are specially designed fixed fire-suppression systems available for engine rooms that are not enclosed. Some of them also maintained that the proposed measures were inadequate because they did not consider vessels' characteristics, their methods of operation, or their nature of service, nor did they differentiate between ocean-going tugboats and inland towboats. Yet another group of comments disputed entirely the need for supplemental fire-suppression equipment, citing the established safety record of the towing industry, and pointing out that the SCANDIA incident was an isolated occurrence.

While most of the comments disagreed with our proposals for fire-suppression equipment, most agreed with our proposals for added safety measures, such as communication systems and fire-detection systems. We therefore divided the fire-protection issues into two separate rulemakings. The non-controversial requirements we addressed in an interim rule entitled: ''Fire Protection Measures for Towing Vessels'' (USCG–1998–4445), which was published on October 19, 1999 (64 FR 56257). That rule implemented requirements for general-alarm systems, internal-communication systems, fire-detection systems, remote fuel-shut-off valves, and monthly drills on all non-exempt towing vessels. Those requirements ultimately appeared in a final rule on August 28, 2000 (65 FR 52043). That rule involved some minor changes based on comments received on the docket, but did not address requirements for fire-suppression systems, either manual or fixed.

We began a separate rulemaking to address the controversial requirements for fire-suppression systems. On November 8, 2000, we published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) entitled: ''Fire-Suppression Systems and Voyage Planning for Towing Vessels'' (USCG–2000–6931) (65 FR 66941). The SNPRM included voyage planning in response to public comments made on the docket for the prior proposal. We received cogent comments doubting whether voyage planning was amenable to treatment in a NVIC. We therefore proposed rules that would require completion of a voyage-planning analysis before each trip.

As announced in a notice of meeting (65 FR 82030) on February 8, 2001, a

public meeting occurred during the comment period in Washington, DC. At the meeting, the Chairman of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) advised us that the comment period was scheduled to close before the regularly scheduled meeting of the TSAC on March 14–15, 2001, and that, consequently, we would not have the benefit of the members' input. So we published a notice (66 FR 11241) extending the comment period until May 8, 2001, to allow the members more time for comments. During the extended comment period, we received requests from several operators of towing vessels on the Western Rivers to hold another public meeting, at a place convenient to the inland waterways. We honored this request by, again, publishing a notice (66 FR 36224) extending the comment period, and announcing that we would hold a second meeting, in Huntington, West Virginia, on August 15, 2001.

This interim rule changes the requirements proposed in the SNPRM in response to the comments received, both on the docket and at the two public meetings.

Statutory Mandate

As we stated in the SNPRM, section 902 of the Authorization Act of 1996 directs that the Coast Guard consider requiring the installation, maintenance, and use of fire-suppression systems or other such measures on towing vessels. It further directs that the Coast Guard develop rules for the installation ''of a fire-suppression system or other measures to provide adequate assurance that a fire on board a towing vessel, that is towing a non-self-propelled tank vessel, can be suppressed under reasonably foreseeable circumstances.''

On March 1, 2003, by authority of subsection 103(c) of the Homeland-Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–296), the Coast Guard shifted from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security. The Secretary of Homeland Security supports this rulemaking as an important initiative.

Discussion of Interim Rule

This Rule Would Apply to Most Towing Vessels

Like the SNPRM, this interim rule prescribes that most towing vessels must—

- Be fitted with fire-suppression equipment in their engine rooms; and
- Not proceed on a trip or voyage before completing a plan for the trip or voyage.

Unlike the SNPRM, however, this rule prescribes separate requirements for (1) vessels in inland service and (2) those in ocean or coastal service.

Any towing vessel that engages only in assistance towing, emergency or pollution responses, fleeting duties in a limited geographical area, or service on a certain limited route (specified here), is exempt from the measures in this interim rule. The rule offers new definitions for these terms to help the public better understand which vessels are exempt. It applies to all other towing vessels (unless exempted by the Captain of the Port), not just those over a certain length or those that tow non-self-propelled tank vessels. Owners that need to install fire-suppression equipment on their towing vessels will have until two years after the effective date of this rule to comply.

Requirement for a Fixed Fire-Suppression System; Why We Now Consider Manual Fire-Fighting Equipment Adequate for Vessels in Inland Service

In the NPRM of 1997, we proposed for existing vessels a combination of manual fire-fighting measures instead of fixed fire-suppression systems. We were concerned that gaseous fire-suppression systems would not be effective on existing vessels because those vessels' engine rooms typically have windows, doors, and other openings that could allow leakage of the fire-suppression agent. Fixed total-flooding fire-suppression systems cannot extinguish a fire, unless an adequate concentration of an agent enters the fire area and stays for a minimum ''soak time.'' We were also concerned that the agent might leak into occupied areas, threatening the health of the crewmembers. Carbon dioxide was the only agent for fixed systems approved and available when we published the NPRM. Carbon dioxide is not intended for use in occupied areas, and areas protected by it must be evacuated before it is discharged. If inadvertently released, it could cause serious injury or death to exposed personnel.

Between the publication of the NPRM and the preparation of the SNPRM, we approved three new agents for fixed fire-suppression systems that are not harmful to people or the environment, if inadvertently released. Because these new agents were available, we decided that fighting fires with manual equipment would pose unnecessary risk to the crew and yet be less effective than using fixed fire-suppression systems. Consequently, the SNPRM reversed our original proposal (that in the NPRM) and instead would have required all non-exempt vessels to install such systems, with the option of using several different agents that did not carry the level of risk associated with carbon dioxide. We felt that this would allow operators of towing vessels the option of selecting some type of fixed fire-suppression system that would be effective on their vessels regardless of the configuration of the engine room.

The public response to our new proposal, in the SNPRM, was overwhelmingly negative. Most of the comments opposed requiring fixed fire-suppression systems on towing vessels in inland service, and suggested reverting to the manual fire-fighting measures proposed in the NPRM of 1997, or suggested a similar level of protection. The reasons for this strong opposition are best summarized by the TSAC:

- Fixed fire-suppression systems would not be effective in existing towing vessels, because the engine rooms are not airtight.
- Existing vessels' engine rooms cannot be made airtight without structural modifications that would typically cost more than the fixed systems themselves. Therefore, if such a system is to be installed, it must be designed to compensate for the unsealed openings; this would require a major increase in the quantity of extinguishing agent.
- Existing towing vessels lack sufficient space for banks of extinguishing-agent cylinders, considering the amount of agent that would likely be needed to compensate for unsealed openings.
- The Authorization Act of 1996 does not direct the Coast Guard to require only fixed systems. It allows the Coast Guard to require ''a fire suppression system *or other measures* to provide adequate assurance that fires onboard towing vessels can be suppressed under reasonably foreseeable circumstances.'' (Emphasis added) The SNPRM does not consider other measures.
- The SNPRM underestimates the true costs to install fixed systems on all vessels and does not demonstrate that the limited benefits in prospect would outweigh the substantial costs of implementing the rule.
- The Coast Guard's own data on casualties do not support a need for fixed systems. Of the 105 engine-room fires reported, over 80 percent were extinguished by the crew using portable extinguishers or fire hoses, with only 7 injuries. About 60 percent of the fires resulted in damages assessed at $10,000 or less, and less than 5 percent of them resulted in pollution.
- A fixed system would not have prevented the spill from the barge NORTH CAPE. In fact, it would have

stopped the SCANDIA's engines and meant a long time for the crew to re-introduce fresh air into the engine room and then make the necessary repairs to restart the engines. During this time without propulsion or steering, the grounding would still have occurred.

• Towing vessels on the inland rivers must rely on their engines and steering systems to navigate in narrow channels and near locks and dams, in strong currents. If a failure of propulsion or steering occurs, there is little time to prevent a vessel from going aground or striking another vessel or a fixed structure. A requirement of fixed systems, along with engine shutdown, instead of enhanced manual equipment, would increase overall risk to safety.

The public also challenged our views that manual fire-fighting posed an unacceptable risk to the crew, and that equipment for it was ineffective for controlling engine-room fires. The TSAC performed an independent analysis of our data on casualties, which showed, as we noted, that over 80 percent of the reported fires on inland vessels had been extinguished by the crewmembers with only 7 reported injuries. Further investigation revealed that most of the 7 injuries were due to broken lines' spraying fuel or to other conditions in the engine room and were not attributable to fire-fighting efforts. Further supporting this argument, many comments agreed that the typical practice on inland towing vessels, in response to a fire, is to attempt first-aid fire-fighting using portable extinguishers or fire hoses. If this fails to contain the fire, the crew can readily and safely abandon ship to the tow or the riverbank. Accordingly, the comments argue that we should require only portable extinguishers or fire hoses because the situation on inland vessels is not the same as that on vessels operating in open water, where wind and sea can make conditions perilous.

While we agree that it may be possible to abandon ship to the tow or the riverbank in some cases, one cannot assume that one can safely make it to the riverbank (or the tow) in all emergency circumstances. However, after considering all of the comments along with the fire-related casualty statistics available for towing vessels, we have decided to adopt the fire-fighting philosophy of our original proposal, by accepting manual fire-fighting equipment as an alternative to fixed fire-suppression systems on towing vessels operating exclusively on inland waters. However, we will still require the installation of fixed fire-suppression systems in the engine rooms of towing vessels whose construction is contracted for on or after August 27, 2003 and that will operate in ocean or coastal waters.

How Does This Rule Differ From the NPRM of 1997?

The NPRM of 1997 proposed different kinds of manual fire-fighting equipment, varying with the overall lengths of the towing vessels. Larger vessels would have had to carry equipment meeting a higher standard. Vessels of less than 24 m (79 feet) in length would have had to carry limited-capacity portable fire pumps with fire hoses 16 mm (5/8 inch) in diameter and B–III semi-portable fire extinguishers. Larger vessels, of 24 m (79 feet) in length or longer, again, would have had to carry fixed fire pumps with capacity of 300 liters per minute (lpm or 80 gpm) and fire mains with fire hoses 40 mm (1½ inch) in diameter, and B–V semi-portable fire extinguishers.

This interim rule does not require different types or amounts of fire-suppression equipment, varying with the lengths of the vessels. Instead, it requires a minimum fire-suppression capability, which follows from the requirements in the NPRM for all non-exempt vessels greater than 24 m (79 feet). The fire pump may be either fixed or portable, but a minimum capacity of 300 lpm (80 gpm) must be available in either case. Also, the smallest fire hose in any case must be at least 40 mm (1½ inch) in diameter. For a portable pump, the way of checking discharge pressure is by using a pressure gage at the pump outlet. Vessels that use portable pumps will not have fire-main piping connected to them, so the rule does not require the use of a pitot tube at the nozzle to check for excessive friction loss in the system. The rule does require, for any non-exempt vessel, a B–V semi-portable fire extinguisher to further ensure adequate fire-fighting capability.

With respect to voyage planning, the most significant difference between the proposal in the SNPRM and the requirements in this interim rule is the applicability. In the SNPRM, we proposed voyage planning for all towing vessels. While we maintain that all these vessels should do voyage planning, we will now require it only for those operating in unprotected waters, beyond the baseline of the territorial sea.

Because pivotal dates indicated in the SNPRM have passed, we no longer refer to towing vessels as ''new'' or ''existing.'' Where it does remain necessary for us to distinguish by age, so that we do not add to the requirements for vessels beyond those proposed in the SNPRM, we have simply stated the date (cutoff or appropriate) that determines applicability of a particular requirement. Of course, the elimination of the distinction between ''new'' and ''existing'' also entailed the elimination of the need for treating them in separate sections of the rules; to do so now would create a number of duplicate sections in the rules. Consequently, we have removed sections that would have been duplicate.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

The docket received a total of 67 letters containing 223 comments on the SNPRM. Of the comments, 144 dealt with fire suppression while 56 dealt with voyage planning. We also received comments in the form of remarks at the public meetings held in Washington, DC (on February 8, 2001), and in Huntington, West Virginia (on August 15, 2001). The spoken comments at the public meetings are consistent with, and, in many cases, duplicates of, the written comments to the docket. Those at Huntington criticized the proposed rulemaking. More importantly, however, they offered reasonable alternatives, many of which we have incorporated within this interim rule. The audiotapes of the two meetings are available for listening at Coast Guard Headquarters (G–LRA) in Washington, DC. The following paragraphs contain summaries of the comments (and explanations of any changes made by this rule to the SNPRM) under the category-headings that follow:

Requirement for a Fixed Fire-Extinguishing System

A few comments did support our proposal to require fixed fire-extinguishing systems for the protection of towing vessels' engine rooms. Yet most opposed it. These offered a variety of reasons against it. The following paragraphs summarize the reasons and provide the Coast Guard's view on each issue. We also note the extent to which we accepted each comment in the preparation of this interim rule.

Many comments expressed concern over the potential hazards to personnel if carbon dioxide were used as the extinguishing agent. They noted that the concentration of carbon dioxide needed to extinguish fires is above the level safe for personnel. The Coast Guard does not agree that the use of carbon dioxide, in this application, poses an unacceptable risk. Approved carbon-dioxide systems must be fitted with pre-discharge alarms and devices that delay the discharge until personnel have been alerted to vacate the space. This interim rule has

not changed in response to those comments.

A number of comments expressed concern about the lack of available space to house equipment for fixed fire-extinguishing systems on existing vessels. The Coast Guard agrees that this view may have merit due to the many possible towing-vessel designs, and has dealt with it in the changes that exempt from the requirement of fixed systems all inland towing vessels, and allowed a semi-portable (fire-extinguishing equipment) alternative on towing vessels in ocean or coastal service whose construction was contracted for before August 27, 2003.

Other comments stated that existing engine rooms are typically not airtight, and that doors and windows must be open during warm summer months to ventilate them. They surmise that these features would not allow the effective use of total-flooding gaseous fire-extinguishing agents. The Coast Guard disagrees that engine rooms must be completely airtight for the effective use of such agents. Larger amounts of agent can compensate for unsealed openings. Still, as we previously acknowledged, many existing towboats have limited space available for fixed systems. If larger amounts of agent became necessary to compensate for unsealed openings, the lack of space could preclude the use of such systems. This criticism counted in the preparation of this interim rule.

Several comments noted that the discharge of a fixed fire-extinguishing system would cause a vessel's engines to shut down, thereby creating a navigational hazard. The Coast Guard recognizes that automatically discharged carbon dioxide (and some other agents) from fixed systems may starve main engines of oxygen, but typical manually-discharged fixed-systems give the operator discretion to determine whether potential navigational hazards represent greater immediate risks than fires in main-engine rooms. The Coast Guard agrees that a vessel's engines may shut down if the air intakes are located inside the engine room, unless the intakes draw air from outside the engine room. Modifications to provide external intakes would require structural changes that might not be feasible, in some cases, again because of the limited space available on some existing towboats. This argument is among the reasons that led this interim rule to allow (semi-portable and) portable equipment as an alternative on existing vessels.

Need for the Rule

Many comments argued that the analysis of casualties presented in the SNPRM did not demonstrate a sufficient risk of fire to warrant fixed fire-extinguishing systems. In the years 1992–1996, there were only 105 reported engine-room fires, with only 7 injuries and no fatalities. In those years, moreover, 80 percent of the reported fires were extinguished without the use of fixed systems. It is reasonable to expect that the incidence and consequences of future casualties would generally follow this trend. This has influenced our decision to revert to the use of semi-portable and portable fire-fighting equipment on certain categories of towing vessels.

Economic Analysis

Many comments disagreed with our economic analysis, of the costs and benefits associated with this rulemaking. Several suggested that the costs we listed in the SNPRM were 20 to 30 percent lower than would be necessary to retrofit a fixed fire-extinguishing system into an existing engine-room. We do not fully agree with these. The cost estimates that we used, for the system hardware and installation, came from actual quotes provided by marine fire-protection equipment distributors. These costs were confirmed through several sources. The unknown factor in them, however, is the extent of modifications necessary on existing towboats. In some cases, only minimal modifications would be necessary to ensure that the systems would function properly. In other cases (for adequate closure of spaces), steel bulkheads, ductwork, self-closing doors, and similar measures might be necessary. The domestic fleet of towboats consists of several thousand boats of different designs and configurations that may entail a variety of modifications to satisfy the rule. Because of this variety, it is only possible to estimate the costs on a generic basis. We agree that, in some cases, the costs could be significant and have considered this as a factor in our re-evaluation of the rulemaking.

Applicability

A number of comments questioned the clarity of the exemptions listed in § 27.100. In the SNPRM, we proposed that vessels used in limited geographic areas, as for fleeting duties, would receive appropriate exemptions. But the comments pointed out that, as written, these exemptions would reach most inland towboats. They argued that these boats typically operate within limited geographic areas on given rivers, and would, therefore, qualify for the exemptions. These areas were not what we intended. The ''limited geographic areas'' that we intended were very narrow—for example, within the same harbor or within the company's fleeting yard. In response to these comments, we have defined more precisely, in § 27.101, on what ''limited geographic areas'' exemptions will apply.

Use of Gasoline-Powered Pumps

A number of comments expressed concerns that the SNPRM would prohibit the use of gasoline-powered pumps onboard towboats. It would not. The only restrictions on fuel contemplated are those in § 27.211(b), which apply only to vessels whose construction was contracted for on or after January 18, 2000. This interim rule allows the use of gasoline-powered pumps with integrally mounted fuel tanks.

General Comments Concerning Fire-Suppression Requirements

One comment urged the Coast Guard to consider requirements for enhanced staffing levels and for limits on crews' fatigue in light of their causal relationship to marine accidents, instead of requirements for hardware such as fixed fire-extinguishing systems. Crews' fatigue is a separate issue and is not the subject of this rulemaking.

Many comments expressed frustration that the Coast Guard did not recognize industry's self-regulation through the Responsible Carrier Program of the American Waterways Operators (AWO). The Coast Guard is keenly aware of this program and of the increased safety benefits that it provides; but, unfortunately, not all operators of towboats participate in it. Because of this we must require fire-safety measures for engine rooms.

Some comments requested that vessels engaged in either emergency response or harbor assistance be exempt from the proposed requirements. We agree with them and have changed the interim rule accordingly.

Several comments argued that we should not require qualified fire-fighting training and personal protective gear for crewmembers. The costs associated with maintaining the correct gear in the sizes needed for each crewmember would be prohibitive, they stated, considering that the crewmembers may routinely transfer between vessels. Many inland-towing companies, they further stated, have adopted corporate practices that restrict their personnel to performing only limited ''first-aid'' fire-fighting before calling for outside help or abandoning

the vessel. The companies reason that any further fire-fighting by these personnel could result in unacceptable risks to the personnel. Our analysis of casualties indicates that all fires put out by crewmembers were put out by crewmembers without benefit of extensive training or protective clothing. We therefore have considered the costs and benefits associated with such training and clothing, and we have decided not to require these in this interim rule.

Several other comments stated that, in their opinion, portable equipment would be adequate to control engine-room fires because fire-detection systems are now mandatory on all non-exempt towing vessels under the new rules for fire-protection measures effective October 8, 2001 (65 FR 52043). We agree that those systems will provide early warning of potential fires and, in most cases, will allow crewmembers to act before the fires grow to unmanageable sizes. Early detection capability was a factor in our decision to allow the use of portable fire-fighting equipment in this interim rule.

Voyage Planning

Most comments on voyage planning opposed requiring it for towing vessels on Western Rivers and other inland waters. The Coast Guard agrees, requiring it only for these vessels (each with at least one barge in tow) when they operate beyond the baseline of the territorial sea.

Many suggested we define the term ''voyage.'' For the purposes of this rule, a voyage (or trip) is a movement of a towing vessel that is under way, with at least part of the transit being seaward of the territorial-sea baseline.

One comment suggested specific changes, such as development of guidelines for voyage planning with detailed information on its four components: appraisal, planning, execution, and monitoring. Another suggested that proper planning encompass a number of items to protect endangered species and critical habitats. The Coast Guard agrees in part. We will further evaluate the need for detailed instructions regarding voyage planning and will issue guidelines to the industry if they are deemed necessary.

Regulatory Evaluation

This interim rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Order. However, it is significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

A draft Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES.** A summary of the Evaluation follows:

We expect measures published in this interim rule to yield a benefit-to-cost ratio of about 1.6-to-1. Estimated benefits, in the form of avoided injuries and avoided damage to vessels and property, are around $29.5 million. In addition, the measures are estimated to prevent 14,139 barrels of oil pollution. The estimated total present-value cost of this rulemaking is $18.6 million. The table following this paragraph illustrates the calculation of total benefits and costs and also breaks out the benefits and costs of the fire-suppression and voyage-planning components. The period of analysis is from 2003 until 2015. A majority of the costs are incurred in the first two years of the analysis period, as this is when industry will incur the capital costs of installing manual fire-fighting equipment.

TOTAL COSTS, BENEFITS, AND BENEFIT/COST RATIOS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE-SUPPRESSION AND VOYAGE PLANNING (2003–2015)

Present-Value Total Cost of Fire-Suppression	$16,975,875
Present-Value Total Benefit of Fire-Suppression	$24,325,311
Barrels of Pollution Avoided	9,032
Benefit/Cost Ratio	1.43:1
Present-Value Total Cost of Voyage Planning	$1,633,346
Present-Value Total Benefit of Voyage Planning	$5,104,360
Barrels of Pollution Avoided	5,107
Benefit/Cost Ratio	3.13:1
Present-Value Total Cost of Rule	$18,609,221
Present-Value Total Benefit of Rule	$29,429,671
Barrels of Pollution Avoided by Rule	14,139
Benefit/Cost Ratio of Rule	1.58:1

Note: Benefit/Cost ratio is present-value total benefit divided by the present-value total cost.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers the economic impact on small entities of each rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. ''Small entities'' include: small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The requirements contained in this interim rule will have much less of an impact on small entities than those contained in the SNPRM published November 8, 2000. There, we indicated that the requirements contained in the SNPRM might constitute a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The total present-value cost of the requirements contained in the SNPRM was around $116 million.

We estimate that this interim rule will cost industry $18.6 million. About 1,200 companies are affected by this rule; of these, about 1,000 are considered small entities. The average small business, in our analysis, owns two affected towing vessels and has average annual revenues of $1.1 million. Consequently, an average small business will spend around $12,000 over the 13 years covered by our analysis to have the manual fire-fighting equipment on board and to conduct voyage planning. Therefore, we certify that this rule does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assistance for Small Entities

In accordance with section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), the Coast Guard wants to assist small entities in understanding this interim rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If your small business or organization is affected by this rule, and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call Mr. Randall Eberly, P. E., Project Manager, at 202–267–1861.

Collection of Information

This rule does not provide for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). As defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(c), ''collection of information'' includes reporting, recordkeeping, monitoring, posting, labeling, and other, similar actions.

Federalism

It is well settled that States may not regulate in categories reserved for regulation by the Coast Guard. It is also well settled, now, that all of the categories covered in 46 U.S.C. 3306, 3703, 7101, and 8101 (design, construction, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, equipping, personnel qualification, and manning of vessels), as well as the reporting of casualties and any other category in which Congress intended the Coast Guard to be the sole source of a vessel's obligations, are within the field foreclosed from regulation by the States. (See the decision of the Supreme Court in the consolidated cases of *United States* v. *Locke and Intertanko* v. *Locke,* 529 U.S. 89, 120 S.Ct. 1135 (March 6, 2000).) Because the States may not regulate within these categories, preemption under Executive Order 13132 is not an issue.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. The Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this interim rule will not result in such an expenditure, we discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or, otherwise, have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Reform of Civil Justice

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial, direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

To help the Coast Guard establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian and Alaskan Native tribes, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 36361 (July 11, 2001)) requesting comments on how to best carry out the Order. We invite your comments on how this rule might affect tribal governments, even if any particular effect may not constitute a ''tribal implication'' under the Order.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a ''significant energy action'' under that Order because it is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant, adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated, by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, paragraphs (34) (c) and (d), of Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A ''Categorical Exclusion Determination'' is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects

33 CFR Part 164

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

46 CFR Part 25

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 27

Fire prevention, Incorporation by reference, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 164 and 46 CFR parts 25 and 27 as follows:

PART 164—NAVIGATION SAFETY REGULATIONS

■ 1. Revise the citation of authority for part 164 to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1222(5), 1223, 1231; 46 U.S.C. 2103, 3703; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170. Sec. 164.13 also issued under 46 U.S.C. 8502. Sec. 164.61 also issued under 46 U.S.C. 6101.

■ 2. In § 164.78, revise paragraphs (a) (6) and (7), and add paragraph (a)(8) to read as follows:

§ 164.78 Navigation under way: Towing vessels.

(a) * * *

(6) Knows the speed and direction of the current, set, drift, and tidal state for the area to be transited;

(7) Proceeds at a safe speed taking into account the weather, visibility, density of traffic, draft of tow, possibility of wake damage, speed and direction of the current, and local speed-limits; and

(8) Monitors the voyage plan required by § 164.80.

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■ 3. In § 164.80, revise the heading of the section and add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 164.80 Tests, inspections, and voyage planning.

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(c) Towing vessels described in paragraphs (b) (1) through (4) of § 164.01 are exempt from the voyage-planning

requirements outlined in this section. If any part of a towing vessel's intended voyage is seaward of the baseline (*i.e.*, the shoreward boundary) of the territorial sea of the U.S., then the owner, master, or operator of the vessel, employed to tow a barge or barges, must ensure that the voyage with the barge or barges is planned, taking into account all pertinent information before the vessel embarks on the voyage. The master must check the planned route for proximity to hazards before the voyage begins. During a voyage, if a decision is made to deviate substantially from the planned route, then the master or mate must plan the new route before deviating from the planned route. The voyage plan must follow company policy and consider the following (related requirements noted in parentheses):

(1) Applicable information from nautical charts and publications (also see paragraph (b) of §164.72), including Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, and Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners for the port of departure, all ports of call, and the destination;

(2) Current and forecast weather, including visibility, wind, and sea state for the port of departure, all ports of call, and the destination (also see paragraphs (a)(7) of §164.78 and (b) of §164.82);

(3) Data on tides and currents for the port of departure, all ports of call, and the destination, and the river stages and forecast, if appropriate;

(4) Forward and after drafts of the barge or barges and under-keel and vertical clearances (air-gaps) for all bridges, ports, and berthing areas;

(5) Pre-departure checklists;

(6) Calculated speed and estimated time of arrival at proposed waypoints;

(7) Communication contacts at any Vessel Traffic Services, bridges, and facilities, and any port-specific requirements for VHF radio;

(8) Any master's or operator's standing orders detailing closest points of approach, special conditions, and critical maneuvers; and

(9) Whether the towing vessel has sufficient power to control the tow under all foreseeable circumstances.

PART 25—REQUIREMENTS

■ 4. Revise the citation of authority for part 25 to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1903(b); 46 U.S.C. 3306, 4102, 4302; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

■ 5. In § 25.30–10, revise the heading, and paragraph (c) and Table 25.30–10(c), to read as follows:

§ 25.30–10 Hand-portable fire extinguishers and semi-portable fire-extinguishing systems.

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(c) The number designations for size run from ''I'' for the smallest to ''V'' for the largest. Sizes I and II are hand-portable fire extinguishers; sizes III, IV, and V are semi-portable fire-extinguishing systems, which must be fitted with hose and nozzle or other practical means to cover all portions of the space involved. Examples of the sizes for some of the typical hand-portable fire extinguishers and semi-portable fire-extinguishing systems appear in Table 25.30–10(C):

TABLE 25.30–10(C)

Classification	Foam, liters (gallons)	Carbon dioxide, kilograms (pounds)	Dry chemical, kilograms (pounds)
B–I	6.5 (1¾)	2 (4)	1 (2)
B–II	9.5 (½)	7 (15)	4.5 (10)
B–III	45 (12)	16 (35)	9 (20)
B–IV	75 (20)	23 (50)	13.5 (30)
B–V	150 (40)	45 (100)	23 (50)

■ 6. Revise § 25.30–15 to read as follows:

§ 25.30–15 Fixed fire-extinguishing systems.

(a) When a fixed fire-extinguishing system is installed, it must be a type approved or accepted by the Commandant (G–MSE) or the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center.

(b) If the system is a carbon-dioxide type, then it must be designed and installed in accordance with subpart 76.15 of part 76 of subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) of this chapter.

PART 27—TOWING VESSELS

■ 7.–8. Revise part 27 to read as follows:

Subpart A—General Provisions for Fire-Protection Measures and Fire-Suppression Equipment on Towing Vessels

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27.301 What are the requirements for fire pumps, fire mains, and fire hoses on towing vessels?
27.303 What are the requirements for fire-extinguishing equipment on towing vessels in inland service, and on towing vessels in ocean or coastal service whose construction was contracted for before August 27, 2003?
27.305 What are the requirements for fire-extinguishing equipment on towing vessels in ocean or coastal service whose construction was contracted for on or after August 27, 2003?

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 3306, 4102 (as amended by Pub. L. 104–324, 110 Stat. 3901); Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

PART 27—TOWING VESSELS

Subpart A—General Provisions for Fire-Protection Measures and Fire-Suppression Equipment on Towing Vessels

§ 27.100 What towing vessels does this part affect?

(a) You must comply with this part if your towing vessel operates on the navigable waters of the United States, unless your vessel is one exempt under paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) This part does not apply to you if your towing vessel is—

(1) Used solely within a limited geographic area, such as a fleeting-area

for barges or a commercial facility, and used solely for restricted service, such as making up or breaking up larger tows;

(2) Used solely for harbor-assist;

(3) Used solely for assistance towing as defined by 46 CFR 10.103;

(4) Used solely for response to emergency or pollution;

(5) A public vessel that is both owned, or demise chartered, and operated by the United States Government or by a government of a foreign country; and that is not engaged in commercial service;

(6) A foreign vessel engaged in innocent passage;

(7) Pushing a barge ahead, or towing a barge alongside, when the barge's coastwise or Great Lakes route is restricted (as indicated on its certificate of inspection), so the barge may operate ''in fair weather only, within 20 miles of shore,'' or with words to that effect; or

(8) Exempted by the Captain of the Port (COTP).

(c) If you think your towing vessel should be exempt from the paragraph (b) requirements for a specified route, you should submit a written request to the appropriate COTP. The COTP will provide you with a written response granting or denying your request. The COTP will consider the extent to which unsafe conditions would result if your vessel lost propulsion because of a fire in the engine room.

(d) You must test and maintain all of the equipment required by this part in accordance with the attached nameplate or manufacturer's approved design manual.

§ 27.101 Definitions.

As used in this part—

Accommodation includes any:

(1) Messroom.

(2) Lounge.

(3) Sitting area.

(4) Recreation room.

(5) Quarters.

(6) Toilet space.

(7) Shower room.

(8) Galley.

(9) Berthing facility.

(10) Clothing-changing room.

Engine room means the enclosed area where any main-propulsion engine is located. It comprises all deck levels within that area.

Fixed fire-extinguishing system means a carbon-dioxide system that satisfies 46 CFR subpart 76.15 and is approved by the Commandant; a manually-operated clean-agent system that satisfies the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 2001 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102) and is approved by the Commandant; or a manually-operated water-mist system that satisfies NFPA Standard 750 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102) and is approved by the Commandant.

Fleeting-area means a separate location where individual barges are moored or assembled to make a tow. The barges are not in transport, but are temporarily marshaled, waiting for pickup by different vessels that will transport them to various destinations. A fleeting-area is a limited geographic area.

Harbor-assist means docking and undocking ships.

Limited geographic area means a local area of operation, usually within a single harbor or port. The local Captain of the Port (COTP) determines the definition of local geographic area for each zone.

Operating station means the principal steering station on the vessel from which the vessel is normally navigated.

Towing vessel means a commercial vessel engaged in, or intending to engage in, pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside, or any combination of pulling, pushing, or hauling alongside.

Towing vessel in inland service means a towing vessel that is not in ocean or coastal service.

Towing vessel in ocean or coastal service means a towing vessel that operates beyond the baseline of the U.S. territorial sea.

We means the United States Coast Guard.

Work space means any area on the vessel where the crew could be present while on duty and performing their assigned tasks.

You means the owner of a towing vessel, unless otherwise specified.

§ 27.102 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register—in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of the change in the **Federal Register** and make the material available for inspection. All approved material is available at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20001, and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Design and Engineering Standards (G–MSE), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001 and is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The material approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are:

American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC), 3069 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037–1416.

H–25–1986—Portable Fuel Systems for Flammable Liquids	27.211
H–33–1989—Diesel Fuel Systems	27.211
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269–9101	
NFPA 302–1989—Pleasure and Commercial Motorcraft	27.211
NFPA 750—Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems, 2000 edition	27.101
NFPA 2001—Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems, 2000 edition	27.101
Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096–0001	
SAE J1475–1984—Hydraulic Hose Fitting for Marine Applications	27.211
SAE J1942–1989—Hose and Hose Assemblies for Marine Applications	27.211

Subpart B—Fire-Protection Measures for Towing Vessels

§ 27.201 What are the requirements for general alarms on towing vessels?

(a) You must ensure that your vessel is fitted with a general alarm that:

(1) Has a contact-maker at the operating station that can notify persons on board in the event of an emergency.

(2) Is capable of notifying persons in any accommodation, work space, and the engine room.

(3) Has installed, in the engine room and any other area where background noise makes a general alarm hard to hear, a supplemental flashing red light that is identified with a sign that reads:

Attention

General Alarm—When Alarm Sounds or Flashes Go to Your Station.

(4) Is tested at least once each week.

(b) You or the operator may use a public-address (PA) system or other means of alerting all persons on your towing vessel instead of a general alarm, if the system—

(1) Is capable of notifying persons in any accommodation, work space, and the engine room;

(2) Is tested at least once each week;

(3) Can be activated from the operating station; and

(4) Complies with paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

§ 27.203 What are the requirements for fire detection on towing vessels?

You must have a fire-detection system installed on your vessel to detect

engine-room fires. Any owner of a vessel whose construction was contracted for before January 18, 2000, may use an existing engine-room-monitoring system (with fire-detection capability) instead of a fire-detection system, if the monitoring system is operable and complies with this section. You must ensure that—

(a) Each detector, each control panel, and each fire alarm are approved under 46 CFR subpart 161.002 or listed by an independent testing laboratory; except that, if you use an existing engine-room-monitoring system (with fire-detection capability), each detector must be listed by an independent testing laboratory;

(b) The system is installed, tested, and maintained in line with the manufacturer's design manual;

(c) The system is arranged and installed so a fire in the engine room automatically sets off alarms on a control panel at the operating station;

(d) The control panel includes—

(1) A power-available light;

(2) Both an audible alarm to notify crew at the operating station of fire and visible alarms to identify the zone or zones of origin of the fire;

(3) A means to silence the audible alarm while maintaining indication by the visible alarms;

(4) A circuit-fault detector test-switch; and

(5) Labels for all switches and indicator lights, identifying their functions;

(e) The system draws power from two sources, switchover from the primary source to the secondary source being either manual or automatic;

(f) The system serves no other purpose, unless it is an engine-room-monitoring system (with fire-detection capability) installed on a vessel whose construction was contracted for before January 18, 2000; and

(g) The system is certified by a Registered Professional Engineer, or by a recognized classification society (under 46 CFR part 8), to comply with paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section.

§ 27.205 What are the requirements for internal communication systems on towing vessels?

(a) You must ensure that your vessel is fitted with a communication system between the engine room and the operating station that—

(1) Consists of either fixed or portable equipment, such as a sound-powered telephone, portable radios, or other reliable method of voice communication, with a main or reserve power supply that is independent of the electrical system on your towing vessel; and

(2) Provides two-way voice communication and calling between the operating station and either—

(i) The engine room; or

(ii) A location immediately adjacent to an exit from the engine room.

(b) Twin-screw vessels with operating-station control for both engines are not required to have an internal communication system.

(c) When the operating-station's engine controls and the access to the engine room are within 3 meters (10 feet) of each other and allow unobstructed visual contact between them, direct voice communication is acceptable instead of a communication system.

§ 27.207 What are the requirements for fuel shut-offs on towing vessels?

To stop the flow of fuel in the event of a break in the fuel line, you must have a positive, remote fuel-shut-off valve fitted on any fuel line that supplies fuel directly to an engine or generator. The valve must be near the source of supply (for instance, at the day tank, storage tank, or fuel-distribution manifold). Furthermore, it must be operable from a safe place outside the space where the valve is installed. Each remote valve control should be marked in clearly legible letters, at least 25 millimeters (1 inch) high, indicating the purpose of the valve and the way to operate it.

§ 27.209 What are the requirements for training crews to respond to fires?

(a) *Drills and instruction.* The master or person in charge of a vessel must ensure that each crewmember participates in drills and receives instruction at least once each month. The instruction may coincide with the drills, but need not. You must ensure that all crewmembers are familiar with their fire-fighting duties, and, specifically, with the following contingencies:

(1) Fighting a fire in the engine room and other locations on board the vessel, including how to—

(i) Operate all of the fire-extinguishing equipment on board the vessel;

(ii) Stop any mechanical ventilation system for the engine room and effectively seal all natural openings to the space to prevent leakage of the extinguishing agent; and

(iii) Operate the fuel shut-off for the engine room.

(2) Activating the general alarm.

(3) Reporting inoperative alarm systems and fire-detection systems.

(4) Putting on a fireman's outfit and a self-contained breathing apparatus, if the vessel is so equipped.

(b) *Alternative form of instruction.* The master or person in charge of a vessel may substitute, for the instruction required in paragraph (a) of this section, the viewing of videotapes concerning at least the contingencies listed in paragraph (a), followed by a discussion led by someone familiar with these contingencies. This instruction may occur either on or off the vessel.

(c) *Participation in drills.* Drills must take place on board the vessel, as if there were an actual emergency. They must include—

(1) Participation by all crewmembers;

(2) Breaking out and using, or simulating the use of, emergency equipment;

(3) Testing of all alarm and detection systems; and

(4) Putting on protective clothing (by at least one person), if the vessel is so equipped.

(d) *Safety orientation.* The master or person in charge of a vessel must ensure that each crewmember who has not participated in the drills required by paragraph (a) of this section, and received the instruction required by that paragraph, receives a safety orientation within 24 hours of reporting for duty.

(e) The safety orientation must cover the particular contingencies listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 27.211 What are the specifications for fuel systems on towing vessels whose construction was contracted for on or after January 18, 2000?

(a) You must ensure that, except for the components of an outboard engine or of a portable bilge pump or fire pump, each fuel system installed on board the vessel complies with this section.

(b) *Portable fuel systems.* The vessel must not incorporate or carry portable fuel systems, including portable tanks and related fuel lines and accessories, except when used for outboard engines or when permanently attached to portable equipment such as portable bilge pumps or fire pumps. The design, construction, and stowage of portable tanks and related fuel lines and accessories must comply with ABYC H–25 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102).

(c) *Fuel restrictions.* Neither you nor the master or person in charge may use fuel other than bunker C or diesel, except for outboard engines, or where otherwise accepted by the Commandant (G-MSE). An installation that uses bunker C, heavy fuel oil (HFO), or any fuel that requires pre-heating, must comply with subchapter F of this chapter.

(d) *Vent pipes for integral fuel tanks.* Each integral fuel tank must meet the

requirements of this paragraph as follows:

(1) Each tank must have a vent that connects to the highest point of the tank, discharges on a weather deck through a bend of 180 degrees (3.14 radians), and is fitted with a 30-by-30-mesh corrosion-resistant flame screen. Vents from two or more tanks may combine in a system that discharges on a weather deck.

(2) The net cross-sectional area of the vent pipe for the tank must be—

(i) Not less than 312.3 square millimeters (0.484 square inches) for any tank filled by gravity; or

(ii) Not less than that of the fill pipe for any tank filled under pressure.

(e) *Fuel piping.* Except as permitted in paragraphs (e)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, each fuel line must be seamless and made of steel, annealed copper, nickel-copper, or copper-nickel. Each fuel line must have a wall thickness of not less than 0.9 millimeters (0.035 inch) except that—

(1) Aluminum piping is acceptable on an aluminum-hull vessel if it is installed outside the engine room and is at least Schedule 80 in thickness; and

(2) Nonmetallic flexible hose is acceptable if it—

(i) Is used in lengths of not more than 0.76 meters (30 inches);

(ii) Is visible and easily accessible;

(iii) Does not penetrate a watertight bulkhead;

(iv) Is fabricated with an inner tube and a cover of synthetic rubber or other suitable material reinforced with wire braid; and

(v) Either,—

(A) If it is designed for use with compression fittings, is fitted with suitable, corrosion-resistant, compression fittings, or fittings compliant with SAE J1475 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102); or,

(B) If it is designed for use with clamps, is installed with two clamps at each end of the hose. Clamps must not rely on spring tension and must be installed beyond the bead or flare or over the serrations of the mating spud, pipe, or hose fitting. Hose complying with SAE J1475 is also acceptable.

(3) Nonmetallic flexible hose complying with SAE J1942 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102) is also acceptable.

(f) A towing vessel of less than 24 meters (79 feet) in length may comply with any of the following standards for fuel systems rather than with those of paragraph (e) of this section:

(1) ABYC H–33 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102).

(2) Chapter 5 of NFPA 302 (incorporated by reference in § 27.102).

(3) 33 CFR Chapter I, subchapter S (Boating Safety).

Subpart C—Fire-Suppression Equipment for Towing Vessels

§ 27.301 What are the requirements for fire pumps, fire mains, and fire hoses on towing vessels?

By April 29, 2005, you must provide a self-priming, power-driven, fixed fire-pump, a fire main, and hoses and nozzles in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section; or a portable pump, and hoses and nozzles, in accordance with paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, for your towing vessel.

(a) The fixed fire-pump must be capable of—

(1) Delivering water simultaneously from the two highest hydrants, or from both branches of the fitting if the highest hydrant has a Siamese fitting, at a pitot-tube pressure of at least 344 kPa (50 psi) and a flow rate of at least 300 lpm (80 gpm); and

(2) Being energized from the operating station and from the pump.

(b) The fire main must have a sufficient number of fire hydrants with attached hose to reach any part of the machinery space using a single length of fire hose.

(c) The hose must be lined commercial fire-hose, at least 40mm (1.5 inches) in diameter, 15 meters (50 feet) in length, and fitted with a nozzle made of corrosion-resistant material capable of providing a solid stream and a spray pattern.

(d) The portable fire pump must be self-priming and power-driven, with—

(1) A minimum capacity of at least 300 lpm (80 gpm) at a discharge gauge pressure of not less than 414 kPa (60 psi), measured at the pump discharge;

(2) A sufficient amount of lined commercial fire hose at least 40mm (1.5 inches) in diameter and 15 meters (50 feet) in length, immediately available to attach to it so that a stream of water will reach any part of the vessel; and

(3) A nozzle made of corrosion-resistant material capable of providing a solid stream and a spray pattern.

(e) You must stow the pump with its hose and nozzle outside of the machinery space.

§ 27.303 What are the requirements for fire-extinguishing equipment on towing vessels in inland service, and on towing vessels in ocean or coastal service whose construction was contracted for before August 27, 2003?

You must carry on your towing vessel both—

(a) The minimum number of hand-portable fire extinguishers required by 46 CFR subpart 25.30; and

(b) By April 29, 2005, either—

(1) An approved B–V semi-portable fire-extinguishing system to protect the engine room; or

(2) A fixed fire-extinguishing system installed to protect the engine room of the vessel.

§ 27.305 What are the requirements for fire-extinguishing equipment on towing vessels in ocean or coastal service whose construction was contracted for on or after August 27, 2003?

(a) You must carry on your towing vessel both—

(1) The minimum number of hand-portable fire extinguishers required by 46 CFR subpart 25.30; and

(2) An approved B–V semi-portable fire-extinguishing system to protect the engine room.

(b) You must have a fixed fire-extinguishing system installed to protect the engine room of the vessel.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Paul J. Pluta,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

33 CFR Part 402

[Docket No. SLSDC 2003–14687]

RIN 2135–AA17

Tariff of Tolls

AGENCY: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Tariff of Tolls in their respective jurisdictions. The Tariff sets forth the level of tolls assessed on all commodities and vessels transiting the facilities operated by the SLSDC and the SLSMC. The SLSDC is revising its regulations to reflect the fees and charges charged by the SLSMC in Canada starting in the 2003 navigation season, which are effective only in Canada. The SLSDC also is amending the regulations to increase the minimum charge per lock transited for full or partial transit of the Seaway to be charged by the SLSDC for transit

through the U.S. locks of vessels that are not pleasure craft or vessels subject in Canada to the tolls under items 1 and 2 of the Tariff. Since this latter proposed amendment would be of applicability in the United States, comments were invited on only on this. (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**) The Tariff of Tolls is in effect in Canada. For consistency, because these are, under international agreement, joint regulations, and to avoid confusion among users of the Seaway, the SLSDC finds that there is good cause to make this U.S. version of the amendments effective upon publication.

DATES: This rule is effective on April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc C. Owen, Chief, Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–6823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Tariff of Tolls in their respective jurisdictions. (The Tariff is called the Schedule of Fees and Charges in Canada.) The amendments are described in the following summary.

The Tariff sets forth the level of tolls assessed on all commodities and vessels transiting the facilities operated by the SLSDC and the SLSMC. The SLSDC is revising § 402.8, ''Schedule of Tolls,'' to reflect the fees and charges charged by the SLSMC in Canada starting in the 2003 navigation season. With one exception, the changes affect the tolls for commercial vessels and are applicable only in Canada as the collection of the U.S. portion of tolls for commercial vessels is waived by law (33 U.S.C. 988a(a)). Accordingly, no notice and comment was necessary on these amendments. The SLSDC also is amending the regulations to increase the minimum charge per lock transited for full or partial transit of the Seaway to be charged by the SLSDC for transit through the U.S. locks of vessels that are not pleasure craft or vessels subject in Canada to the tolls under items 1 and 2 of the Tariff. Since only this latter proposed amendment would be of applicability in the United States, comments were invited on only on this. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published on March 17, 2003 (67 FR 12644). Interested parties have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of the amendment applicable in the United States. No comments were received. That amendment is described in the following summary.

The specific change is the amendment of § 402.8, ''Schedule of Tolls'', to increase the per lock charge for transit through a U.S. lock from $16.24 to $16.44. This increase is due to higher operating costs at the locks. The footnote to § 402.8 is also amended to clarify that this charge will be collected by the SLSDC for the U.S. locks in U.S. funds instead of at par.

Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation involves a foreign function of the United States and therefore Executive Order 12866 does not apply and evaluation under the Department of Transportation's Regulatory Policies and Procedures is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Determination

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The St. Lawrence Seaway Tariff of Tolls primarily relates to commercial users of the Seaway, the vast majority of whom are foreign vessel operators. Therefore, any resulting costs will be borne mostly by foreign vessels.

Environmental Impact

This regulation does not require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321, *et reg.*) because it is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of human environment.

Federalism

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria in Executive Order 13132, Dated August 4, 1999, and has determined that it does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant a Federalism Assessment.

Unfunded Mandates

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4, 109 Stat. 48) and determined that it does not impose unfunded mandates on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector requiring a written statement of economic and regulatory alternatives.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation has been analyzed under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Office of Management and Budget review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 402

Vessels, Waterways.

■ Accordingly, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is amending 33 CFR part 402, Tariff of Tolls, as follows:

PART 402—TARIFF OF TOLLS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 402 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 983(a), 984(a)(4), and 988, as amended; 49 CFR 1.52.

■ 2. § 402.8 is revised to read as follows:

§ 402.8 Schedule of tolls.

Item	Column 1 Description of charges	Column 2 Rate ($) Montreal to or from Lake Ontario (5 locks)	Column 3 Rate ($) Welland Canal—Lake Ontario to or from Lake Erie (8 locks)
1.	Subject to item 3, for complete transit of the Seaway, a composite toll, comprising: (1) A charge per gross registered ton of the ship, applicable whether the ship is wholly or partially laden, or is in ballast, and the gross registered tonnage being calculated according to prescribed rules for measurement in the United States or under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, as amended from time to time.	0.0894	0.1453

Item	Column 1 Description of charges	Column 2 Rate ($) Montreal to or from Lake Ontario (5 locks)	Column 3 Rate ($) Welland Canal—Lake Ontario to or from Lake Erie (8 locks)
	(2) A charge per metric ton of cargo as certified on the ship's manifest or other document, as follows:		
	(a) Bulk cargo	0.9275	0.6145
	(b) General cargo	2.2348	0.9834
	(c) Steel slab	2.0225	0.7040
	(d) Containerized cargo	0.9275	0.6145
	(e) Government aid cargo	N/a	N/a
	(f) Grain	0.5698	0.6145
	(g) Coal	0.5475	0.6145
	(3) A charge per passenger per lock	1.3185	1.3185
	(4) A charge per lock for transit of the Welland Canal in either direction by cargo ships:		
	(a) Loaded	N/a	490.79
	(b) In ballast	N/a	362.62
2.	Subject to item 3, for partial transit of the Seaway	20 percent per lock of the applicable charge under items 1 (1) and (2) plus the applicable charge under items 1 (3) and (4).	13 percent per lock of the applicable charge under items 1 (1) and (2) plus the applicable charge under items 1 (3) and (4)
3.	Minimum charge per ship per lock transited for full or partial transit of the Seaway.	16.44	16.44
4.	A rebate applicable for the 2003 navigation season to the rates of item 1 to 3.	Rebate of 0%	Rebate of 0%
5.	A charge per pleasure craft per lock transited for full or partial transit of the Seaway, including applicable federal taxes. [1]	20.00	20.00

[1] The applicable charge at the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's locks (Eisenhower, Snell) for pleasure craft is $20 U.S. or $30 Canadian per lock. The applicable charge under item 3 at the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's locks (Eisenhower, Snell) will be collected in U.S. dollars. The other amounts are in Canadian dollars and are for the Canadian share of tolls. The collection of the U.S. portion of tolls for commercial vessels is waived by law (33 U.S.C. 988a(a)).

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Albert S. Jacquez,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA–D–7537]

Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: This interim rule lists communities where modification of the base (1% annual chance) flood elevations is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified base flood elevations for new buildings and their contents.

DATES: These modified base flood elevations are currently in effect on the dates listed in the table and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMs) in effect prior to this determination for each listed community.

From the date of the second publication of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has ninety (90) days in which to request through the community that the Mitigation Division Director reconsider the changes. The modified elevations may be changed during the 90-day period.

ADDRESSES: The modified base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Acting Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modified base flood elevations are not listed for each community in this interim rule. However, the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified base flood elevation determinations are available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration must be based upon knowledge of changed conditions, or upon new scientific or technical data.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

These modified elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more

stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State or regional entities.

The changes in base flood elevations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This interim rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR part 65

Flood insurance, floodplains, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 65 is amended to read as follows:

PART 65—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 65 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 65.4 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 65.4 are amended as follows:

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Michigan: Oakland	City of Novi	January 9, 2003, January 16, 2003, *Novi News*.	The Honorable Richard Clark, Mayor of the City of Novi, Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375–3024.	Dec. 31, 2002	260175 C
New Jersey:					
Union	Township of Berkeley Heights.	February 2, 2003, February 10, 2003, *The Courier-News*.	The Honorable David A. Cohen, Mayor of the Township of Berkeley Heights, 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922.	May 12, 2003	340459 E
Middlesex	Borough of South Plainfield.	February 21, 2003, February 28, 2003, *The Observer*.	The Honorable Daniel Gallagher, Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.	May 30, 2003	340279 B
North Carolina:					
Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, and Haywood.	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.	February 12, 2003, February 19, 2003 *Cherokee One Feather*.	The Honorable Leon D. Jones, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719.	Feb. 3, 2003	370401 B
Wake	City of Raleigh	January 17, 2003, January 24, 2003, *The News & Observer*.	The Honorable Charles Meeker, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, P.O. Box 590, 222 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.	Jan. 30, 2003	370243 E
Pennsylvania:					
Bucks	Borough of White Oak.	February 25, 2003, March 4, 2003, *The Daily News*.	Mr. Wayne Washowich, Council President of the Borough of White Oak, 2280 Lincoln Way, White Oak, Pennsylvania 15313.	Feb. 13, 2003	420089 E

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Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA–P–7622]

Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: This interim rule lists communities where modification of the Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified BFEs for new buildings and their contents.

DATES: These modified BFEs are currently in effect on the dates listed in the table below and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) in effect prior to this determination for the listed communities.

From the date of the second publication of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has ninety (90) days in which to request through the community that the Mitigation Division Director for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate reconsider the changes. The modified BFEs may be changed during the 90-day period.

ADDRESSES: The modified BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modified BFEs are not listed for each community in this interim rule. However, the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified BFE determinations are available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

These modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities.

The changes in BFEs are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified BFEs are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This interim rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR part 65

Flood insurance, Floodplains, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 65 is amended to read as follows:

PART 65—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 65 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 65.4 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 65.4 are amended as follows:

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Illinois:					
Cook (Case No. 02–05–2981P).	Village of Orland Park.	January 30, 2003, February 6, 2003, *The Orland Township Messenger*.	The Honorable Daniel McLaughlin, Mayor, Village of Orland Park, Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois 60462.	Jan. 15, 2003.	170140

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Cook (Case No. 02–05–1847P).	Village of Wheeling.	January 16, 2003, January 23, 2003, *The Wheeling Countryside*.	Mr. Gregory Klatecki, President, Village of Wheeling, 255 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois 60090–4726.	Dec. 27, 2002.	170173
Indiana: Lake (Case No. 02–05–3647P).	Town of Schererville.	January 16, 2003, January 23, 2003, *The Times*.	Mr. Richard Krame, City Manager, Town of Schererville, 833 West Lincoln Highway, Suite B20W, Schererville, Indiana 46375.	Jan. 27, 2003.	180142
Kansas: Sedgwick (Case No. 02–07–250P).	City of Wichita ..	January 6, 2003, January 13, 2003, *The Wichita Eagle*.	The Honorable Bob Knight, Mayor, City of Wichita, City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas 67202.	Dec. 6, 2002.	200328
Minnesota: Ramsey (Case No. 02–05–0197P).	City of New Brighton.	January 15, 2003, January 22, 2003, *New Brighton-Mounds View Bulletin*.	The Honorable Steve Larson, Mayor, City of New Brighton, 803 Old Highway 8 N.W., New Brighton, Minnesota 55112.	April 23, 2003.	270380
Missouri: St. Louis (Case No. 02–07–0172P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 16, 2003, January 23, 2003, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*.	Mr. Buzz Westfall, County Executive, St. Louis County, 41 South Central Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.	April 24, 2003.	290327
New Mexico:					
Bernalillo (Case No. 02–06–2143P).	City of Albuquerque.	January 24, 2003, January 31, 2003, *Albuquerque Journal*.	The Honorable Martin Chavez, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, P.O. box 1293, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.	Jan. 8, 2003.	350002
Bernalillo (Case No. 02–06–2143P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 24, 2003, January 31, 2003, *Albuquerque Journal*.	Mr. Tim Cummins, Bernalillo County Commissioner, One Civic Plaza, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.	Jan. 8, 2003.	350001
Ohio:					
Franklin (Case No. 02–05–3227P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 9, 2003, January 16, 2003, *The Columbus Dispatch*.	Mr. Dewey R. Stokes, President, Franklin County, Board of Commissioners, 373 South High Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215–6304.	Jan. 14, 2003.	390167
Lorain (Case No. 02–05–1839P).	City of North Ridgeville.	February 19, 2003, February 26, 2003, *The Chronicle Telegram*.	The Honorable Deanna Hill, Mayor, City of North Ridgeville, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.	May 28, 2002.	390352
Oklahoma:					
Tulsa (Case No. 01–06–839P).	City of Broken Arrow.	January 8, 2003, January 15, 2003, *Broken Arrow Ledger*.	The Honorable James Reynolds, Mayor, City of Broken Arrow, 706 East Mason Drive, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.	April 16, 2003.	400236
Oklahoma (Case No. 02–06–1547P).	City of Oklahoma City.	January 17, 2003, January 24, 2003, *The Daily Oklahoman*.	The Honorable Kirk Humphreys, Mayor, City of Oklahoma City, 200 North Walker, Suite 302, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.	April 25, 2003.	405378
Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain, & Pottawatomie (Case No. 03–06–433P).	City of Oklahoma City.	January 20, 2003, January 27, 2003, *The Daily Oklahoman*.	The Honorable Kirk Humphreys, Mayor, City of Oklahoma City, 200 North Walker, Suite 302, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.	Jan. 9, 2003.	405378
Rogers (Case No. 03–06–012P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 9, 2003, January 16, 2003, *The Claremore Daily Progress*.	Mr. Gerry Payne, Chairman, Rogers County, Board of Commissioners, 219 South Missouri, Claremore, Oklahoma 74017.	Dec. 9, 2002.	405379
Wagoner (Case No. 03–06–012P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 9, 2003, January 16, 2003, *The Wagoner Tribune*.	Mr. Allan Farley, Chairman, Wagoner County, Board of Commissioners, 307 East Cherokee Street, Wagoner, Oklahoma 74467.	Dec. 9, 2002.	400215

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Texas:					
Collin (Case No. 02–06–375P).	City of Allen	January 10, 2003, January 17, 2003, *The Allen American*.	The Honorable Stephen Terrell, Mayor, City of Allen, One Allen Civic Plaza, Allen, Texas 75013.	April 18, 2003.	480131
Johnson (Case No. 02–06–2441P).	City of Burleson.	January 8, 2003, January 15, 2003, *The Burleson Star*.	The Honorable Byron Black, Mayor, City of Burleson, 141 West Renfro, Burleson, Texas 76028.	April 16, 2003.	485459
Fort Bend (Case No. 02–06–376P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 22, 2003, January 29, 2003, *Fort Bend Star*.	The Honorable James C. Adolphus, Judge, Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson Street, Suite 719, Richmond, Texas 77469.	Dec. 31, 2002.	480228
Denton (Case No. 03–06–040P).	City of Fort Worth.	January 24, 2003, January 31, 2003, *The Star Telegram*.	The Honorable Kenneth Barr, Mayor, City of Fort Worth, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.	May 2, 2003.	480596
Tarrant (Case No. 02–06–2441P).	City of Fort Worth.	January 8, 2003, January 15, 2003, *The Star Telegram*.	The Honorable Kenneth Barr, Mayor, City of Fort Worth, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.	Jan. 13, 2003.	480596
Harris (Case No. 01–06–2046P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 10, 2003, January 17, 2003, *Houston Chronicle*.	The Honorable Robert Eckels, Judge, Harris County, 1001 Preston Street, Suite 911, Houston, Texas 77002.	April 18, 2003.	480287
Dallas (Case No. 02–06–2421P).	Town of Highland Park.	January 22, 2003, January 29, 2003, *Park Cities Morning News*.	The Honorable William White, Jr., Mayor, Town of Highland Park, Town Hall, 4700 Drexel Drive, Highland Park, Texas 75205.	Jan. 3, 2003.	480178
Bexar (Case No. 02–06–2307P).	City of San Antonio.	January 30, 2003, February 6, 2003, *San Antonio Express News*.	The Honorable Ed Garza, Mayor, City of San Antonio, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Texas 78283.	May 8, 2003.	480045
Bexar (Case No. 02–06–1838P).	City of Selma	January 23, 2003, January 30, 2003, *The Herald*.	The Honorable James Parma, Mayor, City of Selma, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, Texas 78154.	May 1, 2003.	480046
Tarrant (Case No. 02–06–2441P).	Unincorporated Areas.	January 8, 2003, January 15, 2003, *The Star Telegram*.	The Honorable Tom Vandergriff, Judge, Tarrant County, 100 East Weatherford, Fort Worth, Texas 76196.	Jan. 13, 2003.	480582
Bexar (Case No. 02–06–1838P).	City of Universal City.	January 23, 2003, January 30, 2003, *The Herald*.	The Honorable Wesley D. Becken, Mayor, City of Universal City, P.O. Box 3008, Universal City, Texas 78184.	May 1, 2003.	480049

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Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

Final Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are made final for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

EFFECTIVE DATES: The date of issuance of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) showing base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community. This date may be obtained by contacting the office where the maps are available for inspection as indicated on the table below.

ADDRESSES: The final base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of

the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) makes final determinations listed below of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed. The proposed base flood elevations and proposed modified base flood elevations were published in newspapers of local circulation and an opportunity for the community or individuals to appeal the proposed determinations to or through the community were provided for a period of ninety (90) days. The proposed base flood elevations and proposed modified base flood elevations were also published in the **Federal Register**.

This final rule is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67.

The Agency has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the proof Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map available at the address cited below for each community.

The base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are made final in the communities listed below. Elevations at selected locations in each community are shown.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because final or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.11 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.11 are amended as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD) •Elevation in feet (NAVD)
ALABAMA	
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas) and City of Montgomery (FEMA Docket No. D–7544)	
City of Montgomery	
Baldwin Slough:	
At the confluence with Catoma Creek	•181
Approximately 600 feet upstream of Vaughn Road	•235
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Catoma Creek:	
Just upstream of Trotman Road	•216
Approximately 12.5 miles upstream of Trotman Road	•247
City of Montgomery, Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Catoma Creek Tributary 1:	
At the confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•216
Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•247
City of Montgomery	
Catoma Creek Tributary 1 Branch 1:	
At confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•206
Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•223
Catoma Creek Tributary 1 Branch 2:	
At confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•208
Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•234
Catoma Creek Tributary 1 Branch 3:	
At confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•212
Approximately 1.4 miles upstream of the confluence with Catoma Creek Tributary 1	•235
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Dry Creek:	
Approximately 200 feet downstream of Troy Highway	•247
Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of Canty Road	•271
City of Montgomery, Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Jenkins Creek:	
Just upstream of CSX Transportation	•208
Approximately 100 feet upstream of Vaughn Road	•222
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Pike Road	
Little Catoma Creek:	
Approximately 1.25 miles upstream of Troy Highway	•220
Just upstream of Old Hayneville Road	•268
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Little Catoma Creek Tributary 1:	
Approximately 300 feet upstream from the confluence with Little Catoma Creek	•220
Approximately 50 feet upstream of Old Pike Road	•259
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas), City of Montgomery	
Millies Creek:	
Just upstream of CSX Transportation	•215
Approximately 50 feet upstream of Wallahatchie Road	•238
City of Montgomery	
Oliver Creek:	

Source of Flooding and Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD) •Elevation in feet (NAVD)
Approximately 0.8 mile downstream of CSX Transportation	•173
Approximately 100 feet upstream of Interstate Route 85	•237
Montgomery County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Maps available for inspection at the Montgomery County Engineering Department, 3152 Rolling Road Circle, Montgomery, Alabama.	
City of Montgomery	
Maps available for inspection at the Montgomery City Hall, 103 North Perry, Montgomery, Alabama.	
NORTH CAROLINA	
Hyde County (Unincorporated Areas) (FEMA Docket No. D–7540)	
Pungo River Canal:	
Approximately 2.5 miles upstream of Shallop Creek	•7
Approximately 1,100 feet upstream of Tiffany Trail	•10
Hyde County (Unincorporated Areas)	
Maps available for inspection at the Hyde County Inspection Department, 1129 Main Street, Swan Quarter, North Carolina.	

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Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

Final Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are made final for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

EFFECTIVE DATES: The date of issuance of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) showing base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community. This date may be obtained by contacting the office where the maps are available for inspection as indicated on the table below.

ADDRESSES: The final base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) makes final determinations listed below of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed. The proposed base flood elevations and proposed modified base flood elevations were published in newspapers of local circulation and an opportunity for the community or individuals to appeal the proposed determinations to or through the community was provided for a period of ninety (90) days. The proposed base flood elevations and proposed modified base flood elevations were also published in the **Federal Register**.

This final rule is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67.

The Agency has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the proof Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map available at the address cited below for each community.

The base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations are made final in the communities listed below. Elevations at selected locations in each community are shown.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because final or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.11 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.11 are amended as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD) •Elevation in feet (NAVD)
PENNSYLVANIA	
Tinicum (Township), Bucks County (FEMA Docket No. D–7528)	
Delaware River:	
Approximately 0.25 mile upstream of Uhlerstown Hill Road	*127
Approximately 1.17 miles downstream of Upper Black Eddy Bridge	*134
Delaware River Overland Flow:	
At confluence with the Delaware River	*128
At divergence from the Delaware River	*133
Maps available for inspection at the Tinicum Municipal Building, 163 Municipal Road, Pipersville, Pennsylvania.	
VIRGINIA	
Fairfax City (Independent City) (FEMA Docket No. D–7528)	
Accotink Creek:	
At the downstream corporate limits	*289
Approximately 50 feet upstream of Poplar Street	*397
Dale Lestina Tributary:	
At the confluence with North Fork Accotink Creek	*313
Approximately 500 feet upstream of Plantation Parkway	*344
Daniels Run:	
At the confluence with Accotink Creek	*296
Approximately 1,030 feet upstream of Sager Avenue	*406
Draper Drive Tributary:	
Approximately 750 feet upstream of confluence with Accotink Creek	*307
Approximately 920 feet upstream of the confluence with Accotink Creek	*311
Little River Hills Tributary:	
Approximately 150 feet upstream of the confluence with Daniels Run	*328
Approximately 1,460 feet upstream of Ashby Road	*379
Mosby Woods Tributary:	
At the confluence with North Fork Accotink Creek	*332
Approximately 1,940 feet upstream of confluence with North Fork Accotink Creek	*342
North Fork Accotink Creek:	
At the confluence with Accotink Creek	*313
Approximately 800 feet upstream of Howerton Avenue	*382
Ranger Road Tributary:	
At the confluence with Accotink Creek	*312
Approximately 260 feet upstream of Ranger Road	*314
Tusico Branch:	
At the confluence with Accotink Creek	*362
Approximately 570 feet upstream of Keith Avenue	*373
Tusico Branch (area of shallow flooding):	
Approximately 570 feet upstream of Keith Avenue	#2
Approximately 625 feet upstream of Scott Drive	#2
Maps available for inspection at the Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, Room 204, Fairfax, Virginia.	

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

49 CFR Part 821

Rules of Practice Governing Board Review of Federal Aviation Administration Emergency Determinations in Air Safety Enforcement Proceedings

AGENCY: National Transportation Safety Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On July 11, 2000, the Board published, at 65 FR 42637, interim rules to implement Section 716 of the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century. That provision of law conferred on the Board the authority to review determinations by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that an emergency exists which warrants the immediate effectiveness of an order amending, modifying, suspending or revoking certain FAA-issued certificates. The only significant changes effected by the final rule involve the standard to be applied by the Board's administrative law judges in reviewing emergency determinations, and the adoption of a procedure to enhance the prospective value of the law judges' decisions by reflecting the Board's opinion on them.

DATES: These final rules are effective on June 30, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 716 of the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, Public Law 106–181, enacted April 15, 2000, was codified at 49 U.S.C. 44709 (e)(3).

Final Rules

Board Review of Law Judges' Decisions (see § 821.54(f)). The interim rules currently in effect delegated to the Board's administrative law judges the authority to review emergency determinations of the Administrator, without right of appeal to the Board. We have decided to extend that delegation indefinitely, as our experience thus far does not suggest a need for further review, or review by the Board itself instead of a law judge, and a multi-layered process would be difficult, if possible at all, to administer in the statutory 5-day period within which the Board must act on a petition. We, therefore, will not, as recommended by some commenters, institute a procedure for review, at the Board level, of the law judges' decisions on petitions. Nevertheless, we do find merit in the concern that a lack of Board review could adversely affect uniformity among the decisions of our law judges on common issues and deprive future litigants (and the law judges) the guidance of precedent. Accordingly, we will, henceforth, undertake to register, in those cases that are appealed to the Board for a decision on the merits of an emergency or other immediately effective order of the Administrator, our concurrence or disagreement with the law judge's ruling on a petition, whenever, in our judgment and if time permits—it would be beneficial to address the issues raised. When we differ with a ruling, or agree for different reasons, we will provide our views.

Standard of Review (see § 821.54(e)). Several commenters contend that the ''abuse of discretion'' standard established in the interim rules is inappropriate and should be discarded in favor of the ''preponderance of the evidence'' standard employed in our adjudications on the merits of the Administrator's charges. Related to this view is the belief that the Administrator—and not the affected certificate holder—should bear the burden of proof in the review. Although we originally believed that the approach taken in an analogous judicial setting represented a model we should emulate, the Board has come to the view that the ''abuse of discretion'' standard, commonly applied by the courts in

examining the validity of decisions committed by law to agency discretion, is more deferential to the Administrator's emergency determination judgments than is warranted under our new authority, given, among other things, the Board's own expertise in assessing matters involving aviation safety. However, we disagree with the view that a ''preponderance of the evidence'' standard should, or could, be substituted in its place. An emergency determination is not, as we see it, a finding or conclusion that easily lends itself to evidentiary proof. And the right to challenge an emergency determination before the Board should neither be seen as, nor be allowed to become, an opportunity to contest the factual predicate underlying the Administrator's judgment that considerations of aviation safety require an individual or an entity to be deprived of certificate privileges pending adjudication of the charges. The Board's rules provide a contemporaneous, expedited review process designed for that very purpose which must, by statute, be fully completed within 60 days. We are aware of no Congressional desire to supplant that process with the 5-day emergency determination review process mandated under the Board's new authority.

An emergency determination is essentially a judgment call, whose necessity in the interest of aviation safety should be more or less self-evident in light of the nature or seriousness of the accompanying allegations. Air safety depends on, among other things, both the competence and trustworthiness of certificate holders. In fact, certificate holders who choose to disregard or defy regulations or safe operating practices may well pose a greater risk to the lives and property of others than those who inadvertently breach such conventions, or lack the knowledge or ability to avoid breaches, for the former arguably create a higher degree of uncertainty in a system that cannot function safely if the actions of all users cannot be confidently predicted. Thus, in addition to conduct reflecting seriously sub-par operating competence or grossly inferior technical qualifications, behaviors such as refusing a drug test, or operating an aircraft while impaired or during a certificate suspension, reveal the kind of lawlessness or deficient judgment that ordinarily compels the conclusion that the effectiveness of a certificate action should not be delayed pending the adjudication of the resulting charges. The same conclusion may also be justified in the face of flagrant or repeated intentional falsification and cases involving a drug conviction, while the appropriateness of the exercise of emergency authority in other kinds of actions, such as those in which the Administrator concludes that a commercial operator should not be given any more time to fulfill past assurances that deficiencies in its operations will be promptly corrected, rests on a more individualized assessment of the threat to the public safety represented by the specific putative circumstances identified by the Administrator.

As noted above, the ''abuse of discretion'' standard set out in the interim rules subjugates the Board's own capacity to judge for itself the need for affecting the immediate forfeiture of certificate rights to the presumed correctness of decisions the Administrator has already made. Because we believe that the exercise of our authority to reverse an emergency determination should not be limited to situations where the Administrator's judgment cannot be said to be rationally supportable, but should, in addition, be applied where we do not agree, for example, that the potential risks to air safety apparent in the Administrator's charges demand the immediate imposition of a sanction before the charges have been fully adjudicated, we will not include the ''abuse of discretion'' standard in the final rule. Rather, we will entrust to the sound judgment and discretion of the law judge the task, and the somber responsibility, of determining in each specific case whether the Administrator's emergency determination was appropriate under the circumstances. The law judge may so find either because the determination is seen to have fairly or correctly balanced the certificate holder's interest in the uninterrupted enjoyment of certificate privileges in the face of as-yet unproved charges with the need to protect the public from those individuals or entities whose suspected misconduct or lack of qualification establishes or convincingly suggests that they cannot or will not exercise their certificate privileges pending the completion of the Board's appellate review process in accordance with all applicable standards and requirements, or because the allegations disclose such contempt for the rule of law or for considerations of aviation safety that they cannot or should not be trusted to exercise the care, judgment and responsibility expected of a certificate holder while adjudication of their appeal from the Administrator's order is pending.

Burden of Proof (see §§ 821.54(b)–(e)). Consistent with our view that an emergency determination is more a matter of judgment than evidence, we do not believe that either the Administrator or the certificate holder has a burden of proof, in the traditional sense.[1] At the same time, we do not believe that a certificate holder can reasonably be expected to be able to challenge an emergency determination, or that our law judges can effectively review one, unless the Administrator first provides his or her reasons for believing that an emergency exists. In this connection, some commenters urge us to require the Administrator to attach to the emergency order a copy of the FAA's Enforcement Investigative Report, since it would presumably supply the information needed to evaluate the propriety of the emergency determination. We find it unnecessary to consider the several arguments the Administrator has advanced against the imposition of such a requirement, including the suggestion that we lack the authority to direct the release of any information in advance of an appeal to us. It seems to us that the absence of an ''abuse of discretion'' standard in the final rule will encourage the Administrator to explain in the order the basis for the emergency determination, in order to avoid having a law judge assess the issue without the benefit of the Administrator's views.[2] In this latter connection, we note that a frequent contention in emergency challenge petitions is the assertion that, if a genuine emergency existed, the Administrator would have taken less time to issue the order. While this circumstance may occasionally be relevant to the evaluation a law judge must make, it should not be allowed to obscure the proper focus of the inquiry. In other words, an arguably dilatory prosecution does not vitiate an otherwise proper judgment as to the necessity, in the interest of aviation

[1] We are not persuaded by the Administrator's suggestion that a petitioner for relief from an emergency determination is essentially a proponent of a rule who, under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), bears a burden of proof. See 5 U.S.C. 556. It seems to us that a more consistent reading of that statutory provision would make the Administrator the proponent of a rule, by virtue of his or her issuance of a certificate order. We would point out, moreover, that the APA does not contemplate a process in which a sanction can be imposed before the relevant charges have been established on a hearing record.

[2] So as to afford the Administrator ample transition time to adapt her orders accordingly, and avoid impeding her expeditious processing of matters already under investigation, the final rule will become effective 60 days from this date.

safety, for the immediate effectiveness of an action against a certificate before the certificate holder's appeal is adjudicated.

In keeping with this *de facto* shift in the burden of going forward with a supporting rationale, the final rule will dispense with the requirement, in § 821.54(b), that the petition ''enumerate the specific grounds on which the certificate holder challenges the Administrator's determination that an emergency exists.'' Instead, the rule, though not requiring the certificate holder to do anything more than contest the emergency determination by filing a petition, will permit the certificate holder to assert only such reasons as that individual or entity may have for believing that the effectiveness of the certificate order should be stayed pending the future adjudication of the Administrator's allegations. If a petition contains reasons for the certificate holder's challenge to the emergency determination, the Administrator may file a reply, which must be limited to matters of rebuttal.

Miscellany (see §§ 821.53(b) and 821.54(b)). Dropped from the final rule is the requirement, in § 821.53(b), that an appeal from an emergency or other immediately effective order be accompanied by a copy of the order itself. While it is essential for a copy of the order to be included with a petition seeking review of an emergency determination—especially under § 821.54(b) and (c), as amended by these final rules—because the law judge must, within a short timeframe, evaluate whether the emergency determination was warranted, based on the acts and omissions alleged by the Administrator in the order, there is no such practical necessity where the Administrator's emergency determination is not challenged, and immediate identification of the specific allegations of the order is, therefore, not vital. In such instances, it is sufficient for the certificate holder to merely indicate in the appeal that the appeal is from an emergency or other immediately effective order, so that the Board is aware that subpart I is applicable.

Related Matters

Since part 821 was last amended with the publication of the interim rules governing our review of the Administrator's emergency determinations, we have reexamined our procedural rules in their entirety with an eye toward updating and modernizing them by correcting terminology errors that have developed over time, eliminating dated, unnecessary, redundant or confusing language, and having certain provisions of the rules more closely reflect actual practice. These housekeeping measures have resulted in the adoption of a significant number of amendments, and we have, for purposes of clarity, decided to revise part 821 *in toto*, rather than publish such changes in piecemeal fashion. While the Board considers these changes to be essentially procedural in nature, one revision that may be viewed as substantive and, thus, bears special note, is an amendment to § 821.61, which makes the prohibition on *ex parte* communications applicable from the time a petition for review of a certificate denial or an appeal from a certificate action of the Administrator is filed, or the time the communicator has knowledge that a petition or appeal will be filed. Under that rule prior to amendment, the prohibition did not apply until the matter was noticed for hearing, or the communicator had knowledge that it would be. This revision, by making the prohibition apply from the time the Board's jurisdiction attaches, rather than a later time, more closely reflects the ethical considerations involved and clarifies the Board's intolerance for communications of an *ex parte* nature throughout its involvement in the adjudication of air safety matters.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 821

Administrative practice and procedure, Airmen, Aviation safety.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, part 821 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is revised to read as follows:

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Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1101–1155, 44701–44723, 46301; unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 821.1 Definitions.

(a) As used in this part:

Administrator means the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);

Airman certificate means any certificate issued by the FAA to an airman, and shall include medical certificates required for airmen;

Appeal from an initial decision means a request to the Board to review a law judge's decision;

Appeal to the Board means a request to the Board for the review by a law judge of an order of the Administrator;

Appealable order means an order of a law judge that has the effect of terminating the proceeding, such as one granting a motion to dismiss in lieu of an answer, as provided in § 821.17, or one granting a motion for judgment on the pleadings or summary judgment. *Appealable order* does not include an order granting in part a motion to dismiss and requiring an answer to any remaining allegation or allegations, an order granting in part judgment on the pleadings or summary judgment, or a ruling on an interlocutory matter;

Board means the National Transportation Safety Board;

Case Manager means the officer of the Board's Office of Administrative Law Judges responsible for the processing of cases within that office;

Certificate means any certificate issued by the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 447;

Chief Law Judge means the administrative law judge in charge of the adjudicative function of the Board's Office of Administrative Law Judges;

Complaint means an order of the Administrator, reissued for pleading purposes, from which an appeal to the Board has been taken pursuant to sections 49 U.S.C. 44106, 44709 or 46301;

Emergency order means an order of the Administrator issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44709, which recites that an emergency exists and that safety in air commerce or air transportation and the public interest require the immediate effectiveness of such order;

Flight engineer means a person who holds a flight engineer certificate issued under Part 63 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

Initial decision means the law judge's decision on the issue or issues remaining for disposition at the close of a hearing;

Law judge means the administrative law judge assigned to hear and preside over the respective proceeding;

Mechanic means a person who holds a mechanic certificate issued under Part 65 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

Order means the document (sometimes also termed the complaint) by which the Administrator seeks to amend, modify, suspend or revoke a certificate, or impose a civil penalty;

Petition for review means a petition filed pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44703 for review of the Administrator's denial of an application for issuance or renewal of an airman certificate;

Petitioner means a person who has filed a petition for review;

Pilot means a person who holds a pilot certificate issued under Part 61 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

Repairman means a person who holds a repairman certificate issued under Part 65 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

Respondent means the holder of a certificate who has appealed to the Board from an order of the Administrator amending, modifying, suspending or revoking a certificate, or imposing a civil penalty.

(b) Terms defined in 49 U.S.C. Chapters 11, 447 and 463 are used as so defined.

§ 821.2 Applicability and description of part.

The provisions of this part govern all air safety proceedings, including proceedings before a law judge on petition for review of the denial of any airman certificate (including a medical certificate), or on appeal from any order of the Administrator amending, modifying, suspending or revoking a certificate. The provisions of this part also govern all proceedings on appeal from an order of the Administrator imposing a civil penalty on a flight engineer, mechanic, pilot or repairman, or a person acting in such capacity. All proceedings on appeal to the Board from any initial decision or order of a law judge are also governed by this part.

§ 821.3 Description of docket numbering system.

In addition to sequential numbering of cases as received, each case formally handled by the Board will receive a letter prefix. These letter prefixes reflect the case type: ''SE'' for safety enforcement (certificate suspension/revocation) cases; ''SM'' (safety medical) for cases involving denials of medical certification; ''CD'' for cases involving non-medical certificate denials; ''SR'' for cases involving safety registration issues under 49 U.S.C. 44101 *et seq.*; ''CP'' for cases involving the imposition of civil penalties; ''NA'' for cases in which a petition for review or appeal is not accepted because of a patent procedural deficiency; and ''EAJA'' for cases involving applications for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, governed by Part 826.

Subpart B General Rules Applicable to Petitions for Review, Appeals to the Board, and Appeals From Law Judges Initial Decisions and Appealable Orders

§ 821.6 Appearances and rights of witnesses.

(a) Any party to a proceeding may appear and be heard in person, or by an attorney or other representative designated by that party. Upon hearing, and for good cause shown, the Board may suspend or bar any person from practicing before it.

(b) Any person appearing in person in any proceeding governed by this part may be accompanied, represented and advised, and may be examined by, his or her own counsel or representative.

(c) Any person who submits data or evidence in a proceeding governed by this part may, by timely request, procure a copy of any document submitted by him or her, or a copy of any transcript made of his or her testimony, on payment of reasonable costs. Original documents, data or evidence may be retained by a party upon permission of the law judge or the Board, upon substitution of a copy thereof.

(d) Any party to a proceeding who is represented by an attorney or representative shall notify the Board of the name, address and telephone number of that attorney or representative. In the event of a change in representation, the party shall notify the Board (in the manner provided in § 821.7) and the other parties to the proceeding (pursuant to § 821.8) before the new attorney or representative may participate in the proceeding in any way.

§ 821.7 Filing of documents with the Board.

(a) *Filing address, method and date of filing.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, documents are to be filed with the Office of Administrative Law Judges, National Transportation Safety Board, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW., Room 4704, Washington, DC 20594, and addressed to the assigned law judge, if any. If the proceeding has not yet been assigned to a law judge, documents shall be addressed to the Case Manager.

(2) Subsequent to the filing of a notice of appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order, the issuance of a decision permitting an

interlocutory appeal, or the expiration of the period within which an appeal from the law judge's initial decision or appealable order may be filed, all documents are to be filed with the Office of General Counsel, National Transportation Safety Board, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW., Room 6401, Washington, DC 20594.

(3) Documents shall be filed by personal delivery, by U.S. Postal Service first-class mail or by overnight delivery service. Except as specifically provided in Subpart I (governing emergency proceedings), facsimile filing is limited. Documents to be filed with a law judge or the Case Manager may be transmitted by facsimile, but such filing must be followed, no later than the next business day, by transmission of the original by personal delivery, first-class mail or overnight delivery service. Facsimile filing of documents to be filed with the Office of General Counsel is not permitted unless specifically authorized under Subpart I or requested by that office.

(4) Documents shall be deemed filed on the date of personal delivery; on the send date shown on the facsimile (where facsimile service is permitted under paragraph (a)(3) of this section or Subpart I); and, for mail delivery service, on the mailing date shown on the certificate of service, on the date shown on the postmark if there is no certificate of service, or on the mailing date shown by other evidence if there is no certificate of service and no postmark. Where the document bears a postmark that cannot reasonably be reconciled with the mailing date shown on the certificate of service, the document will be deemed filed on the date of the postmark.

(b) *Number of copies.* Service on the Board of petitions for review, appeals from orders of the Administrator, and notices of appeal from law judges' initial decisions and appealable orders shall be by executed original and 3 copies. Service of all other documents shall be by executed original and one copy. Copies need not be signed, but the name of the person signing the original shall be shown thereon.

(c) *Form.* (1) Petitions for review, appeals to the Board from orders of the Administrator, and notices of appeal from law judges' initial decisions and appealable orders may be in the form of a letter signed by the petitioner or appealing party, and shall be typewritten or in legible handwriting.

(2) Documents filed with the Board consisting of more than one page may be affixed only in the upper left-hand corner by staple or clip, and shall not be bound or hole-punched. Any document failing to comply with this requirement is subject to being returned to the filing party.

(d) *Content.* Each document filed with the Board shall contain a concise and complete statement of the facts relied upon, and the relief sought, by the filing party.

(e) *Subscription.* The original of every document filed shall be signed by the filing party, or by that party's attorney or other representative.

(f) *Designation of person to receive service.* The initial document filed by a party in a proceeding governed by this part shall show on the first page the name, address and telephone number of the person or persons who may be served with documents on that party's behalf.

(g) *To whom directed.* All motions, requests and documents submitted in connection with petitions for review and appeals to the Board from orders of the Administrator shall designate, and be addressed to, the law judge to whom the proceeding has been assigned, if any. If the proceeding has not yet been assigned to a law judge, the document shall bear the designation ''unassigned,'' and shall be addressed to the Case Manager. All motions, requests and documents submitted subsequent to the filing of a notice of appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order, or a decision permitting an interlocutory appeal, or after the expiration of the period within which an appeal from the law judge's initial decision or appealable order may be filed, shall be addressed to the Board's General Counsel.

§ 821.8 Service of documents.

(a) *Who must be served.* (1) Copies of all documents filed with the Board must be served on (*i.e.*, sent to) all other parties to the proceeding, on the date of filing, by the person filing them. A certificate of service shall be a part of each document and any copy or copies thereof tendered for filing, and shall certify concurrent service on the Board and the parties. A certificate of service shall be in substantially the following form:

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing [specify document] on the following party's counsel or designated representatives [or party, if without counsel or representative], at the address indicated, by [specify the method of service (*e.g.*, first-class mail, personal service, etc.)]

[List names and addresses of all persons served]

Dated at ____, this _____day of ____ 20____

(Signature) _____

For (on behalf of) _____

(2) Service shall be made on the person designated in accordance with § 821.7(f) to receive service. If no such person has been designated, service shall be made directly on the party.

(b) *Method of service.* (1) Service of documents by any party on any other party shall be accomplished by the method prescribed in § 821.7(a)(3) for the filing of documents with the Board.

(2) Notices of hearing, written initial decisions, law judges' appealable orders and Board orders on appeal shall be served by the Board on parties other than the Administrator by certified mail. Such documents may be served on the Administrator by first-class mail or facsimile. The Board may serve all other documents on the parties by first-class mail or facsimile.

(c) *Where service shall be made.* Except for personal service, parties shall be served at the address appearing in the official record. If no address for service on the Administrator is designated in the record, documents shall be addressed for service to the Office of Chief Counsel, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. In the case of an agent designated by an air carrier under 49 U.S.C. 46103, service may be accomplished only at the agent's office or usual place of residence.

(d) *Presumption of service.* There shall be a presumption of lawful service:

(1) When receipt has been acknowledged by a person who customarily or in the ordinary course of business receives mail at the residence or principal place of business of the party or of the person designated under § 821.7(f); or

(2) When a properly addressed envelope, sent to the most current address in the official record, by regular, registered or certified mail, has been returned as unclaimed or refused.

(e) *Date of service.* The date of service shall be determined in the same manner as the filing date is determined under § 821.7(a)(4).

§ 821.9 Intervention and amicus appearance.

(a) *Intervention.* Any person may move for leave to intervene in a proceeding, and may become a party thereto, if it is found that such person has a property, financial or other legitimate interest that will not be adequately represented by the existing parties, and that such intervention will not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding. Except for good cause shown, no motion for leave to intervene will be entertained if filed less than 15 days prior to the hearing. The extent to which an intervenor may participate in

the proceeding is wholly within the law judge's discretion.

(b) *Amicus curiae briefs.* A brief of amicus curiae in a matter on appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order may be filed, if accompanied by written consent of all the parties, or by leave of the General Counsel if, in his or her opinion, the brief will not unduly broaden the matters at issue or prejudice any party to the proceeding. A brief may be conditionally filed with motion for leave. The motion for leave shall identify the interest of the movant and shall state the reasons why a brief of amicus curiae is desirable. Such brief and motion shall be filed within the briefing time allowed the party whose position the brief would support, unless good cause for late filing is shown, in which event the General Counsel may provide an opportunity for response in determining whether to accept the amicus brief.

§ 821.10 Computation of time.

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this part, by notice or order of a law judge or the Board, or by any applicable statute, the date of the act, event or default after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included in the computation. The last day of the period so computed is to be included unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday for the Board, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. In all cases, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays for the Board shall be included in the computation of time, except they shall not be included in computations of time respecting petitions for review of determinations as to the existence of emergencies under § 821.54.

§ 821.11 Extensions of time.

(a) On written request filed with the Board and served on all other parties, or oral request with any extension granted confirmed in writing and served on all other parties by the requestor, and for good cause shown, the law judge or the Board may grant an extension of time to file any document; however, no extension of time will be granted for the filing of a document to which a statutory time limit applies.

(b) Extensions of time to file petitions for reconsideration shall not be granted upon a showing of good cause, but only in extraordinary circumstances.

(c) The General Counsel is authorized to grant unopposed extensions of time on timely oral request without a showing of good cause in cases on appeal to the Board from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order. Written confirmation of such a grant of extension of time must promptly be sent by the requesting party to the Board and served on all other parties to the proceeding.

§ 821.12 Amendment and withdrawal of pleadings.

(a) *Amendment.* At any time more than 15 days prior to the hearing, a party may amend its pleadings by filing an amended pleading with the Board and serving copies thereof on all other parties. After that time, amendment shall be allowed only at the discretion of the law judge. In the case of amendment of an answerable pleading, the law judge shall allow any adverse party a reasonable time to object or answer. Amendments to complaints shall be consistent with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 44709(c) and 44710(c).

(b) *Withdrawal.* Except in the case of a petition for review, an appeal to the Board, a complaint, or an appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order, pleadings may be withdrawn only upon approval of the law judge or the Board.

§ 821.13 Waivers.

Waivers of any rights provided by statute or regulation shall either be in writing or by stipulation made at the hearing and entered into the record, and shall set forth the precise terms and conditions of the waiver.

§ 821.14 Motions.

(a) *General.* Any application to a law judge or to the Board for an order or ruling not otherwise provided for in this part shall be by motion. Prior to the assignment of the proceeding to a law judge, all motions shall be addressed to the Case Manager. Thereafter, and prior to the expiration of the period within which an appeal from the law judge's initial decision may be filed, all motions shall be addressed to the law judge. At all other times, motions shall be addressed to the General Counsel.

(b) *Form and content.* Unless made during a hearing, motions shall be made in writing, shall state with particularity the grounds for the relief requested, and shall be accompanied by affidavits or other evidence relied upon. Motions introduced during a hearing may be made orally on the record, unless the law judge directs otherwise.

(c) *Replies to motions.* Except when a motion is made during a hearing, any party may file a reply, accompanied by such affidavits or other evidence as that party desires to rely upon, within 15 days after the date of service of the motion on that party. Upon notice to the parties, the law judge or the Board may, where appropriate, set a shorter time for filing a reply. Where a motion is made during a hearing, the reply may be made at the hearing, or orally or in writing within such time as the law judge may fix.

(d) *Oral argument; briefs.* No oral argument will be heard on a motion unless the law judge or the Board directs otherwise.

(e) *Effect of pendency of motions.* Except as provided in §§ 821.17(a) and 821.18(a), the filing or pendency of a motion shall not automatically alter or extend the time fixed in this part (or any extension thereof previously granted) for the parties to take any actions.

§ 821.15 Motion to disqualify a Board Member.

A motion requesting that a Board Member disqualify himself or herself from participating in a proceeding under this part shall be filed in writing with the Board.

§ 821.16 Interlocutory appeals from law judges' rulings on motions.

Rulings of law judges on motions which are not dispositive of the proceeding as a whole may not be appealed to the Board prior to its consideration of the entire proceeding, except in extraordinary circumstances and with the consent of the law judge who made the ruling. Interlocutory appeals shall be disallowed unless the law judge finds, either orally on the record or in writing, that to allow such an appeal is necessary to prevent substantial detriment to the public interest or undue prejudice to a party. If an interlocutory appeal is allowed, any party may file a brief with the Board within such time as the law judge directs. No oral argument will be heard unless the Board directs otherwise.

§ 821.17 Motions to dismiss, for judgment on the pleadings and for summary judgment.

(a) *Motions to dismiss petition for review or complaint.* A motion to dismiss a petition for review or a complaint may be filed in lieu of an answer, within the time limit for filing an answer set forth in § 821.24(c) or § 821.31(b). If such motion is not granted in its entirety, the answer shall be filed within 10 days after service of the law judge's order on the motion.

(b) *Motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.* A motion to dismiss on the ground that the Board lacks jurisdiction may be made by any party at any time.

(c) *Motions for judgment on the pleadings.* A party may file a motion for

judgment on the pleadings on the basis that no answer has been filed, or that the pleadings disclose that there are no material issues of fact to be resolved and that party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

(d) *Motions for summary judgment.* A party may file a motion for summary judgment on the basis that the pleadings and other supporting documentation establish that there are no material issues of fact to be resolved and that party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

(e) *Appeals of dismissal, judgment on the pleadings and summary judgment orders.* When a law judge grants a motion to dismiss, a motion for judgment on the pleadings or a motion for summary judgment, and terminates the proceeding without a hearing, an appeal of such order to the Board may be filed pursuant to the provisions of § 821.47. When a motion to dismiss, a motion for judgment on the pleadings or a motion for summary judgment is granted in part, § 821.16 applies.

§ 821.18 Motion for a more definite statement.

(a) A party may, in lieu of an answer, file a motion requesting that the petitioner's statement of reasons and supporting facts in a petition for review or the Administrator's allegations of fact in a complaint be made more definite and certain. The motion shall cite the defects complained of and the details sought. If the motion is granted and the law judge's order is not complied with within 15 days after service thereof, the law judge shall strike the portion or portions of the petition for review or complaint to which the motion is directed. If the motion is denied, the moving party shall file an answer within 10 days after service of the law judge's order on the motion.

(b) A party may file a motion to clarify an answer in the event that the answer fails to respond clearly to the petition for review or the complaint.

§ 821.19 Depositions and other discovery.

(a) *Depositions.* After a petition for review or a complaint is filed, any party may take the testimony of any person, including a party, by deposition, upon oral examination or written questions, without seeking prior Board approval. Reasonable notice shall be given in writing to the other parties, stating the name of the witness and the time and place of the taking of the deposition. A copy of any notice of deposition shall be served on the law judge to whom the proceeding has been assigned or, if no law judge has been assigned, on the Case Manager. In other respects, the taking of any deposition shall be in compliance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 46104(c).

(b) *Exchange of information by the parties.* At any time before the hearing, at the request of any party, the parties may exchange information, such as witness lists, exhibit lists, curricula vitae and bibliographies of expert witnesses, and other pertinent data. Any party may also use written interrogatories, requests for admissions and other discovery tools. The requesting party shall set the time for compliance with the request, which shall be reasonable and give due consideration to the closeness of the hearing, especially in emergency proceedings governed by Subpart I. Copies of discovery requests and responses shall be served on the law judge to whom the proceeding has been assigned or, if no law judge has been assigned, on the Case Manager. In the event of a dispute, either the assigned law judge or another law judge delegated this responsibility (if a law judge has not yet been assigned or if the assigned law judge is unavailable) may issue an appropriate order, including an order directing compliance with any ruling previously made with respect to discovery.

(c) *Use of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.* Those portions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that pertain to depositions and discovery may be used as a general guide for discovery practice in proceedings before the Board, where appropriate. The Federal Rules and the case law that construes them shall be considered by the Board and its law judges as instructive, rather than controlling.

(d) *Failure to provide or preserve evidence.* The failure of any party to comply with a law judge's order compelling discovery, or to cooperate with a timely request for the preservation of evidence, may result in a negative inference against that party with respect to the matter sought and not provided or preserved, a preclusion order, dismissal or other relief deemed appropriate by the law judge.

§ 821.20 Subpoenas, witness fees, and appearances of Board Members, officers and employees.

(a) *Subpoenas.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses, or the production of documentary or tangible evidence, for the purpose of taking depositions or at a hearing, may be issued by the presiding law judge (or the chief law judge, if the proceeding has not been assigned to a law judge) upon application by any party. The application shall show the general relevance and reasonable scope of the evidence sought. Any person upon whom a subpoena is served may, within 7 days after service of the subpoena, but in any event prior to the return date thereof, file with the law judge who issued the subpoena a motion to quash or modify the subpoena, and such filing shall stay the effectiveness of the subpoena pending final action by the law judge on the motion.

(b) *Witness fees.* Witnesses shall be entitled to the same fees and expenses for mileage as are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States. The fees and expenses shall be paid by the party at whose request the witness is subpoenaed or appears. The Board may decline to process a proceeding further should a party fail to compensate a witness pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) *Board Members, officers and employees.* In order to encourage a free flow of information to the Board's accident investigators, the Board disfavors the use of its personnel in enforcement proceedings. Therefore, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section are not applicable to Board Members, officers and employees, or the production of documents in their custody. Applications for subpoenas requiring the attendance of such persons, or the production of such documents, must be addressed to the General Counsel, and shall set forth the need of the moving party for the testimony or documents sought, and a showing that such material is not now, and was not otherwise, reasonably available from other sources. Only upon the General Counsel's written approval for the issuance of a subpoena requiring a Board Member, officer or employee to provide testimony and/or to produce documents in connection with discovery or at a hearing may a law judge issue such a subpoena. The law judge shall not permit the testimony or documentary evidence provided by a Board Member, officer or employee to include any expression of opinion, or any account of statements of a party made during the Board's investigation of any accident.

§ 821.21 Official notice.

Where a law judge or the Board intends to take official notice of a material fact not appearing in the evidence in the record, notice shall be given to all parties, who may within 10 days file a petition disputing that fact.

Subpart C—Special Rules Applicable to Proceedings Under 49 U.S.C. 44703

§ 821.24 Initiation of proceeding.

(a) *Petition for review.* Where the Administrator has denied an application for the issuance or renewal of an airman certificate, the applicant may file with the Board a petition for review of the Administrator's denial. The petition must be filed with the Board within 60 days after the date on which notice of the Administrator's denial was served on the petitioner.

(b) *Form and content of petition.* The petition may be in letter form. It shall identify the Administrator's certificate denial action, and contain a complete but concise statement of the reasons why the petitioner believes the certificate denial was erroneous.

(c) *Answer to petition.* The Administrator shall file an answer to the petition for review within 20 days after the date of service of the petition. The answer shall specifically address each of the reasons set forth in the petition as to why the petitioner believes the certificate denial was erroneous.

(d) *Stay of proceeding pending request for special issuance (restricted) medical certificate.* The Board lacks the authority to review requests for special issuance (restricted) medical certificates, or to direct that they be issued. Where a request for a special issuance certificate has been filed with the Administrator pursuant to the Federal Aviation Regulations, the Board will, upon the petitioner's written request, hold a petition for review of a denial of an unrestricted medical certificate in abeyance pending final action by the Administrator on the special issuance request, but for no longer than 180 days after the date on which the unrestricted medical certificate denial was issued.

(e) *New evidence.* Where review of a denial of an unrestricted medical certificate is at issue, if the petitioner has undergone medical testing or evaluation in addition to that already submitted or known to the Administrator, and wishes to introduce the results into the record, such new medical evidence must be served on the Administrator at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Absent good cause, failure to so timely serve the new medical evidence on the Administrator will result in the exclusion of such evidence from the record. The Administrator may amend his or her answer to respond to such new medical evidence within 10 days after the date on which he or she was served therewith.

§ 821.25 Burden of proof.

In proceedings under 49 U.S.C. 44703, the burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner.

§ 821.26 Motion to dismiss petition for review for lack of standing.

Upon motion by the Administrator within the time limit for filing an answer, a petition for review shall be dismissed for lack of standing in either of the following instances:

(a) If the petition seeks the issuance of the same type of certificate that was under an order of suspension on the date of the denial; or

(b) If the petition seeks the issuance of the same type of certificate that had been revoked within one year of the date of the denial, unless the order revoking such certificate provides otherwise.

Subpart D—Special Rules Applicable to Proceedings Under 49 U.S.C. 44709

§ 821.30 Initiation of proceeding.

(a) *Appeal.* Where the Administrator has issued an order amending, modifying, suspending or revoking a certificate, the affected certificate holder (respondent) may file with the Board an appeal from the Administrator's order. The respondent shall simultaneously serve a copy of the appeal on the Administrator. The appeal must be filed with the Board within 20 days after the date on which the Administrator's order was served on the respondent, except as provided with respect to emergency and other immediately effective orders under § 821.53(a).

(b) *Form and content of appeal.* The appeal may be in letter form. It shall identify the certificate or certificates affected and the Administrator's action from which the appeal is sought.

(c) *Effect of filing timely appeal with the Board.* Timely filing with the Board of an appeal from an order of the Administrator shall postpone the effective date of the order until final disposition of the appeal by the law judge or the Board, except where the order appealed from is an emergency or other immediately effective order, in which case the effectiveness of the order will not be so stayed during the pendency of the appeal.

§ 821.31 Complaint procedure.

(a) *Filing, time of filing and service on respondent.* The order of the Administrator from which an appeal has been taken shall serve as the complaint. The Administrator shall (except as provided in § 821.55(a) with respect to emergency proceedings) file the complaint with the Board within 10 days after the date on which he or she was served with the appeal by the respondent, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of the complaint on the respondent. If the Administrator has determined that the respondent lacks qualification to be a certificate holder, the order filed as the complaint, or an accompanying statement, shall identify the pleaded factual allegations on which this determination is based.

(b) *Answer to complaint.* The respondent shall (except as provided in § 821.55(b) with respect to emergency proceedings) file with the Board an answer to the complaint within 20 days after the date on which the complaint was served by the Administrator, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of the answer on the Administrator. Failure by the respondent to deny the truth of any allegation or allegations in the complaint may be deemed an admission of the truth of the allegation or allegations not answered. The answer shall also identify any affirmative defenses that the respondent intends to raise at the hearing. The answer may be amended to include affirmative defenses in accordance with the provisions of § 821.12(a).

§ 821.32 Burden of proof.

In proceedings under 49 U.S.C. 44709, the burden of proof shall be upon the Administrator.

§ 821.33 Motion to dismiss stale complaint.

Where the complaint states allegations of offenses which occurred more than 6 months prior to the Administrator's advising the respondent as to reasons for proposed action under 49 U.S.C. 44709(c), the respondent may move to dismiss such allegations as stale pursuant to the following provisions:

(a) In those cases where the complaint does not allege lack of qualification of the respondent:

(1) The Administrator shall be required to show, by reply filed within 15 days after the date of service of the respondent's motion, that good cause existed for the delay in providing such advice, or that the imposition of a sanction is warranted in the public interest, notwithstanding the delay or the reasons therefor.

(2) If the Administrator does not establish good cause for the delay, or for the imposition of a sanction in the public interest notwithstanding the delay, the law judge shall dismiss the stale allegations and proceed to adjudicate the remaining portion of the complaint, if any.

(b) In those cases where the complaint alleges lack of qualification of the respondent, the law judge shall first determine whether an issue of lack of qualification would be presented if all of the allegations, stale and timely, are assumed to be true. If so, the law judge shall deny the respondent's motion. If not, the law judge shall proceed as in paragraph (a) of this section.

Subpart E—Law Judges

§ 821.35 Assignment, duties and powers.

(a) *Assignment of law judge and duration of assignment.* The chief law judge shall assign a law judge to preside over each proceeding. Until such assignment, motions, requests and documents shall be addressed to the Case Manager for handling by the chief law judge, who may handle these matters personally or delegate them to other law judges for decision. After assignment of a proceeding to a law judge, all motions, requests and documents shall be addressed to that law judge. The authority of the assigned law judge shall terminate upon the expiration of the period within which appeals from initial decisions or appealable orders may be filed, or upon the law judge's withdrawal from the proceeding.

(b) *Powers of law judge.* Law judges shall have the following powers:

(1) To give notice of, and to hold, prehearing conferences and hearings, and to consolidate proceedings which involve a common question of law or fact;

(2) To hold conferences, before or during the hearing, for the settlement or simplification of issues;

(3) To issue subpoenas, and to take depositions or cause depositions to be taken;

(4) To dispose of procedural requests or similar matters;

(5) To rule on motions;

(6) To regulate the conduct of hearings;

(7) To administer oaths and affirmations;

(8) To examine witnesses;

(9) To receive evidence and rule upon objections and offers of proof; and

(10) To issue initial decisions.

(c) *Disqualification.* A law judge shall withdraw from a proceeding if, at any time, he or she deems himself or herself disqualified. If the law judge does not withdraw, and if an appeal from the law judge's initial decision is filed, the Board will, on motion of a party, determine whether the law judge should have withdrawn and, if so, order appropriate relief.

Subpart F—Hearing

§ 821.37 Notice of hearing.

(a) *Time and location of hearing.* The law judge to whom the proceeding is assigned (or the chief judge) shall set a reasonable date, time and place for the hearing. Except as provided with respect to emergency proceedings in § 821.56(a), a written notice of hearing shall be served on the parties at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The law judge may set the hearing for a date fewer than 30 days after the date of the issuance of the notice of hearing if all of the parties consent to an earlier hearing date. In setting the date of the hearing, due regard shall be given to the parties' discovery needs. In setting the place of the hearing, due regard shall be given to the location of the subject incident, the convenience of the parties and their witnesses, and the conservation of Board funds. Another relevant factor in determining the place of the hearing is the convenience of the hearing site to scheduled transportation service. Only in the most extraordinary circumstances may consideration be given to locating a hearing in a foreign country.

(b) *Hearing in several sessions.* Where appropriate, the law judge may hold a hearing in more than one session, at the same or different locations.

§ 821.38 Evidence.

Each party shall have the right to present a case-in-chief, or defense, by oral and documentary evidence, to submit evidence in rebuttal, and to conduct such cross-examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts. Hearsay evidence (including hearsay within hearsay, where there are acceptable circumstantial indicia of trustworthiness) shall be admissible. All material and relevant evidence should be admitted, but the law judge may exclude unduly repetitious evidence.

§ 821.39 Argument and submissions.

At the hearing, the law judge shall give the parties adequate opportunity for the presentation of arguments in support of, or in opposition to, motions, objections and proposed rulings. Prior to the issuance of the initial decision, the parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit for consideration proposed findings and conclusions, and supporting reasons therefor.

§ 821.40 Record.

The transcript of testimony and exhibits, together with all papers, requests and rulings filed in the proceeding before the law judge, shall constitute the exclusive record of the proceeding. Copies of the transcript may be obtained by any party upon payment of the reasonable cost thereof. A copy of the transcript may be examined at the National Transportation Safety Board, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Public Docket Section.

Subpart G—Initial Decision

§ 821.42 Initial decision by law judge.

(a) *Written or oral decision.* The law judge may render his or her initial decision orally at the close of the hearing, or in writing at a later date, except as provided with respect to emergency proceedings in § 821.56(c).

(b) *Content.* The initial decision shall include findings and conclusions upon all material issues of fact, credibility of witnesses, law and discretion presented on the record, together with a statement of the reasons therefor.

(c) *Furnishing parties with, and issuance date of, oral decision.* If the initial decision is rendered orally, a copy thereof, excerpted from the hearing transcript, shall be furnished to the parties by the Office of Administrative Law Judges. Irrespective of the date on which the copy of the decision is transmitted to the parties, the issuance date of the decision shall be the date on which it was orally rendered.

§ 821.43 Effect of law judge's initial decision or appealable order and appeal therefrom.

If no appeal from the law judge's initial decision or appealable order is timely filed, the initial decision or order shall become final with respect to the parties, but shall not be binding precedent for the Board. The filing of a timely notice of appeal with the Board shall stay the effectiveness of the law judge's initial decision or order, unless the basis for the decision or order is that the Board lacks jurisdiction.

Subpart H—Appeal From Initial Decision

§ 821.47 Notice of appeal.

(a) *Time within which to file notice of appeal.* A party may appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order by filing with the Board, and simultaneously serving on the other parties, a notice of appeal, within 10 days after the date on which the oral initial decision was rendered or the written initial decision or appealable order was served (except as provided in § 821.57(a) with respect to emergency proceedings). At any time before the time limit for filing an appeal from an initial decision or appealable order has passed, the law judge may, for good

cause, reopen the matter on notice to the parties.

(b) *Request for reconsideration of law judge's initial decision or order.* A law judge may not reconsider an initial decision or appealable order after the time for appealing to the Board from the decision or order has expired, or after an appeal has been filed with the Board. However, a timely request for reconsideration by the law judge of the initial decision or appealable order, filed before an appeal to the Board is taken, will stay the deadline for filing an appeal until 10 days after the date on which the law judge serves his or her decision on the reconsideration request. For the purpose of this paragraph, if a request for reconsideration and a notice of appeal are filed on the same day, the reconsideration request will be deemed to have been filed first.

§ 821.48 Briefs and oral argument.

(a) *Appeal brief.* Except as provided in § 821.57(b) with respect to emergency proceedings, each appeal must be perfected, within 50 days after the date on which the oral initial decision was rendered, or 30 days after the date on which the written initial decision or appealable order was served, by the filing, and simultaneous service on the other parties, of a brief in support of the appeal. An appeal may be dismissed by the Board, either on its own initiative or on motion of another party, where a party who has filed a notice of appeal fails to perfect the appeal by filing a timely appeal brief.

(b) *Form and content of appeal brief.* (1) In addition to the general form requirements for documents set forth in § 821.7(c)(2), the appeal brief must be typewritten, double-spaced, on 8½-by-11 inch paper. The appeal brief shall set forth the name, address and telephone number of the party, or the attorney or other representative filing the brief on the party's behalf. No appeal brief may contain more than 35 pages of text without prior leave of the General Counsel, upon a showing of good cause.

(2) The appeal brief shall enumerate the appealing party's objections to the law judge's initial decision or appealable order, and shall state the reasons for such objections, including any legal precedent relied upon in support thereof.

(3) Any error contained in the initial decision which is not objected to in the appeal brief may be deemed waived.

(c) *Reply brief.* Any other party to the proceeding may file a brief in reply to the appeal brief within 30 days after the date on which the appeal brief was served on that party (except as provided in § 821.57(b) with respect to emergency proceedings). A copy of the reply brief shall simultaneously be served on the appealing party and any other parties to the proceeding. The form requirements governing the appeal brief set forth in paragraph (b)(1) also apply to the reply brief.

(d) *Other filings.* Subsequent to the filing of the appeal and reply briefs, the parties may file citations to supplemental authorities. This procedure may be used only for identifying new and relevant legal authority, and not to correct omissions in briefing or to respond to a reply brief. No argument may be included with such a filing. Such filing shall include a reference to the page of the brief to which the cited legal authority pertains. Any response shall be filed within 10 days of the date of service of the supplemental filing, and shall be similarly limited in scope. With these exceptions, the parties may make no other submissions, except by leave of the Board, upon on a showing of good cause.

(e) *Oral argument.* Oral argument before the Board will not be held in proceedings under this part unless the Board, on motion of a party or on its own initiative, determines that oral argument is needed.

§ 821.49 Issues on appeal.

(a) On appeal, the Board will consider only the following issues:

(1) Are the findings of fact each supported by a preponderance of reliable, probative and substantial evidence?

(2) Are conclusions made in accordance with law, precedent and policy?

(3) Are the questions on appeal substantial?

(4) Have any prejudicial errors occurred?

(b) If the Board determines that the law judge erred in any respect, or that his or her initial decision or order should be changed, the Board may make any necessary findings and may issue an order in lieu of the law judge's initial decision or order, or may remand the proceeding for any such purpose as the Board may deem necessary.

§ 821.50 Petition for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration or modification of an order of the Board.

(a) *General.* Any party to a proceeding may petition the Board for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration or modification of a Board order on appeal from a law judge's initial decision or order. An initial decision or appealable order of a law judge that has become final because no timely appeal was taken therefrom may not be the subject of a petition under this section.

(b) *Timing and service.* The petition must be filed with the Board, and simultaneously served on the other parties, within 30 days after the date of service of the Board's order on appeal from the law judge's initial decision or order.

(c) *Content.* The petition shall state briefly and specifically the matters of record alleged to have been erroneously decided, and the ground or grounds relied upon. If the petition is based, in whole or in part, upon new matter, it shall set forth such new matter and shall contain affidavits of prospective witnesses, authenticated documents, or both, or an explanation of why such substantiation is unavailable, and shall explain why such new matter could not have been discovered in the exercise of due diligence prior to the date on which the evidentiary record closed.

(d) *Repetitious petitions.* Repetitious petitions will not be entertained by the Board, and will be summarily dismissed.

(e) *Reply to petition.* Any other party to the proceeding may file a reply to the petition within 15 days after the date on which the petition was served on that party. A copy of such reply shall simultaneously be served on the petitioner and any other parties to the proceeding.

(f) *Stay of effective date of Board's order.* The filing of a petition under this section shall operate to stay the effective date of the Board's order, unless the Board directs otherwise.

Subpart I—Special Rules Applicable to Proceedings Involving Emergency and Other Immediately Effective Orders

§ 821.52 General.

(a) *Applicability.* This subpart shall apply to any order issued by the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44709 as an emergency order, as an order not designated as an emergency order but later amended to be an emergency order, and any order designated as immediately effective or effective immediately.

(b) *Effective date of emergency.* The procedure set forth herein shall apply as of the date on which written advice of the emergency character of the Administrator's order is received and docketed by the Board.

(c) *Computation of time.* Time shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of § 821.10.

(d) *Waiver.* Except as provided in § 821.54(f), or where the law judge or the Board determines that it would unduly burden another party or the

Board, a certificate holder (respondent) affected by an emergency or other immediately effective order of the Administrator may, at any time after filing an appeal from such an order, waive the applicability of the accelerated time limits of this subpart; however, such a waiver shall not serve to lengthen any period of time for doing an act prescribed by this subpart which expired before the date on which the waiver was made.

§ 821.53 Appeal.

(a) *Time within which to file appeal.* An appeal from an emergency or other immediately effective order of the Administrator must be filed within 10 days after the date on which the Administrator's order was served on the respondent. The respondent shall simultaneously serve a copy of the appeal on the Administrator.

(b) *Form and content of appeal.* The appeal may be in letter form. It shall identify the certificate or certificates affected and indicate that an emergency or other immediately effective order of the Administrator is being appealed.

§ 821.54 Petition for review of Administrator's determination of emergency.

(a) *Time within which to file petition.* A respondent may, within 2 days after the date of receipt of an emergency or other immediately effective order of the Administrator, file with the Board a petition for review of the Administrator's determination that an emergency, requiring the order to be effective immediately, exists. This 2-day time limit is statutory and the Board has no authority to extend it. If the respondent has not previously filed an appeal from the Administrator's emergency or other immediately effective order, the petition shall also be considered a simultaneously filed appeal from the order under § 821.53.

(b) *Form, content and service of petition.* The petition may be in letter form. A copy of the Administrator's order, from which review of the emergency determination is sought, must be attached to the petition. If a copy of the order is not attached, the petition will be dismissed. While the petition need only request that the Board review the Administrator's determination as to the existence of an emergency requiring the order be effective immediately, it may also enumerate the respondent's reasons for believing that the Administrator's emergency determination is not warranted in the interest of aviation safety. The petition must be filed with the Board by overnight delivery service or facsimile and simultaneously served on the Administrator by the same means.

(c) *Reply to petition.* If the petition enumerates the respondent's reasons for believing that the Administrator's emergency determination is unwarranted, the Administrator may, within 2 days after the date of service of the petition, file a reply, which shall be strictly limited to matters of rebuttal. Such reply must be filed with the Board by overnight delivery service or facsimile and simultaneously served on the respondent by the same means. No submissions other than the respondent's petition and the Administrator's reply in rebuttal will be accepted, except in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) *Hearing.* No hearing shall be held on a petition for review of an emergency determination. However, the law judge may, on his or her own initiative, and strictly in keeping with the prohibition on ex parte communications set forth in § 821.61, solicit from the parties additional information to supplement that previously provided by the parties.

(e) *Disposition.* Within 5 days after the Board's receipt of the petition, the chief law judge (or, if the case has been assigned to a law judge, the law judge to whom the case is assigned) shall dispose of the petition by written order, and, in so doing, shall consider whether, based on the acts and omissions alleged in the Administrator's order, and assuming the truth of such factual allegations, the Administrator's emergency determination was appropriate under the circumstances, in that it supports a finding that aviation safety would likely be compromised by a stay of the effectiveness of the order during the pendency of the respondent's appeal.

(f) *Effect of law judge's ruling.* If the law judge grants the petition, the effectiveness of the Administrator's order shall be stayed until final disposition of the respondent's appeal by a law judge or by the Board. In such cases, the remaining provisions of this subpart (§§ 821.55–821.57) shall continue to apply, unless the respondent, with the Administrator's consent, waives their applicability. If the petition is denied, the Administrator's order shall remain in effect, and the remaining provisions of this subpart shall continue to apply, unless their applicability is waived by the respondent. The law judge's ruling on the petition shall be final, and is not appealable to the Board. However, in the event of an appeal to the Board from a law judge's decision on the merits of the emergency or other immediately effective order, the Board may, at its discretion, note, in its order disposing of the appeal, its views on the law judge's ruling on the petition, and such views shall serve as binding precedent in all future cases.

§ 821.55 Complaint, answer to complaint, motions and discovery.

(a) *Complaint.* In proceedings governed by this subpart, the Administrator's complaint shall be filed by overnight delivery service or facsimile, and simultaneously served on the respondent by the same means, within 3 days after the date on which the Administrator received the respondent's appeal, or within 3 days after the date of service of an order disposing of a petition for review of an emergency determination, whichever is later.

(b) *Answer to complaint.* The respondent shall file with the Board an answer to the complaint within 5 days after the date on which the complaint was served by the Administrator, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of the answer on the Administrator. Failure by the respondent to deny the truth of any allegation or allegations in the complaint may be deemed an admission of the truth of the allegation or allegations not answered. The answer shall also identify any affirmative defenses that the respondent intends to raise at the hearing.

(c) *Motion to dismiss and motion for more definite statement.* In proceedings governed by this subpart, no motion to dismiss the complaint or for a more definite statement of the complaint's allegations shall be made, but the substance thereof may be stated in the respondent's answer. The law judge may permit or require a more definite statement or other amendment to any pleading at the hearing, upon good cause shown and upon just and reasonable terms.

(d) *Discovery.* Discovery is authorized in proceedings governed by this subpart. Given the short time available for discovery, the parties shall cooperate to ensure timely completion of the discovery process prior to the hearing. Discovery requests shall be served by the parties as soon as possible. A motion to compel discovery should be expeditiously filed where any dispute arises, and the law judge shall promptly rule on such a motion. Time limits for compliance with discovery requests shall be set by the parties so as to accommodate, and not conflict with, the accelerated adjudication schedule set forth in this subpart. The provisions of § 821.19 shall apply, modified as

necessary to meet the exigencies of this subpart's accelerated timeframes.

§ 821.56 Hearing and initial decision or appealable order of law judge.

(a) *Notice of hearing.* Within 3 days after the date on which the Board receives the Administrator's complaint, or immediately upon the issuance of a law judge's order disposing of a petition for review of the Administrator's emergency determination, if later, the parties shall be served with a written notice of hearing, setting forth the date, time and place of the hearing. The hearing shall be set for a date no later than 30 days after the date on which the respondent's appeal was received and docketed. To the extent that they are not inconsistent with this section, the provisions of § 821.37(a) shall also apply.

(b) *Conduct of hearing.* The provisions of §§ 821.38, 821.39 and 821.40, concerning the taking of evidence, argument and submissions by the parties, and the composition of the hearing record, shall apply to proceedings governed by this subpart.

(c) *Initial decision and effect of initial decision or appealable order.* The law judge's initial decision shall be made orally on the record at the termination of the hearing. The provisions of § 821.42, concerning the content of the initial decision, the furnishing of copies of the initial decision to the parties and the issuance date of the initial decision, and the provisions of § 821.43, concerning the effect of the law judge's initial decision or appealable order and any appeal therefrom, shall apply to proceedings governed by this subpart.

§ 821.57 Procedure on appeal.

(a) *Time within which to file notice of appeal.* A party may appeal from a law judge's initial decision or appealable order by filing with the Board, and simultaneously serving on the other parties, a notice of appeal, within 2 days after the date on which the initial decision was orally rendered or the appealable order was served. The time limitations for the filing of documents respecting appeals governed by this subpart will not be extended by reason of the unavailability of the hearing transcript.

(b) *Briefs and oral argument.* Each appeal in proceedings governed by this subpart must be perfected, within 5 days after the date on which the notice of appeal was filed, by the filing, and simultaneous service on the other parties, of a brief in support of the appeal. Any other party to the proceeding may file a brief in reply to the appeal brief within 7 days after the date on which the appeal brief was served on that party. A copy of the reply brief shall simultaneously be served on the appealing party and any other parties to the proceeding. Unless otherwise authorized by the Board, all briefs in connection with appeals governed by this subpart must be filed and served by overnight delivery service, or by facsimile confirmed by personal or first-class mail delivery of the original. Aside from the time limits and methods of filing and service specifically mandated by this paragraph, the provisions of § 821.48 shall apply.

(c) *Issues on appeal.* The provisions of § 821.49(a) shall apply in proceedings governed by this subpart.

(d) *Petition for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration or modification of order.* The only petitions for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration or modification of an order which the Board will entertain in proceedings governed by this subpart are those based on the ground that new matter has been discovered. Such petitions must:

(1) Set forth the new matter;

(2) Contain affidavits of prospective witnesses, authenticated documents, or both, or an explanation of why such substantiation is unavailable; and

(3) Contain a statement explaining why such new matter could not have been discovered in the exercise of due diligence prior to the date on which the evidentiary record closed.

Subpart J—Ex Parte Communications

Authority: Sec. 4, Pub. L. 94–409, 5 U.S.C. 556(d) and 557; 49 U.S.C. 1101–1155, 44701–44723, 46301.

§ 821.60 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

Board decisional employee means a Board Member, law judge or other employee who is, or who may reasonably be expected to be, involved in the decisional process of the proceeding;

Ex parte communication means an oral or written communication not on the public record with respect to which reasonable prior notice to all parties is not given, but does not include requests for status reports on any matter or proceeding covered by this part.

§ 821.61 Prohibited ex parte communications.

(a) The prohibitions of this section shall apply from the time a petition for review or an appeal is filed unless the person responsible for the communication has knowledge that a petition for review or an appeal will be filed, in which case the prohibitions shall apply at the time of the acquisition of such knowledge. Such prohibitions shall continue until the time of the Board's final disposition of the petition, appeal and any ancillary matters, such as the adjudication of a claim for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

(b) Except to the extent required for the disposition of ex parte matters as authorized by law:

(1) No interested person outside the Board shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any Board decisional employee an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of the proceeding;

(2) No Board decisional employee shall make or knowingly cause to be made to any interested person outside the Board an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of the proceeding. Ex parte communications solely relating to matters of Board procedure or practice are not prohibited by this section.

§ 821.62 Procedures for handling ex parte communications.

A Board decisional employee who receives, makes or knowingly causes to be made a communication prohibited by § 821.61 shall place in the public record of the proceeding:

(a) All such written communications;

(b) Memoranda stating the substance of all such oral communications; and

(c) All written responses, and memoranda stating the substance of all oral responses, to the communications described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

§ 821.63 Requirement to show cause and imposition of sanction.

(a) Upon receipt of a communication made or knowingly caused to be made by a party in violation of § 821.61, the presiding law judge (or the chief law judge, if the proceeding has not been assigned to a law judge) or the Board may, to the extent consistent with the interests of justice and the policy of the underlying statutes it administers, require the party to show cause why its claim or interest in the proceeding should not be dismissed, denied, disregarded or otherwise adversely affected on account of such violation.

(b) The Board may, to the extent consistent with the interest of justice and the policy of the underlying statutes it administers, consider a violation of § 821.61 sufficient grounds for a decision adverse to a party who has knowingly committed or knowingly caused such a violation to occur. Alternatively, the Board may impose a sanction on the party's attorney or representative, including suspending or barring the attorney or representative

from practicing before it, where such action would be appropriate and penalizing the party represented would not be in the interest of justice.

Subpart K—Judicial Review of Board Orders

§ 821.64 Judicial review.

(a) *General.* Judicial review of a final order of the Board may be sought as provided in 49 U.S.C. 1153 and 46110 by the filing of a petition for review with the appropriate United States Court of Appeals within 60 days of the date of entry (*i.e.*, service date) of the Board's order. Under the applicable statutes, any party may appeal the Board's decision. The Board is not a party in interest in such appellate proceedings and, accordingly, does not typically participate in the judicial review of its decisions. In matters appealed by the Administrator, the other parties should anticipate the need to make their own defense.

(b) *Stay pending judicial review.* No request for a stay pending judicial review will be entertained if it is received by the Board after the effective date of the Board's order (*see* § 821.50(b)). If a stay action is to be timely, any request must be filed sufficiently in advance of the effective date of the Board's order to allow for a reply and Board review.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

Ellen G. Engleman,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 021122286–3036–02; I.D. 042203A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NationalOceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Prohibition of retention; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting retention of Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). NMFS is requiring that catch of Pacific cod in this area be treated in the same manner as prohibited species and discarded at sea with a minimum of injury. This action is necessary because the amount of the 2003 total allowable catch (TAC) of Pacific cod apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in this area has been achieved.

DATES: Effective 1200 hrs, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), April 24, 2003, until 2400 hrs, A.l.t., December 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Keaton, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the GOA exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The amount of the 2003 TAC of Pacific cod apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA was established as 1,545 metric tons by the Final 2003 Harvest Specifications of Groundfish for the GOA (68 FR 9907, March 3, 2003).

In accordance with § 679.20(d)(2), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the amount of the 2003 TAC apportioned to vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component of the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that further catches of Pacific cod caught by vessels catching Pacific Cod for processing by the offshore component of the Western Regulatory Area of the GOA be treated as prohibited species in accordance with § 679.21(b).

Classification

This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is contrary to the public interest. This requirement is contrary to the public interest as it would delay the prohibition of retention of Pacific cod by vessel catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component, lead to exceeding the TAC, and therefore reduce the public's ability to use and enjoy the fishery resource.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30–day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by § 679.20 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Proposed Rules

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

System Design Analysis; Proposed Changes to Airworthiness Standards and Advisory Circular

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) recommendations.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of the ARAC-recommended proposed changes to the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes regarding equipment, systems, and installations, and Advisory Circular (AC) 25.1309–1A, ''System Design Analysis,'' for potential use, upon request, in the certification of applicable airplane systems. The FAA has not yet adopted these ARAC recommendations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Linh Le, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Safety Management Branch, ANM–117, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–1105; fax (425) 227–1320; e-mail: *Linh.Le@faa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Reference:* FAA policy memorandum 00–113–1034 ''Use of ARAC (Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee) Recommended Rulemaking not yet formally adopted by the FAA, as a basis for equivalent level of safety or exemption to Part 25.''

This policy memorandum describes a standardized, streamlined approach for the use of draft FAA/JAA harmonized regulations as a basis for an equivalent level of safety finding or an exemption to part 25. It may be found on the Internet at the following address: *http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/anminfo/document/final/aracesf/index.htm*.

Background

After a multi-year review of the current § 25.1309 and AC 25.1309–1A, the ARAC submitted to the FAA their recommendations for a rule change and a revised advisory circular in August 2002. The ARAC–recommended proposed changes to 14 CFR 25.1309 and AC 25.1309–1A are available on the Internet at the following address: *http://www1.faa.gov/avr/arm/aractransairengine.cfm?nav=6*. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

The procedure for using ARAC recommendations for rule changes that are not yet adopted by the FAA is described in the FAA policy memorandum 00–113–1034 referenced above. The memorandum describes the process for requesting an equivalent safety finding, as well as petitioning for an exemption.

A specific portion of the proposed changes to AC 25.1309–1A that *should not* be used as an acceptable means of compliance is paragraph 8.d, which describes an alternative method of compliance by exemption. The FAA does not concur with paragraph 8.d and intends to exclude paragraph 8.d from the final AC. The remainder of the proposed changes to the AC may be used as an acceptable means of compliance to the proposed revision to § 25.1309, or to the existing § 25.1309.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 14, 2003.

Mike Kaszycki,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003–CE–04–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. Models N22B and N24A Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 82–12–06, which applies to certain AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. (ASTA) Models N22B and N24A airplanes. AD 82–12–06 currently requires repetitive visual inspections of all rudder control lever shaft assemblies for cracks and discrepancies, and, if cracks or discrepancies are found, it requires replacement with new or serviceable rudder control shafts, and a check of the fit of all rod end bearings in lever shafts. AD 82–12–06 also allows you to inspect all lever shafts by magnetic particle inspection or dye penetrant methods as terminating action for the repetitive visual inspections. This proposed AD is the result of recent reports of failures of the upper control lever torque shaft due to fatigue loading on the affected airplanes, including those that included the terminating actions. This proposed AD would require more detailed repetitive inspections (than there are in AD 82–12–06) of the upper and lower rudder pedal torque shafts and a one-time inspection for discrepancies in the thickness of the lever shaft side plates with appropriate follow-up action. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to detect and correct cracks in the rudder control lever torque shafts and discrepancies in the thickness of the lever shaft side plates, which could result in failure of the rudder control lever torque shaft. Such failure could lead to reduced controllability of the airplane.

DATES: The FAA must receive any comments on this rule on or before June 9, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003–CE–04–AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may view any comments at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also send comments electronically to the following address: *9-ACE-7—Docket@faa.gov.* Comments sent electronically must contain ''Docket No. 2003–CE–04–AD'' in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be formatted in

Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

You may get service information that applies to this proposed AD from Nomad Operations, Aerospace Support Division, Boeing Australia, PO Box 767, Brisbane, QLD 4000 Australia; telephone 61 7 3306 3366; facsimile 61 7 3306 3111. You may also view this information at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Atmur, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (562) 627–5224; facsimile (562) 627–5210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

How do I comment on this proposed AD? The FAA invites comments on this proposed rule. You may submit whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the proposed rule's docket number and submit your comments to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES.** We will consider all comments received on or before the closing date. We may amend this proposed rule in light of comments received. Factual information that supports your ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this proposed AD action and determining whether we need to take additional rulemaking action.

Are there any specific portions of this proposed AD I should pay attention to? The FAA specifically invites comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. You may view all comments we receive before and after the closing date of the rule in the Rules Docket. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each contact we have with the public that concerns the substantive parts of this proposed AD.

How can I be sure FAA receives my comment? If you want FAA to acknowledge the receipt of your mailed comments, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. On the postcard, write ''Comments to Docket No. 2003–CE–04–AD.'' We will date stamp and mail the postcard back to you.

Discussion

Has FAA taken any action to this point? Reports of cracking and other discrepancies on rudder control lever shaft assemblies on certain ASTA Models N22B and N24A airplanes caused us to issue AD 82–12–06, Amendment 39–4399. AD 82–12–06 currently requires the following on certain ASTA Models N22B and N24A airplanes:

—Repetitively inspecting visually all rudder control lever shafts for cracking;

—If cracks are found, before further flight, replacing with new or serviceable rudder control shafts;

—Checking for clearance of the fit of all rod end bearings in lever shafts; and

—Discontinuing the repetitive visual inspections when lever shafts are inspected either by magnetic particle inspection or dye penetrant methods.

What has happened since AD 82–12–06 to initiate this proposed action? The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), which is the airworthiness authority for Australia, recently notified FAA of the need to change AD 82–12–06. The CASA reports failures of the rudder control lever shaft. All the failures have occurred during ground operations and nosewheel steering/rudder loads are now considered the primary cause of the failure.

Some of the failures occurred on airplanes where the terminating action of AD 82–12–06 was incorporated.

Is there service information that applies to this subject? ASTA has issued Nomad Alert Service Bulletin ANMD–27–51, dated September 13, 2002.

What are the provisions of this service bulletin? The service bulletin includes procedures for:

—Repetitively inspecting, using either dye penetrant or magnetic particle methods and measurements, rudder control lever shafts for cracks;

—Inspecting (one-time) all lever shaft side plates by measuring the thickness; and

—If cracks or discrepancies in thickness are found, replacing unserviceable parts with new or serviceable parts.

What action did the CASA take? The CASA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued Australian AD GAF–N22/44, dated November 14, 2002, in order to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Australia.

Was this in accordance with the bilateral airworthiness agreement? These airplane models are manufactured in Australia and are type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of § 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement.

Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the CASA has kept FAA informed of the situation described above.

The FAA's Determination and an Explanation of the Provisions of This Proposed AD

What has FAA decided? The FAA has examined the findings of the CASA; reviewed all available information, including the service information referenced above; and determined that:

—The unsafe condition referenced in this document exists or could develop on Models N22B and N24A airplanes of the same type design that are on the U.S. registry;

—The actions specified in the previously-referenced service information should be accomplished on the affected airplanes including those that have the terminating action of AD 82–12–06 incorporated; and

—AD action should be taken in order to correct this unsafe condition.

What would this proposed AD require? This proposed AD would supersede AD 82–12–06 with a new AD that would require the actions specified in the above-referenced service information.

How does the revision to 14 CFR part 39 affect this proposed AD? On July 10, 2002, FAA published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relate to special flight permits, alternative methods of compliance, and altered products. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

Cost Impact

How many airplanes would this proposed AD impact? We estimate that this proposed AD affects 10 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

What would be the cost impact of this proposed AD on owners/operators of the affected airplanes? We estimate the following costs to accomplish this proposed initial inspection:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost Per Airplane	Total cost in U.S. operators
12 workhours × $60 per hour = $720	Not Applicable	$720	10 × $720 = $7,200.

We estimate the following costs to accomplish any necessary repetitive inspections:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane
2 workhours × $60 per hour = $120	Not Applicable	$120.

We estimate the following costs to accomplish any necessary lever shaft replacements that would be required based on the results of the proposed inspections. We have no way of determining the number of airplanes that may need such replacement:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane
12 workhours × $60 per hour = $720	$930	$720 + $930 = $1650.

We estimate the following costs to accomplish any necessary lever shaft side plate replacements that would be required based on the results of the proposed inspection. We have no way of determining the number of airplanes that may need such replacement:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane
12 workhours × $60 per hour = $720	$930	$720 + $930 = $1650.

Regulatory Impact

Would this proposed AD impact various entities? The regulations proposed herein would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this proposed rule would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Would this proposed AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action? For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. FAA amends § 39.13 by removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 82–12–06, Amendment 39–4399, and by adding a new AD to read as follows:

Aerospace Technologies of Australia PTY LTD.: Docket No. 2003–CE–04–AD; Supersedes AD 82–12–06, Amendment 39–4399.

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?* This AD affects Models N22B and N24A airplanes, all serial numbers, that are certificated in any category.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of airplanes identified in paragraph (a) of this AD must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct cracks in the rudder control lever torque shafts and discrepancies in the thickness of the lever shaft side plates, which could result in failure of the rudder control lever torque shaft. Such failure could lead to reduced controllability of the airplane.

(d) *What actions must I accomplish to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following:

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect the rudder control lever shafts, part numbers (P/N) 2/N–45–1102, 1/N–45–1103, and 1/N–45–1104 (or FAA-approved equivalent part numbers) for cracks use dye penetrant while the shaft is installed; or either dye penetrant inspection or magnetic particle methods if the shaft is removed.	Within the next 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.	In accordance with Nomad Alert Service Bulletin ANMD–27–51, dated September 13, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(2) Inspect all lever shaft side plates on P/Ns 2/N–45–1102, 1/N–45–1103, and 1/N–45–1104 (or FAA-approved equivalent part numbers) by measuring the thickness for discrepancies.	Within the next 100 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, unless already accomplished.	In accordance with Nomad Alert Service Bulletin ANMD–27–51, dated September 13, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(3) Visually inspect all rudder control lever shafts P/Ns 2/N–45–1102, 1/N–45-1103, and 1/N–45–1104 (or FAA-approved equivalent part numbers) for cracks.	Repetitively inspect at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS after the inspection required in paragraph (d)(1) of this AD.	In accordance with Nomad Alert Service Bulletin ANMD–27–51, dated September 13, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(4) If damage is found during any inspection required by this AD:	Prior to further flight after any inspection required by this AD.	In accordance with Nomad Alert Service bulletin ANMD–27–51, dated September 13, 2002, and the applicable maintenance manual.
(i) for lever shafts found with crack damage, replace with new or serviceable items.		
(ii) For discrepancies in the thickness of lever shaft side plates, obtain a repair scheme from the manufacturer through FAA at the address specified in paragraph (e) of this AD and incorporate this repair scheme.		
(iii) Repairable and nonrepairable damage is defined in the service information.		

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?*

(1) To use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.13. Send these requests to the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office. For information on any already approved alternative methods of compliance, contact Ron Atmur, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712; telephone (562) 627–5224; facsimile (562) 627–5210.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance approved in accordance with AD 82–12–06, which is superseded by this AD, are not approved as alternative methods of compliance with this AD.

(f) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may obtain copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Nomad Operations, Aerospace Support Division, Boeing Australia, PO Box 767, Brisbane, QLD 4000 Australia; telephone 617 3306 3366; facsimile 61 7 3306 3111. You may examine these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

(g) *Does this AD action affect any existing AD actions?* This amendment supersedes AD 82–12–06, Amendment 39–4399.

Note: The subject of this AD is addressed in Australian AD GAF–N22/44, dated November 14, 2002.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 21, 2003.

Michael Gallagher,

Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NM–341–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 747 series airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection of the potable water and drain lines in the forward and aft cargo compartments for indications of overheating of the heater tape, exposed foam insulation, missing or damaged protective tape, or debris around the potable water fill and drain lines; and corrective action, if necessary. This action is necessary to prevent overheating of the heater tape on potable water fill and drain lines, which may ignite accumulated debris or contaminants on or near the potable water fill and drain lines, resulting in a fire in the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–NM–341–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: *9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov.* Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain ''Docket No. 2002–NM–341–AD'' in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Eiford, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Equipment Branch, ANM–130S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 917–6465; fax (425) 917–6590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.

• For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.

• Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket Number 2002–NM–341–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–NM–341–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

Discussion

The FAA has received a report of a fire in the aft cargo compartment of a Boeing Model 767 series airplane. The fire was detected and extinguished. Investigation by the operator of the airplane indicated that heater tape on a water fill line overheated, igniting debris accumulated on or near the heater tape. The operator inspected several other airplanes and found heater tape that failed a continuity test, evidence of heat damage on foam insulation or protective tape, and accumulated debris on or near heater tape on potable water fill and drain lines in both the forward and aft cargo compartments. The combination of failed heater tape on the potable water fill and drain lines and the accumulation of ignitable debris or contamination on or near one of those lines may lead to a fire in the airplane. Model 747 series airplanes have a similar configuration to that of the Model 767 and, under similar conditions, are subject to the same unsafe condition.

Related Rulemaking

On May 29, 2002, the FAA issued AD 2002–11–11, amendment 39–12772 (67 FR 39265, June 7, 2002), for certain Boeing Model 767–200, –300, and –300F series airplanes to require a one-time inspection of the potable water and drain lines in the forward and aft cargo compartments for indications of overheating of the heater tape, exposed foam insulation, missing or damaged protective tape, or debris around the potable water fill and drain lines; and corrective action, if necessary. As indicated in that AD, the FAA has been investigating the extent to which the heater tape addressed in that AD is used on other Boeing airplane models. Based on the results of that investigation, the FAA has determined that additional rulemaking is necessary for certain Model 747 series airplanes. The unsafe condition and required actions of AD 2002–11–11 are identical to those specified in this proposed AD.

AD 2002–11–11 was issued as an immediately adopted rule. The FAA has re-evaluated the urgency associated with the identified unsafe condition and determined that it is practicable to provide notice and the opportunity for public comment on this proposed rule for certain Model 747 series airplanes.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The FAA has reviewed and approved Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–30A2079, dated December 12, 2002, which describes procedures for the following actions:

• One-time inspection of visually accessible areas in the forward and aft cargo compartments for accumulated debris and contaminants on or near the potable water fill and drain lines, and removal of any debris or contaminants found.

• One-time inspection of visually accessible portions of the potable water fill and drain lines in the forward and aft cargo compartments for indications of overheating of the heater tape, and replacement of heater tape where such indications are found.

• One-time inspection of visually accessible portions of the potable water fill and drain lines in the forward and aft cargo compartments for missing or damaged protective tape or exposed foam insulation, and replacement of any missing or damaged protective tape.

Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously.

Interim Action

This is considered to be interim action until final action is identified, at which time the FAA may consider further rulemaking.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 1,129 airplanes (968 passenger and 161 freighter) of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 250 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. The FAA provides the following cost estimates associated with this proposed AD:

Cost Estimates

Type of airplane	Work hours	Hourly labor rate	Parts cost	Cost per airplane	Number of airplanes	Fleet cost
Freighter	10	$60	$0	$600	35	$21,000
Passenger	20	60	0	1,200	215	258,000

The cost impact figures discussed above are based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this proposal

would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Boeing: Docket 2002–NM–341–AD.

Applicability: Model 747 series airplanes, certificated in any category, with lower cargo floors (floors in the lower cargo areas) that are not fully enclosed. A fully enclosed cargo floor is a floor with panels installed between all roller trays in the cargo compartment. A cargo floor that is not fully enclosed is a floor without panels installed between all roller trays in the cargo compartment.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been otherwise modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent overheating of the heater tape on potable water fill and drain lines, which may ignite accumulated debris or contaminants on or near the potable water fill and drain lines, resulting in a fire in the airplane, accomplish the following:

Debris Removal

(a) At the later of the times specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD: Perform a one-time general visual inspection for foreign object debris (FOD) and contamination in visually accessible areas on or near potable water and drain lines located below the cargo floor in the forward and aft cargo compartments, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–30A2079, dated December 12, 2002. Remove any FOD or contamination observed on or near the potable water or drain lines before further flight in accordance with the service bulletin.

(1) Inspect within 18 months since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or within 18 months since the date of issuance of the Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever occurs first; or

(2) Inspect within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

Note 2: The inspection of potable water and drain lines in visually accessible areas does not require removal of floor panels.

Note 3: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is defined as: ''A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to enhance visual access to all exposed surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked.''

Inspection for Discrepant Heater Tape

(b) At the applicable time specified in paragraph (c) of this AD: Perform a general visual inspection for discrepancies of visually accessible areas of potable water and drain lines located below the cargo floor in the forward and aft cargo compartments, as specified in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 747–30A2079, dated December 12, 2002.

(1) Inspect potable water and drain lines for indications of overheating of the heater tape, including localized darkening of foam insulation or protective tape. If overheating is observed: Prior to further flight, replace the defective heater tape in accordance with the service bulletin, removing floor panels as necessary to replace the defective heater tape.

(2) Inspect potable water and drain lines for exposed foam insulation and missing or damaged protective tape. If exposed foam insulation is observed: Prior to further flight, cover the foam insulation with a continuous wrap of protective tape, in accordance with the service bulletin. If protective tape is missing or damaged: Prior to further flight, replace the protective tape in accessible areas in accordance with the service bulletin. It is not necessary to remove floor panels to replace the protective tape.

(c) Do the inspection required by paragraph (b) at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this AD.

(1) Within 18 months since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or the date of issuance of the Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever occurs first.

(2) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 23, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000–NM–419–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Boeing Model 747 series airplanes. This proposal would require a one-time inspection to determine whether the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear

has certain part numbers, and replacement of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear with a new, improved, or reworked part if necessary. This proposal also would require removal of the load evening system, if such a system is installed. This action is necessary to prevent fracture of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear, which could result in collapse of the wing landing gear. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–419–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: *9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov*. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain ''Docket No. 2000–NM–419–AD'' in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara Anderson, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone (425) 917–6421; fax (425) 917–6590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket Number 2000–NM–419–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–419–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

Discussion

The FAA has received a report indicating that the wing landing gear on a Boeing Model 747–300 series airplane collapsed while the airplane was turning onto a runway. Investigation revealed that the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear was fractured. We have received additional reports of air leaking from the wing landing gear, due to fracture of the outer cylinder, on certain Model 747 series airplanes. Fracture of the outer cylinder has been attributed to cracks caused by heat damage on the inner surface of the outer cylinder that resulted from machining at the top of the outer cylinder during production or overhaul. Chrome plating was applied at the top of the outer cylinder to be used by a piston in the load evening system that was installed on early Model 747 series airplanes. Later Model 747 series airplanes were not equipped with a load evening system because Boeing determined the system was unnecessary. However, certain airplanes not equipped with a load evening system were delivered with chrome plating on the outer cylinder. Cracking or heat damage of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear, if not corrected, could lead to fracture of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear, which could result in collapse of the wing landing gear.

The outer cylinder of the wing landing gear is interchangeable among all Model 747 series airplanes, except certain Model 747–400 series airplanes that are certificated to a maximum airplane taxi weight of 913 kilo-pounds (kips). Therefore, any Model 747 series airplane, except such Model 747–400 series airplanes, may have the subject outer cylinders installed and may be subject to the same unsafe condition.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

We have reviewed and approved Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472, dated November 30, 2000, which describes procedures for a one-time inspection to determine whether the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear has certain part numbers. For airplanes with the affected part numbers, the service bulletin recommends replacement of the existing outer cylinder with a new, improved, or reworked part. The procedures for rework, if accomplished, include the following:

- A nital etch inspection of the inner surface of the upper end of the outer cylinder for the presence of chrome plating.
- Removal of any chrome plating that is found.
- A magnetic particle inspection for cracking of the outer cylinder.
- A nital etch inspection for heat damage of the outer cylinder.
- Rework of the outer cylinder to remove any crack or heat damage.
- Changing the part number of the outer cylinder.

Accomplishment of the actions specified in Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472 is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition.

Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472 recommends accomplishment of Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2131 concurrently with the actions in Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472. We have reviewed and approved Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2131, Revision 2, dated March 15, 1974, which describes procedures for removal of the load evening system installed on the wing landing gear.

Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletins described previously.

Clarification of Applicability Statement

We stated previously that the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear is interchangeable among all Model 747 series airplanes, except certain Model 747–400 series airplanes certificated to a maximum airplane taxi weight of 913 kips. However, those airplanes do not have a separate model designation from other Model 747–400 series airplanes. Therefore, this proposed AD would apply to all Model 747 series airplanes.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 1,106 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. We estimate that 256 airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. It would take approximately 1 work hour per airplane to accomplish the proposed inspection to determine whether subject part numbers are installed, at an average labor rate of $60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of this proposed inspection on U.S. operators is estimated to be $15,360, or $60 per airplane.

We estimate that 225 airplanes in the worldwide fleet, and 66 airplanes of U.S. registry, are equipped with the subject outer cylinders that would require further action. It would take approximately 12 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed chrome removal and inspections for cracking or heat damage, at an average labor rate of $60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of these proposed actions on U.S. operators is estimated to be $47,520, or $720 per airplane.

For airplanes subject to removal of the load evening system, it would take approximately 240 work hours per airplane to accomplish, at an average labor rate of $60 per work hour. Based on the best data available, we estimate that necessary parts would cost $2,392. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed removal of the load evening system is estimated to be $16,792 per airplane.

The cost impact figures discussed above are based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Boeing: Docket 2000–NM–419–AD.

Applicability: All Model 747 series airplanes, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent fracture of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear, which could result in collapse of the wing landing gear, accomplish the following:

Inspection to Determine Part Number

(a) Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, perform a one-time inspection to determine the part number of the outer cylinder of the wing landing gear on both sides of the airplane, per the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472, excluding Evaluation Form, dated November 30, 2000.

(1) If no outer cylinder having part number (P/N) 65B01212–( ) (where ''( )'' is any dash number of that part number), 65B01430–3, or 65B01430–4 is found: No further action is required by this paragraph.

(2) If any outer cylinder having P/N 65B01212–( ) (where ''( )'' is any dash number of that part number), 65B01430–3, or 65B01430–4 is found: Accomplish paragraph (b) of this AD.

Replacement of Outer Cylinder

(b) For any outer cylinder identified in paragraph (a)(2) of this AD: Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, replace the outer cylinder on the wing landing gear with a new, improved part or a part that has been inspected and reworked per the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2472, excluding Evaluation Form, dated November 30, 2000. The rework procedures described in the service bulletin, if accomplished, include performing a one-time nital etch inspection of the upper inner surface of the outer cylinder for chrome plating; removing any chrome plating that is present; performing a one-time magnetic particle inspection for cracking of the outer cylinder; performing a nital etch inspection for heat damage of the outer cylinder; reworking the outer cylinder, as applicable; and changing the part number of the outer cylinder.

Removal of the Load Evening System

(c) For airplanes listed in Boeing Service Bulletin 747–32–2131, Revision 2, dated March 15, 1974: Before performing the requirements of paragraph (b) of this AD, remove the load evening system installed on the wing landing gear, per the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin.

Parts Installation

(d) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an outer cylinder of the wing landing gear if the outer cylinder has P/N 65B01212–( ) (where ''( )'' is any dash number of that part number), 65B01430–3, or 65B01430–4.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 23, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2000–NM–326–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model 382G Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Lockheed Model 382G series airplanes. This proposal would require repetitive general visual inspections of certain bearings located in the emergency exit door for evidence of excessive wear; and repair of certain bearings, which would terminate the repetitive inspections. These actions are necessary to prevent failure of the latch mechanism, which could result in the inability to open the emergency exit door in an emergency. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–326–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227–1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: *9–anm–nprmcomment@faa.gov.* Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain ''Docket No. 2000–NM–326–AD'' in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Airworthiness Office, Dept. 6A0M, Zone 0252, Column P–58, 86 S. Cobb Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30063. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Herderich, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Branch, ACE–117A, FAA, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia 30349; telephone (770) 703–6082; fax (770) 703–6097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (*e.g.*, reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: ''Comments to Docket Number 2000–NM–326–AD.'' The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRMs

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000–NM–326–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055–4056.

Discussion

The FAA received a report from an operator that, during an inspection, an emergency exit door could not be opened on a Lockheed Model 382G series airplane. Further investigation revealed that the latch mechanism failed due to excessive wear of the latch bearings in the door. The excessive wear was caused by steel roll pins rubbing against aluminum bearings and creating grooves, which consequently inhibited the rotation of the tube that retracts the door latches. The same operator also reported that excessive bearing wear was found in nine additional airplanes. Failure of the latch mechanism, if not corrected, could result in the inability to open the emergency exit door in an emergency.

Explanation of Relevant Service Information

The FAA has reviewed and approved Hercules Service Bulletin 382–52–9, dated July 5, 2000, which describes procedures for repetitive general visual inspections of certain bearings located in the emergency exit door for evidence

of excessive wear (demonstrated by a groove in excess of 0.060 inch deep); and repair of certain bearings, which would terminate the repetitive inspections. The repair procedures include machining the bearing faces so the roll pins will not contact the bearings and cause additional wear. Accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin is intended to adequately address the identified unsafe condition.

Explanation of Requirements of Proposed Rule

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design, the proposed AD would require accomplishment of the actions specified in the service bulletin described previously, except as discussed below.

Differences Between Proposed Rule and Service Bulletin

Operators should note that this proposed AD would require, within 90 days of the effective date of this AD, repair of bearings having P/N 3326653–1 and P/N 3326653–2, as terminating action for the repetitive inspections. The referenced service bulletin specifies the repair as optional. The FAA has determined that long-term continued operational safety will be better assured by removing the source of the problem, rather than by repetitive inspections. Long-term inspection may not be providing the degree of safety assurance necessary for the transport airplane fleet. This, coupled with a better understanding of the human factors associated with numerous continual inspections, has led the FAA to consider placing less emphasis on inspections and more emphasis on repairs. The proposed repair requirement is consistent with these conditions.

Cost Impact

There are approximately 10 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 1 airplane of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD, that it would take approximately 16 work hours to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is $60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the proposed AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be $9,600, or $960 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the proposed requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this proposed AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

The regulations proposed herein would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, it is determined that this proposal would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed regulation (1) is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a ''significant rule'' under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

Lockheed: Docket 2000–NM–326–AD.

Applicability: Model 382G series airplanes, as listed in Hercules Service Bulletin 382–52–9, dated July 5, 2000, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent failure of the latch mechanism located inside the emergency exit door, which could result in the inability to open the door in an emergency, accomplish the following:

Inspection

(a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD: Perform a general visual inspection of bearings having part numbers (P/N) 3326653–1 and 3326653–2, for evidence of a groove greater than 0.060 inch deep. Perform the inspection per paragraph 2.A. of the Accomplishment Instructions specified in Hercules Service Bulletin 382–52–9, dated July 5, 2000.

Note 2: For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is defined as: ''A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to enhance visual access to all exposed surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked.''

(1) If evidence of a groove greater than 0.060 inch deep is not found: Repeat the inspection at 30-day intervals until accomplishment of the terminating action required by paragraph (b) of this AD.

(2) If evidence of a groove greater than 0.060 inch deep is found: Before further flight, repair the bearings per paragraph (b) of this AD.

Repair

(b) Within 90 days after the effective date of this AD: Repair bearings having P/N 3326653–1 and P/N 3326653–2 per paragraph 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions specified in Hercules Service Bulletin 382–52–9, dated July 5, 2000. Accomplishment of this repair terminates the requirements of paragraph (a) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Atlanta

Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Atlanta ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Atlanta ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on April 23, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 917

[KY–242–FOR]

Kentucky Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing on proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: We are announcing the proposed removal of a required amendment to the Kentucky regulatory program (the ''Kentucky program'') under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The required amendment is found at 30 CFR 917.16(g). This document gives the times and locations that the Kentucky program and proposed amendment to that program are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that we will follow for the public hearing, if one is requested.

DATES: We will accept written comments on this amendment until 4 p.m., e.s.t. May 29, 2003. If requested, we will hold a public hearing on the amendment on May 27, 2003. We will accept requests to speak at a hearing until 4 p.m., e.s.t. on May 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand deliver written comments and requests to speak at the hearing to Mr. William J. Kovacic at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the Kentucky program, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

William J. Kovacic, Lexington Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2675 Regency Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40503, Telephone: (859) 260–8400. E-mail: *bkovacic@osmre.gov.*

Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Telephone: (502) 564–6940.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Kovacic, Telephone: (859) 260–8400. Internet: *bkovacic@osmre.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the Kentucky Program
II. Description of the Proposed Amendment
III. Public Comment Procedures
IV. Procedural Determinations

I. Background on the Kentucky Program

Section 503(a) of the Act permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its program includes, among other things, ''a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of the Act * * * and rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to the Act.'' *See* 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Kentucky program on May 18, 1982. You can find background information on the Kentucky program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and conditions of approval of the Kentucky program in the May 18, 1982, **Federal Register** (47 FR 21434). You can also find later actions concerning Kentucky's program and program amendments at 30 CFR 917.11, 917.12, 917.13, 917.15, 917.16, and 917.17.

II. Description of the Required Amendment

Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR) currently provide at 405 KAR 16:210 and 18:220 Section 1(1)(a) and (b) the following:

Prior to the final release of performance bond, affected areas shall be restored in a timely manner:

(a) To conditions capable of supporting the uses which the areas were capable of supporting before any mining; or

(b) To conditions capable of supporting higher or better alternative uses as approved by the cabinet [Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet] under Section 4 of this administrative regulation.

These provisions are substantively identical to their Federal counterparts at 30 CFR 816.133(a) and 817.133(a). The State regulations at Section 2 state, ''the premining use of land to which the postmining land use is compared shall be those uses which the land previously supported if the land has not been previously mined.'' In 1992, when Kentucky submitted Section 2 as a program amendment, OSM stated, ''[t]his rule, while similar to the Federal rule at 30 CFR 816.133(b), fails to provide that a postmining land use must be compared to premined land which was properly managed, as set forth in the cited Federal rule.'' 57 FR 45295, 45306 (October 1, 1992). Thus, in 1992, OSM found the Kentucky rules less effective to the extent Kentucky failed to require a comparison to a premining land use that was properly managed and required an amendment. The required amendment at 30 CFR 917.16(g) requires Kentucky to submit proposed revisions to its regulations to provide that ''in determining premining uses of land not previously mined, the land must have been properly managed.''

OSM is proposing to remove the required amendment because we believe that, with respect to this issue, the Kentucky program as it currently exists is no less effective than the Federal regulations.

The Kentucky program, like the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 816.133(a) and 817.133(a), requires that all disturbed areas be restored in a timely manner to conditions that are capable of supporting either the (1) uses that they were capable of supporting before any mining or (2) any approved higher or better uses. (The Kentucky program also extends this requirement to all affected areas and does not limit it to disturbed areas.) In general, compliance with this requirement rests on a determination that the site has been restored to a condition capable of supporting the approved postmining land use. This determination consists primarily of two components: Site configuration, which is addressed by the backfilling and grading regulations and is not dependent upon premining land use or management, and revegetation success.

As authorized by 30 CFR 816.116 and 816.117, the Kentucky program (*see* 405 KAR 16:200/18:200 Section 5) relies primarily upon technical standards (ground cover; productivity standards; and tree and shrub stocking standards) to evaluate revegetation success for the various postmining land use categories. These technical standards for ground cover, stocking, and production are not site specific and apply regardless of how the land was used or managed before mining. The technical standards are based on accepted management practices for the land use in question.

Further, Kentucky's rules allow the use of reference areas to evaluate revegetation success. These references must be on unmined areas and as close to the permit area as possible. Under 405 KAR 16:200/18:200 Section 7, reference areas must be managed in accordance with the regional norm for the approved postmining land use. Regional norms would not be considered improper management practices for purposes of determining whether the land has been restored to its premining capability.

For these reasons, we believe that, with respect to the provision at issue in 30 CFR 917.16(g), Kentucky's program is no less stringent than SMCRA and no less effective than the Federal regulations implementing SMCRA. Therefore, we are proposing to remove the required amendment at 30 CFR 917.16(g).

III. Public Comment Procedures

Under the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), we are seeking your comments on whether the removal of the required amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15.

Written Comments

Send your written or electronic comments to OSM at the address given above. Your written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this rulemaking, and include explanations in support of your recommendations. We will not consider or respond to your comments when developing the final rule if they are received after the close of the comment period (*see* **DATES**). We will make every attempt to log all comments into the administrative record, but comments delivered to an address other than the Lexington Field Office may not be logged in.

Electronic Comments

Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII or Word file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include ''Attn: SATS No. KY–242–FOR'' and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, contact the Lexington Field Office at (859) 260–8400.

Availability of Comments

We will make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during normal business hours. We will not consider anonymous comments. If individual respondents request confidentiality, we will honor their request to the extent allowable by law. Individual respondents who wish to withhold their name or address from public review, except for the city or town, must state this prominently at the beginning of their comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public review in their entirety.

Public Hearing

If you wish to speak at the public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by 4 p.m., e.s.t. on May 14, 2003. If you are disabled and need special accommodations to attend a public hearing, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** We will arrange the location and time of the hearing with those persons requesting the hearing. If no one requests an opportunity to speak, we will not hold a hearing.

To assist the transcriber and ensure an accurate record, we request, if possible, that each person who speaks at the public hearing provide us with a written copy of his or her comments. The public hearing will continue on the specified date until everyone scheduled to speak has been given an opportunity to be heard. If you are in the audience and have not been scheduled to speak and wish to do so, you will be allowed to speak after those who have been scheduled. We will end the hearing after everyone scheduled to speak and others present in the audience who wish to speak, have been heard.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to speak, we may hold a public meeting rather than a public hearing. If you wish to meet with us to discuss the amendment, please request a meeting by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** All such meetings are open to the public and, if possible, we will post notices of meetings at the locations listed under **ADDRESSES.** We will make a written summary of each meeting a part of the administrative record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12630—Takings

This rule does not have takings implications. This determination is based on the analysis performed for the counterpart Federal regulation.

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 12988—Civil Justice Reform

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 and has determined that this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments because each program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and the Federal regulations at 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

Executive Order 13132—Federalism

This rule does not have Federalism implications. SMCRA delineates the roles of the Federal and State governments with regard to the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations. One of the purposes of SMCRA is to ''establish a nationwide program to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations.'' Section 503(a)(1) of SMCRA requires that State laws regulating surface coal mining and reclamation operations be ''in accordance with'' the requirements of SMCRA. Section 503(a)(7) requires that State programs contain rules and regulations ''consistent with'' regulations issued by the Secretary pursuant to SMCRA.

Executive Order 13175—Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have evaluated the potential effects of this rule on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that the rule does not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes. This proposed rule applies only to the Kentucky program and therefore does not affect tribal programs.

Executive Order 13211—Regulations That Significantly Affect the Supply, Distribution, or Use of Energy

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13211 which requires agencies to prepare a Statement of Energy Effects for a rule that is (1) considered significant under Executive Order 12866, and (2) likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Because this rule is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866 and is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy, a Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not require an environmental impact statement because section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the counterpart Federal regulations.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule: (a) Does not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million; (b) will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local governmental agencies or geographic regions; and (c) does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This determination is based upon the fact that the State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an analysis was prepared and a determination made that the Federal regulation was not considered a major rule.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of $100 million or more in any given year. This determination is based upon the fact that the State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon counterpart Federal regulations for which an analysis was prepared and a determination made that the Federal regulation did not impose an unfunded mandate.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 917

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Brent Wahlquist,

Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD05–02–099]

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Regulated Navigation Area in Hampton Roads, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to revise the Regulated Navigation Area in Hampton Roads, Virginia, by imposing vessel reporting requirements and speed limit restrictions in certain areas of the port. These measures are necessary because of the unique physical characteristics and resources contained in the port. These regulations will enhance the safety and security of vessels and property in the Hampton Roads port complex while minimizing, to the extent possible, the impact on commerce and legitimate waterway use.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to the Marine Safety Division, Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704. The Marine Safety Division of the Fifth Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. The docket, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will be available for inspection or copying at the Coast Guard Fifth District, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Lewis Fisher, Jr., Marine Safety Division, Fifth Coast Guard District, (757) 398–6387, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD05–02–099), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches,

suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. You may submit a request for a meeting by writing to the Marine Safety Division at the address under **ADDRESSES**, explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

History

Terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, inflicted catastrophic human casualties and property damage. These attacks highlighted the terrorists' ability and desire to utilize multiple means in different geographic areas to increase their opportunities to successfully carry out their mission, thereby maximizing destruction using multiple terrorist acts.

Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and Flight 93, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued several warnings concerning the potential for additional terrorist attacks within the United States. The threat of maritime attacks is real as evidenced by the October 2002 attack on a tank vessel off the coast of Yemen and the prior attack on the USS *Cole.* These attacks manifest a continuing threat to U.S. assets as described in the President's finding in Executive Order 13273 of August 21, 2002 (67 FR 56215, September 3, 2002) that the security of the U.S. is endangered by the September, 11, 2001 attacks and that such disturbances continue to endanger the international relations of the United States. *See also Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks*, (67 FR 58317, September 13, 2002); *Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect To Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, Or Support Terrorism*, (67 FR 59447, September 20, 2002). The U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) in Advisory 02–07 advised U.S. shipping interests to maintain a heightened state of alert against possible terrorist attacks. MARAD more recently issued Advisory 03–01 informing operators of maritime interests of increased threat possibilities to vessels and facilities and a higher risk of terrorist attack to the transportation community in the United States. The ongoing hostilities in Afghanistan and growing tensions in Iraq have made it prudent for U.S. ports and waterways to be on a higher state of alert because the al Qaeda organization and other similar organizations have declared an ongoing intention to conduct armed attacks on U.S. interests worldwide.

Due to increased awareness that future terrorist attacks are possible, the Coast Guard as lead federal agency for maritime homeland security, has determined that the District Commander must have the means to be aware of, deter, detect, intercept, and respond to asymmetric threats, acts of aggression, and attacks by terrorists on the American homeland while still maintaining our freedoms and sustaining the flow of commerce. A Regulated Navigation Area is a tool available to the Coast Guard that may be used to control vessel traffic by specifying times of vessel entry, movement, or departure to, from, within, or through ports, harbors, or other waters.

On October 24, 2001, we published a temporary final rule entitled, ''Regulated Navigation Area; Chesapeake Bay Entrance and Hampton Roads, VA and Adjacent Waters,'' in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 53712). The temporary final rule required that all vessels of 300 gross tons or greater to reduce speed to eight knots in the vicinity of Naval Station Norfolk, in order to improve security measures and reduce the potential threat to Naval Station Norfolk security that may be posed by these vessels. In June 2002, this temporary final rule was extended in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 41337). On December 22, 2002, we republished this temporary final rule in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 2201). We have received no comments since the original publication of this rule.

On December 27, 2001, we published a temporary final rule entitled, ''Regulated Navigation Area; Chesapeake Bay Entrance and Hampton Roads, VA and Adjacent Waters,'' in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 66753). The temporary rule expanded the geographic definitions of the Hampton Roads Regulated Navigation Area to include the waters of the 12 nautical mile territorial sea off the Coast of Virginia and added new port security measures. The port security measures require that vessels in excess of 300 gross tons, including tug and barge combinations in excess of 300 gross tons combined, check-in with the Captain of the Port or his representative at least 30 minutes prior to entry to obtain permission to transit the Regulated Navigation Area. The vessel may enter the Regulated Navigation Area upon authorization and approval by the Captain of the Port or his representative. A vessel that receives permission to enter the Regulated Navigation Area remains subject to a Coast Guard port security boarding. Thirty (30) minutes prior to getting underway, vessels departing or moving within the Regulated Navigation Area must contact the Captain of the Port or his representative via VHF–FM channel 13 or 16, call (757) 444–5209/5210 or (757) 441–3298 for the Captain of the Port Duty Officer. In June 2002, this temporary final rule was extended in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 41337). On December 22, 2002, we republished this temporary final rule in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 2884). We have received no comments since the original publication of this rule.

This rule proposes to make permanent the above two temporary rules as well as update the Regulated Navigation Area to encompass aspects of navigational safety and security in a post September 11, 2001 environment. The reporting and speed limit restrictions will enable the COTP to closely monitor vessel movements in the Regulated Navigation Area.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

Regulated Navigation Area

Offshore Zone: The proposed rule would expand the geographical definition of the Hampton Roads Regulated Navigation Area to include the waters of the 12 nautical mile territorial sea off the Coast of Virginia.

Inland Zone: The geographical boundaries of the inland waters included in the existing Regulated Navigation Area would be unchanged under the proposed rule.

Definitions

The proposed rule would expand the definition section of the existing Regulated Navigation Area to define I–664 Bridge, Designated Representative of the Captain of the Port, Offshore waters, Inland waters, and Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

Applicability

This section would be unchanged by the proposed rule.

Regulations

Anchoring Restrictions: No vessel over 65 feet long may anchor or moor in the inland waters of the Regulated Navigation Area outside the anchorage designated in 33 CFR 110.168 unless the vessel has the permission of the Captain of the Port or has an emergency. Vessels may not anchor within the confines of

Little Creek Harbor, Desert Cove, or Little Creek Cove without the permission of the Captain of the Port.

Anchoring Detail Requirements: The proposed rule would not change the Anchoring Detail Requirements section, but places it immediately after the Anchoring Restrictions section.

Secondary Towing Rig Requirements: This section would be unchanged by the proposed rule.

Thimble Shoals Channel Controls: The proposed rule would combine the Draft Limitation section and Traffic Direction sections of the existing Regulated Navigation Area into one section.

Restrictions on Vessels with Impaired Maneuverability: The proposed rule would simplify this section by preventing vessels over 100 gross tons, with impaired maneuverability, from entering the Regulated Navigation Area without the permission of the Captain of the Port. The proposed rule would require vessels over 100 gross tons that experience impaired maneuverability, while operating within the Regulated Navigation, to report the impairment to the Captain of the Port.

Emergency Procedure: The proposed rule would simplify this section by removing many of the existing restrictions. The proposed rule would allow any vessel experiencing an emergency to deviate from the regulations in this section to the extent necessary to avoid endangering the safety of persons, property, or the environment. The proposed rule would require that vessels over 100 gross tons with an emergency that is within two nautical miles of the CBBT or I–664 Bridge Tunnel to notify the Captain of the Port of its location and the nature of the emergency as soon as possible.

Vessel Speed Limits: The proposed rule would consolidate the Vessel Speed Limits sections into one section. The proposed rule would incorporate the vessel speed limit for the Norfolk Harbor Reach, as originally published as a temporary final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 53712). Under the proposed rule vessels 300 gross tons or greater may not transit through the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River alongside Naval Station Norfolk Restricted Area at a speed in excess of 8 knots. This speed restriction does not apply to public vessels as defined in 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(4). The vessel speed limits on Little Creek and the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River would be unchanged by the proposed rule.

Port Security Requirements: The proposed rule would incorporate the additional port security measures for all vessels over 300 gross tons, as originally published as a temporary final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 66753). Under the proposed rule the additional port security measures would require that vessels over 300 gross tons, including tug and barge combinations in excess of 300 gross tons combined to do the following: Obtain authorization from the Captain of the Port, or the designated representative of the Captain of the Port, prior to entering the Regulated Navigation Area. Ensure that no person who is not a permanent member of the vessel's crew, or a member of a Coast Guard boarding team, boards the vessel without a valid purpose and photo identification. Report any departure from or movement within the Regulated Navigation Area to the designated representative of the Captain of the Port prior to getting underway. The designated representative of the Captain of the Port shall be contacted on VHF–FM channel 12, or by calling (757) 444–5209, (757) 444–5210, or (757) 668–5555. All vessels entering or remaining in the Regulated Navigation Area may be subject to a vessel port security inspection. Vessels awaiting a port security inspection or Captain of the Port authorization to enter may be directed to anchor in a specific location.

The proposed rule would expand port security measures for vessels over 300 gross tons operating inside inland waters. All vessels over 300 gross tons, including tug and barge combinations in excess of 300 gross tons, must receive authorization from the Captain of the Port prior to any vessel movement. This requirement would enable the Captain of the Port to maintain maritime domain awareness.

Waivers

This section would be unchanged by the proposed rule.

Control of Vessels within the Regulated Navigation Area

The proposed rule would make minor grammatical and syntax changes to the existing section.

Deleted Sections

Section (d)(11), Restrictions on Vessel Operations During Aircraft Carrier and Other Large Naval Transits of the Elizabeth River would be deleted under the proposed rule. This section is no longer necessary because the Coast Guard published 33 CFR 165.2025, Protection of Naval Vessels, which creates a naval vessel protection zone around U.S. naval vessels greater than 100 feet in length overall at all times in the navigable waters of the United States.

Section (d)(12), Restrictions on Vessel Operations During Liquefied Petroleum Gas Carrier Movements on the Chesapeake Bay and Elizabeth River would be deleted under the proposed rule. Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas Carriers will be addressed in a future notice of proposed rulemaking.

Section (d)(13), Restrictions on the Use of the Elizabeth River Ferry Dock at the Foot of High Street, Portsmouth, Virginia would be deleted under the proposed rule. The Elizabeth River Ferry Dock has been removed and replaced by a cove at the Foot of High Street, Portsmouth, Virginia. This section was a necessary safety measure to avoid potential collisions between Elizabeth River traffic and the Elizabeth River Ferry when the ferry operated from the then existing dock. Since the dock has been removed and the Elizabeth River Ferry embarks and disembarks passengers within a cove, there is no longer a need for this section.

Additional grammar and syntax changes have been made throughout this proposed rule.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed rule is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not ''significant'' under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is not necessary. The 8 knot speed limit restriction for the Norfolk Harbor Reach would apply to vessels 300 gross tons or greater. The speed limit requirements would only be in effect for less than 4 miles, and based on the typical vessel speed of 10 knots, the actual delay for each vessel will be approximately 6 minutes in each direction. The proposed port security measures would affect only those vessels in excess of 300 gross tons that enter or move within the Port of Hampton Roads. The additional changes to the proposed rule would clarify and simplify existing regulations, and remove unnecessary restrictions.

Based upon the information received in response to this NRPM, the Coast Guard intends to carefully consider the costs and benefits associated with this

rulemaking. Accordingly, comments, information and data are solicited on the economic impact of any proposed recommendation for changes to the Fifth Coast Guard District regulations as mentioned in *Background and Purpose,* above.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term ''small entities'' comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The proposed rule would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: Shipping companies, towing companies, dredging companies, commercial fishing vessels, small passenger vessels and recreational vessels that operate within the Regulated Navigation Area.

This proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: The proposed rule would limit the speed of vessels 300 gross tons or greater transiting Norfolk Harbor Reach to 8 knots. The proposed rule would institute additional port security measures for vessels in excess of 300 gross tons that enter or move within the Port of Hampton Roads. Vessels under 300 gross tons would be exempt.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact Lieutenant Commander Roger Smith, Marine Safety Division, Fifth Coast Guard District, (757) 398–6389.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not affect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

To help the Coast Guard establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian and Alaskan Native tribes, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 36361, July 11, 2001) requesting comments on how to best carry out the Order. We invite your comments on how this proposed rule might impact tribal governments, even if that impact may not constitute a ''tribal implication'' under the Order.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a ''significant energy action'' under that Order because it is not a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.lD, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A ''Categorical Exclusion Determination'' is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES.**

List of Subjects in 33 CFR 165

Harbors, Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, Security Measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

2. Revise § 165.501 to read as follows:

§ 165.501 Chesapeake Bay entrance and Hampton Roads, VA and adjacent waters—Regulated Navigation Area.

(a) *Location.* The waters enclosed by the shoreline and the following lines are a Regulated Navigation Area:

(1) *Offshore zone.* A line drawn due East from the mean low water mark at the North Carolina and Virginia border at latitude 36°33′03″ N, longitude 75°52′00″ W, to the Territorial Seas boundary line at latitude 36°33′05″ N, longitude 75°36′51″ W, thence generally Northeastward along the Territorial Seas boundary line to latitude 38°01′39″ N, longitude 74°57′18″ W, thence due West to the mean low water mark at the Maryland and Virginia border at latitude 38°01′39″ N, longitude 75°14′30″ W, thence South along the low water mark on the Virginia coast, and eastward of the Colregs Demarcation Lines across Chincoteague Inlet, Assawoman Inlet, Gargathy Inlet, Metompkin Inlet, Wachapreague Inlet, Quinby Inlet, Great Machipongo Inlet, Sand Shoal Inlet, New Inlet, Ship Shoal Inlet and Little Inlet, to the Colregs Demarcation Line across the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, continuing south along the Virginia low water mark and eastward of the Colregs Demarcation Line across Rudee Inlet to the point of beginning. All positions reference NAD 83.

(2) *Inland Zone.* The waters enclosed by the shoreline and the following lines:

(i) A line drawn across the entrance to Chesapeake Bay between Wise Point and Cape Charles Light, and then continuing to Cape Henry Light.

(ii) A line drawn across the Chesapeake Bay between Old Point Comfort Light and Cape Charles City Range ''A'' Rear Light.

(iii) A line drawn across the James River along the eastern side of U.S. Route 17 highway bridge, between Newport News and Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

(iv) A line drawn across Chuckatuck Creek along the northern side of the north span of the U.S. Route 17 highway bridge, between Isle of Wight County and Suffolk, Virginia.

(v) A line drawn across the Nansemond River along the northern side of the Mills Godwin (U.S. Route 17) Bridge, Suffolk, Virginia.

(vi) A line drawn across the mouth of Bennetts Creek, Suffolk, Virginia.

(vii) A line drawn across the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River along the eastern side of the West Norfolk Bridge, Portsmouth, Virginia.

(viii) A line drawn across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River along the northern side of the I–64 highway bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia.

(ix) A line drawn across the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River along the western side of the west span of the Campostella Bridge, Norfolk, Virginia.

(x) A line drawn across the Lafayette River along the western side of the Hampton Boulevard Bridge, Norfolk, Virginia.

(xi) A line drawn across Little Creek along the eastern side of the Ocean View Avenue (U.S. Route 60) Bridge, Norfolk, Virginia.

(xii) A line drawn across Lynnhaven Inlet along the northern side of Shore Drive (U.S. Route 60) Bridge, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

(b) *Definitions.* In this section:

CBBT means the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Coast Guard Patrol Commander is a Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads.

Designated representative of the Captain of the Port means a person, including the duty officer at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, the Joint Harbor Operations Center watchstander, or the Coast Guard or Navy Patrol Commander who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port to act on his or her behalf and at his or her request to carry out such orders and directions as needed. All patrol vessels shall display the Coast Guard Ensign at all times when underway.

Inland waters means waters within the COLREGS Line of Demarcation.

I–664 Bridge Tunnel means the Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel.

Thimble Shoal Channel consists of the waters bounded by a line connecting Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Bell Buoy 1TS, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Gong Buoy 17, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 19, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 21, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 22, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 18, thence to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 2, thence to the beginning.

Thimble Shoal North Auxiliary Channel consists of the waters in a rectangular area 450 feet wide adjacent to the north side of Thimble Shoal Channel, the southern boundary of which extends from Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 2 to Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Buoy 18.

Thimble Shoal South Auxiliary Channel consists of the waters in a rectangular area 450 feet wide adjacent to the south side of Thimble Shoal Channel, the northern boundary of which extends from Thimble Shoal Channel Lighted Bell Buoy 1TS, thence to Thimble Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy 17, thence to Thimble Shoal Lighted Buoy 19, thence to Thimble Shoal Lighted Buoy 21.

(c) *Applicability.* This section applies to all vessels operating within the Regulated Navigation Area, including naval and public vessels, except vessels that are engaged in the following operations:

(1) Law Enforcement;

(2) Servicing aids to navigation; or

(3) Surveying, maintenance, or improvement of waters in the Regulated Navigation Area.

(d) *Regulations*—(1) *Anchoring Restrictions.*—(i) No vessel over 65 feet long may anchor or moor in the inland zone of the Regulated Navigation Area outside an anchorage designated in § 110.168 of this title, with these exceptions:

(ii) The vessel has the permission of the Captain of the Port.

(iii) Only in an emergency, when unable to proceed without endangering the safety of persons, property, or the environment, may a vessel anchor in a channel.

(iv) A vessel may not anchor within the confines of Little Creek Harbor, Desert Cove, or Little Creek Cove without the permission of the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port shall consult with the Commander, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, before granting permission to anchor within this area.

(2) *Anchoring detail requirements.*—A self-propelled vessel over 100 gross tons, which is equipped with an anchor or anchors (other than a tugboat equipped with bow fenderwork of a type of construction that prevents an anchor being rigged for quick release), that is underway within two nautical miles of the CBBT or the I–664 Bridge Tunnel shall station its personnel at locations on the vessel from which they can anchor the vessel without delay in an emergency.

(3) *Secondary towing rig requirements on Inland Waters.*—(i) A vessel over 100 gross tons may not be towed in the inland zone of the Regulated Navigation Area unless it is equipped with a secondary towing rig, in addition to its primary towing rig, that:

(A) Is of sufficient strength for towing the vessel.

(B) Has a connecting device that can receive a shackle pin of at least two inches in diameter.

(C) Is fitted with a recovery pickup line led outboard of the vessel's hull.

(ii) A tow consisting of two or more vessels, each of which is less than 100 gross tons, that has a total gross tonnage that is over 100 gross tons, shall be

equipped with a secondary towing rig between each vessel in the tow, in addition to its primary towing rigs, while the tow is operating within this Regulated Navigation Area. The secondary towing rig must:

(iii) Be of sufficient strength for towing the vessels.

(iv) Have connecting devices that can receive a shackle pin of at least two inches in diameter.

(v) Be fitted with recovery pickup lines led outboard of the vessel's hull.

(4) *Thimble Shoal Channel controls.*—(i) A vessel drawing less than 25 feet may not enter the Thimble Shoal Channel, unless the vessel is crossing the channel. Masters should consider the squat of their vessel based upon vessel design and environmental conditions. Channel crossings shall be made as perpendicular to the channel axis as possible.

(ii) Except when crossing the channel, a vessel in the Thimble Shoal North Auxiliary Channel shall proceed in a westbound direction.

(iii) Except when crossing the channel, a vessel in the Thimble Shoal South Auxiliary Channel shall proceed in an eastbound direction.

(5) *Restrictions on vessels with impaired maneuverability.*—(i) *Before entry.* A vessel over 100 gross tons, whose ability to maneuver is impaired by heavy weather, defective steering equipment, defective main propulsion machinery, or other damage, may not enter the Regulated Navigation Area without the permission of the Captain of the Port.

(ii) *After entry.* A vessel over 100 gross tons, which is underway in the Regulated Navigation Area, that has its ability to maneuver become impaired for any reason, shall, as soon as possible, report the impairment to the Captain of the Port.

(6) *Requirements for navigation charts, radars, and pilots.*—No vessel over 100 gross tons may enter the Regulated Navigation Area, unless it has on board:

(i) Corrected charts of the Regulated Navigation Area. Instead of corrected paper charts, warships or other vessels owned, leased, or operated by the United States Government and used only in government noncommercial service may carry electronic charting and navigation systems that have met the applicable agency regulations regarding navigation safety.

(ii) An operative radar during periods of reduced visibility;

(iii) When in inland waters, a pilot or other person on board with previous experience navigating vessels on the waters of the Regulated Navigation Area.

(7) *Emergency procedures.*—(i) Except as provided in paragraphs (d)(7)(b) of this section, in an emergency any vessel may deviate from the regulations in this section to the extent necessary to avoid endangering the safety of persons, property, or the environment.

(ii) A vessel over 100 gross tons with an emergency that is located within two nautical miles of the CBBT or I–664 Bridge Tunnel shall notify the Captain of the Port of its location and the nature of the emergency, as soon as possible.

(8) *Vessel speed limits.*—(i) Little Creek. A vessel may not proceed at a speed over five knots between the Route 60 bridge and the mouth of Fishermans Cove (Northwest Branch of Little Creek).

(ii) Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. A vessel may not proceed at a speed over six knots between the junction of the Southern and Eastern Branches of the Elizabeth River and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Bridge between Chesapeake and Portsmouth, Virginia.

(iii) *Norfolk Harbor Reach.* Nonpublic vessels of 300 gross tons or more may not proceed at a speed over 8 knots between the Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Gong Buoy 5 of Norfolk Harbor Reach (southwest of Sewells Point) at approximately 36°58′00″ N, 076°20′00″ W, and gated Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Buoys 17 and 18 of Craney Island Reach (southwest of Norfolk International Terminal at approximately 36°54′17″ N, 076°20′11″ W.

(9) *Port security requirements.*—Vessels in excess of 300 gross tons, including tug and barge combinations in excess of 300 gross tons (combined), shall not enter the Regulated Navigation Area, move within the Regulated Navigation Area, or be present within the Regulated Navigation Area, unless they comply with the following requirements:

(i) Obtain authorization to enter the Regulated Navigation Area from the designated representative of the Captain of the Port prior to entry. All vessels entering or remaining in the Regulated Navigation Area may be subject to a Coast Guard boarding.

(ii) Ensure that no person who is not a permanent member of the vessel's crew, or a member of a Coast Guard boarding team, boards the vessel without a valid purpose and photo identification.

(iii) Report any departure from or movement within the Regulated Navigation Area to the designated representative of the Captain of the Port prior to getting underway.

(iv) The designated representative of the Captain of the Port shall be contacted on VHF–FM channel 12, or by calling (757) 444–5209, (757) 444–5210, or (757) 668–5555.

(v) In addition to the authorities listed in this Part, this paragraph is promulgated under the authority under 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(e) *Waivers.*—(1) The Captain of the Port may, upon request, waive any regulation in this section.

(2) An application for a waiver must state the need for the waiver and describe the proposed vessel operations.

(f) *Control of vessels within the regulated navigation area.*—(1) When necessary to prevent damage, destruction or loss of any vessel, facility or port infrastructure, the Captain of the Port may direct the movement of vessels or issue orders requiring vessels to anchor or moor in specific locations.

(2) If needed for the maritime, commercial or security interests of the United States, the Captain of the Port may order a vessel to move from the location in which it is anchored to another location within the Regulated Navigation Area.

(3) The master of a vessel within the Regulated Navigation Area shall comply with any orders or directions issued to the master's vessel by the Captain of the Port.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

James D. Hull,

Vice Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA–D–7560]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that

the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act. This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Regulatory Classification. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism. This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
NORTH CAROLINA Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Lateral 7 Creek	At the confluence with Bryant Swamp	None	•105	Town of Bladenboro, Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1,700 feet upstream of Poplar Street.	None	•114	
Barefoot Swamp	At the confluence with Crawley Swamp	None	•104	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of Highway 41	None	116	
Big Foot Marsh	At the confluence with Brown Marsh Swamp	None	•71	Town of Clarkton, Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 100 feet downstream of Business 701.	None	•78	
Black Swamp	At the Bladen-Robeson County boundary	None	•108	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.9 miles upstream of Highway 131	None	•123	
Brown Marsh Swamp	Approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Red Hill Road.	None	•70	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of Highway 701	None	•86	
Bryant Swamp	At the Bladen-Robeson County boundary	None	•92	Town of Bladenboro, Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.25 mile upstream of Highway 211 Bypass.	None	•107	

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
Crawley Swamp	At the Bladen-Robeson County boundary	None	•100	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.0 mile downstream from State Route 410.	None	•108	
Crooked Bay	At the Bladen-Robeson County boundary	None	•109	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1,200 feet downstream from Tarheel Ferry Road.	None	•113	
Doubles Branch	Approximately 200 feet downstream of Burney Ford Road.	None	•81	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of Burney Ford Road.	None	•89	
Elkton Marsh	At the confluence with Brown Marsh Swamp	None	•87	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 600 feet downstream of Burney Ford Road.	None	•100	
Horsepen Branch	Approximately 1,500 feet downstream from the confluence of Spring Branch.	None	•87	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of Highway 410	None	•100	
Middle Swamp	At the confluence with Elkton Marsh	None	•78	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.0 mile upstream of Porterville School Road.	None	•96	
Rattlesnake Creek	At the confluence of Spring Branch	None	•91	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Bladen-Columbus County boundary	None	•96	
Reedy Creek	At the confluence with Black Swamp	None	•118	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.1 miles upstream of Highway 87	None	•140	
Slender Branch	At the confluence with Horsepen Branch	None	•93	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.0 mile upstream of the confluence with Horsepen Branch.	None	•100	
Spring Branch	At the confluence with Horsepen Branch	None	•89	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 4,700 feet upstream of State Route 242.	None	•104	
Wateree Creek	At the confluence of Bryant Swamp	None	•101	
	Approximately 200 feet upstream of 211 Bypass	None	•115	Town of Bladenboro, Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
Big Swamp	Approximately 1.8 miles upstream of the confluence of Bryant Swamp.	None	•99	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the confluence with Big Marsh Swamp	None	•122	
Galberry Swamp	At the confluence with Big Marsh Swamp	None	•122	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Bladen-Cumberland County boundary	None	•135	
Lumber River	At the Bladen-Robeson-Columbus County boundary.	None	•89	Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.8 miles upstream of the confluence of Bryant Swamp and Big Swamp.	None	•99	

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
Bladen County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Maps available for inspection at the Bladen County Courthouse, 106 East Broad Street, Room 107, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.				
Send comments to Mr. Gregory Martin, Bladen County Manager, P.O. Box 1048, 106 East Broad Street, Room 105, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337.				
Town of Bladenboro				
Maps available for inspection at the Bladenboro Town Hall, 305 South Main Street, Bladenboro, North Carolina.				
Send comments to the Honorable Livingston Lewis, Mayor of the Town of Bladenboro, P.O. Box 455, 3055 South Main Street, Bladenboro, North Carolina 28320.				
Town of Clarkton				
Maps available for inspection at the Clarkton Town Hall, 81 North Elm Street, Clarkton, North Carolina.				
Send comments to the Honorable Robert C. Clark, Mayor of the Town of Clarkton, P.O. Box 307, 81 North Elm Street, Clarkton, North Carolina 28433.				
NORTH CAROLINA Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Bear Swamp	Approximately 500 feet upstream of the confluence with Little Fishing Creek.	•160	•161	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 3.4 miles upstream of Airlie Road	None	•214	
Beaverdam Swamp	At the confluence with Marsh Swamp	•81	•82	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.4 miles upstream of I–95	None	•132	
Beaverdam Swamp Tributary.	At the confluence with Beaverdam Swamp	None	•106	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Beaverdam Road.	None	•120	
Beech Swamp	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•62	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Enfield
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the confluence of Beech Swamp Tributary 1.	None	•77	
Beech Swamp Tributary 1	At the confluence with Beech Swamp	None	•74	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 700 feet upstream of Thirteen Bridges Road.	None	•103	
Beech Swamp Tributary 2	At the confluence with Beech Swamp Tributary 1	None	•77	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of Loop Road	None	•93	
Beech Swamp Tributary 3	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the confluence with Beech Swamp.	•80	•81	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Enfield
	Approximately 1.4 miles upstream of the confluence with Beech Swamp.	None	•97	
Bens Creek	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•186	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•188	
Breeches Swamp	At the confluence with Jacket Swamp	None	•95	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of Ringwood Road.	None	•107	
Burnt Coat Swamp	Approximately 0.5 mile downstream of Justice Branch Road.	•80	•81	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Enfield
	Approximately 2.0 miles upstream of the confluence of Jacket Swamp.	None	•102	
Butterwood Creek	At the confluence with Bear Swamp	None	•176	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.3 miles upstream of Cold Mine School Road.	None	•267	
Deep Creek (Downstream).	At the Halifax-Edgecombe County boundary	None	•61	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Scotland Neck
	Approximately 0.5 mile downstream of U.S. Highway 258.	None	•76	
Deep Creek (Upstream)	Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of confluence with Deep Creek Tributary.	None	•86	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.3 miles upstream of Highway 125/903.	None	•101	

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
Deep Creek Tributary	At confluence with Deep Creek	None	•86	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of Thirteen Bridges Road.	None	•106	
Deep Creek Tributary 5 ...	At the confluence with Deep Creek	None	•62	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Hobgood
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the confluence with Deep Creek Tributary 6.	None	•77	
Deep Creek Tributary 6 ...	At the confluence with Deep Creek Tributary 5	None	• 76	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of the confluence with Deep Creek Tributary 5.	None	•79	
Deep Creek Tributary 7 ...	At the confluence with Deep Creek	None	•67	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.1 miles upstream of the confluence with Deep Creek.	None	•77	
Fishing Creek (Upstream)	Approximately 50 feet downstream of Ward Road	None	•129	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•165	
Fishing Creek (Downstream).	At the Halifax-Edgecombe County boundary	None	•60	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 200 feet downstream of 301	None	•95	
Fishing Creek Tributary 4	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•80	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 500 feet upstream of Thirteen Bridges Road.	None	•101	
Fishing Creek Tributary 5	At the confluence of Fishing Creek	None	•90	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas), Town of Enfield
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of South Dennis Street.	None	•102	
Jacket Swamp	At the confluence with Burnt Coat Swamp	None	•90	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of I–95	None	•115	
Little Fishing Creek	Approximately 0.3 mile upstream of confluence with Bear Swamp.	None	•161	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•186	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 1.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•165	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.4 mile upstream of confluence of Little Fishing Creek Tributary 3.	None	•227	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 2.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek Tributary 1.	None	•200	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•240	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 3.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek Tributary 1.	None	•216	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 400 feet upstream of Highway 561	None	•238	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 4.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•175	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•188	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 5.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek Tributary 4.	None	•175	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of the confluence of Little Fishing Creek Tributary 4.	None	•192	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 6.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•178	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Little Fishing Creek.	None	•205	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 7.	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•181	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of Spruills Bridge Road.	None	•200	
Marsh Swamp	At the downstream side of Aurelian Springs Road	None	•129	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of Aurelian Springs Road.	None	•130	
Marsh Swamp Tributary 1	Approximately 0.2 mile upstream of the confluence with Marsh Swamp.	None	•85	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
	Approximately 0.2 mile downstream of Justice Branch Road.	None	•99	
Marsh Swamp Tributary 2	Approximately 1,500 feet upstream of the confluence with Marsh Swamp.	None	•92	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 3.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Marsh Swamp.	None	•96	
Porter Creek	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•166	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•226	
Reedy Creek	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek	None	•180	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the Halifax-Warren County boundary	None	•180	
Rocky Swamp	Approximately 800 feet downstream of Highway 481.	•108	•109	Halifax County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.0 mile upstream of Sledge Road	None	•194	

Halifax County Unincorporated Areas

Maps available for inspection at the Halifax County Planning Office, Public Works Building, Room 102, 26 North King Street, Halifax, North Carolina.

Send comments to Mr. Matthew Delk, Halifax County Manager, P.O. Box 38, Halifax, North Carolina 27839.

Town of Enfield

Maps available for inspection at the Enfield Town Hall, 105 Northwest Railroad Street, Enfield, North Carolina.

Send comments to The Honorable Edward Jones, Mayor of the Town of Enfield, P.O. Box 699, Enfield, North Carolina 27823.

Town of Hobgood

Maps available for inspection at the Hobgood Town Hall, 207 West Commerce Street, Hobgood, North Carolina.

Send comments to The Honorable Tim Purvis, Mayor of the Town of Hobgood, P.O. Box 217, Hobgood, North Carolina 27843.

Town of Scotland Neck

Maps available for inspection at the Scotland Neck Town Hall, 1310 Main Street, Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

Send comments to The Honorable Robert Partin, Mayor of the Town of Scotland Neck, P.O. Box 537, Scotland Neck, North Carolina 27874.

NORTH CAROLINA
Unincorporated Areas of Warren County

Bens Creek	At the downstream county boundary	None	•187	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 850 feet upstream of Skinner Road	None	•265	
Big Branch	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek and Walkers Creek..	None	•240	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.1 miles upstream of the confluence with Little Fishing Creek and Walkers Creek.	None	•250	
Bobs Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•176	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 0.6 mile upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•180	
Bridle Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•238	•Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 3.2 miles upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•304	
Buffalo Branch	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•254	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Shocco Creek.	None	•284	
Buffalo Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•192	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of Davis Bugg Road.	None	•216	
Cabin Branch	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•223	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of confluence with Shocco Creek.	None	•242	
Dowtins Creek	At the confluence with Walkers Creek	None	•241	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of the confluence with Walkers Creek.	None	•261	
Fishing Creek	At the downstream county boundary	None	•165	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	At the upstream county boundary	None	•345	
Gum Pond Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•200	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•208	
Gunters Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•181	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 150 feet downstream of Tutelo Road.	None	•198	
Hogpen Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•176	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•190	
Horse Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•251	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 0.3 mile upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•253	
Horsepen Branch	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•242	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of the confluence with Shocco Creek.	None	•258	
Lees Branch	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•284	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 630 feet upstream of Pinnel Road	None	•324	
Little Fishing Creek	Approximately 300 feet downstream of the confluence of Bens Creek.	None	•185	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	At the confluence of Big Branch and Walkers Creek.	None	•240	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 2.	At the downstream county boundary	None	•241	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 0.3 mile upstream of the county boundary.	None	•246	
Little Fishing Creek Tributary 4.	At the downstream county boundary	None	•190	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 930 feet upstream of Long School Road.	None	•244	
Little Shocco Creek	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•206	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.2 miles upstream of Rod Alston Road.	None	258	
Long Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•192	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.4 mile upstream of Otis Clark Road.	None	•217	
Maple Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•168	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.6 mile upstream of Maple Road	None	•206	
Matthews Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•291	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of Manson Axtell Road.	None	•335	
Mill Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•207	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 800 feet upstream of Gum Pond Road.	None	•213	
Owens Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•268	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.3 miles upstream of Ridgeway Road.	None	•358	
Phoebes Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•264	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 400 feet downstream of Martin Luther King Boulevard.	None	•310	
Porter Creek	At the county boundary	None	•228	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.3 mile upstream of the county boundary.	None	•232	
Possumquarter Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•234	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.0 miles upstream of Baltimore Church Road.	None	•258	
Reedy Branch	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•187	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
	Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of the confluence with Fishing Creek.	None	•196	
Reedy Creek	Approximately 100 feet upstream of the county boundary.	None	•179	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of Airport Road	None	•367	
Richneck Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•234	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 150 feet downstream of Limer Town Road.	None	•277	
Richneck Creek Tributary 1.	At the confluence with Richneck Creek	None	•249	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.2 miles upstream of the confluence with Richneck Creek.	None	•283	
Sandy Creek	At the downstream county boundary	None	•280	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	At the upstream county boundary	None	•298	
Shocco Creek	At the confluence with Fishing Creek	None	•210	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 2.7 miles upstream of Shepard Road.	None	•232	
Shocco Creek Tributary 1	At the confluence with Shocco Creek	None	•210	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 1.3 miles upstream of the confluence with Shocco Creek.	None	•232	
Walkers Creek	At the confluence with Little Fishing Creek and Big Branch.	None	•240	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 700 feet upstream of Airport Road	None	•278	
Walkers Creek Tributary	At the confluence with Walkers Creek	None	•251	Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of the confluence with Walkers Creek.	None	•267	

Warren County (Unincorporated Areas)
Maps available for inspection at the Warren County Planning and Zoning Office, 720 West Ridgeway Street, Warrenton, North Carolina.
Send comments to Ms. Loria Williams, Warren County Manager, 105 South Front Street, Warrenton, North Carolina 27589.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, ''Flood Insurance.'')

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA–P–7623]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20742, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency makes the final determinations listed below for the modified BFEs for each community listed. These modified elevations have been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to

meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and record keeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet. *(NGVD) • (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
IL	Monmouth, (City) (Warren County).	Unnamed Creek		*699–766	
Maps are available for inspection at the Zoning Office, City of Monmouth, 100 East Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois. Send comments to The Honorable John R. Reitman, Mayor, City of Monmouth, 100 East Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois 61462.					
IA	Hancock County (Unincorporated Areas).	Bear Creek		*1,205	
	Winnebago River			*1,199–1,205	
Maps are available for inspection at the Hancock County Courthouse, 855 State Street, Garner, Iowa. Send comments to The Honorable John Torkelson, Chairman, Hancock County, 855 State Street, Garner, Iowa 50438.					
OH	Brunswick (City) (Medina County).	Plum Creek	Just upstream of Carpenter Road	None	*1,115
			Just downstream of Interstate 71	None	*1,122
Maps are available for inspection City Hall, City of Brunswick, 4095 Center Street, Brunswick, Ohio. Send comments to The Honorable Robert Trimble, City Manager, City of Brunswick, City Hall, 4095 Center Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212.					
OH	Elk City (City) (Beckham County).	Elk Creek	Approximately 90 feet downstream of Hughes Access Road.	None	*1873.9
			At confluence of East and West Forks Elk Creek.	None	*1890.2
		East Fork Elk Creek	At confluence with Elk Creek	None	*1890.2
			Approximately ½ mile upstream of Westbound Oklahoma Highway 34/66.	None	*1930.6

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	*Elevation in feet (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
OK	Elk City (City) (Beckham County) (Cont'd).	West Fork Elk Creek	At confluence with Elk Creek	None	*1890.2
			Approximately 0.3 miles upstream of Lori Lane.	None	*1948.0
		Tributary No. 1	At confluence with West Fork Elk Creek.	None	*1919.5
			Approximately 30 feet upstream of Hoover Drive.	None	*1936.7

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	*Elevation in feet (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
		Tributary No. 2	At confluence with Elk Creek	None	*1882.1
			Approximatley 160 feet upstream of Cedar Village Trailer Park.	None	*1979.1

Maps are available for inspection at 120 South Jefferson Street, Elk City, Oklahoma.

Send comments to The Honorable Theresa Mullikan, Mayor, City of Elk City, P.O. Box 236, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet *(NGVD) • (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
WI	Darlington (City) (Lafayette County).	Pecatonica River	Approximately 200 feet downstream of main Street.	*822	*823
.....	Darlington (City) (cont'd) (Lafayette County).	Pecatonica River	At upstream corporate limit, approximately 1,650 feet upstream of the Union Pacific Railroad.	*826	*827

Maps are available for inspection at City Hall, 627 Main Street, Darlington, Wisconsin.

Send comments to The Honorable Dave Breunig, Mayor, City of Darlington, 627 Main Street, Darlington, Wisonsin 53530.

WI	Lafayette County (Unincorporated Areas).	Pecatonica River	Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of the confluence of Vinegar Branch of the City of Darlington corporate limits.	*821	*822
	.....	.....	Just downstream of the Union Pacific Railroad, approximately 2,500 feet downstream of Ferndale Road.	*840	*841

Maps are available for inspection at Lafayette County Court House, 627 Washington Street, Darlington, Wisconsin.

Send comments to The Honorable George Williams, Lafayette County Board Chairman, 627 Washington Street, Darlington, Wisconsin 53530.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, ''Flood Insurance.'')

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA–P–7625]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency makes the final determinations listed below for the modified BFEs for each community listed. These modified elevations have been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are

made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and record keeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

Source of flooding and location of referenced elevation	*Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities affected
	Existing	Modified	
Brushy Bayou:			
At confluence with Rambin Bayou	None	*168	De Soto Parish.
Approximately 1.31 miles upstream of Interstate 49	None	*174	
Cypress Bayou:			
At Wallace Lake Dam	None	*160	De Soto Parish Town of Stonewall.
Just upstream of U.S. Highway 171	None	*178	
Rambin Bayou:			
Approximately 1.84 miles downstream of Louisiana Highway 175	None	*160	De Soto Parish
Approximately 1.32 miles upstream of as Southbound Interstate 49	None	*172	
Sabine River:			
Approximately 8.23 miles downstream of U.S. Highway 84	None	*173	De Soto Parish Town of Logansport.
Approximately 2.44 miles upstream of U.S. Highway 84	None	*191	
*North American Vertical Datum of 1988			
De Soto Parish			
Maps are available for inspection at the De Soto Parish Courthouse, 1010 Franklin Street, Mansfield, Louisiana. Send comments to Mr. DeWayne Mitchell, De Soto Parish President, 101 Franklin Street, Mansfield, Louisiana 71052.			
Town of Logansport			
Maps are available for inspection at the Town Hall, 309 Main Street, Logansport, Louisiana. Send comments to the Honorable Dennis Freeman, Mayor, Town of Logansport, 309 Main Street, Logansport, Louisiana 71049.			
Town of Stonewall			
Maps are available for inspection at the Town Hall, 1318 Highway 171, Stonewall, Louisiana. Send comments to The Honorable Curtis McCune, Mayor, Town of Stonewall, 1318 Highway 171, Stonewall, Louisiana 71078.			
Joe's Lake:			
Entire shoreline	None	*952	City of Cambridge, Isanti, County.
Long Lake:			
Entire shoreline	None	*919	Isanti County.
*National Geodetic Vertical Datum			
Isanti County (Uncorporated Areas)			
Maps are available for inspection at County Courthouse, 555 18Th Avenue, SW, Cambridge, Minnesota. Send comments to Mr. Jerry Tweed, Isanti County Coordinator, 555 18th Avenue, SW, Cambridge, MN 55008.			
City of Cambridge:			
Maps are available for inspection at City Hall, 626 N. Main Street, Cambridge, Minnesota. Send comments to The Honorable Marlys Palmer, Mayor, City of Cambridge, 626 N. Main Street, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008;.			

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Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA–P–7627]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency makes the final determinations listed below for the modified BFEs for each community listed. These modified elevations have been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and record keeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. Elevation in feet (NGVD) (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
AR	Cherokee Village (City) (Sharp and Fulton Counties).	Big Otter Creek	At confluence with South Fork Spring River.	None	*386
			Approximately 0.25 miles downstream of the primary Spillway of Lake Thunderbird.	None	*393
		Big Otter Creek Tributary	Approximately 74.0 feet upstream of confluence with Big Otter Creek.	None	*485
			Approximately 400 feet downstream of the dam at Lake Navajo.	None	*561
		Little Otter Creek	Approximately 0.8 miles upstream of the primary spillway of Lake Sequoyah.	None	*484

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. Elevation in feet (NGVD) (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
			Approximately 600 feet upstream of Lakeshore Drive.	None	*493
		Short Draft Branch	Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of South Fork Spring River.	None	*509
			Approximately 0.1 mile downstream of the primary spillway of Lake Chanute.	None	*516
AR	Cherokee Village (City) (Sharp and Fulton Counties).	South Fork Spring River ...	Just downstream of Griffin Road	None	*371
			Approximately 5700 feet upstream of Cherokee Road.	None	*410

Maps are available for inspection at the Community Map Repository, City of Cherokee Village, 2 Santee Drive, Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

Send comments to The Honorable Ray Maynard, Mayor, City of Cherokee Village, 2 Santee Drive, Cherokee Village, Arkansas 72529.

State	City/town/county	Source of flooding	Location	Elevation in feet. (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
MO	Northmoor (City) (Platte County).	Line Creek	Approximately 250 feet upstream of U.S. Highway 69.	*766	*767
			At upstream corporate limits (approximately 225 feet downstream of Interstate 29).	*769	*770

Maps are available for inspection at City Hall, City of Northmoor, 4907 NW Waukomis Drive, Northmoor, Missouri.

Send comments to The Honorable Harlan Shaver, Jr., Mayor, City of Northmoor, 4907 NW Waukomis Drive, Northmoor, Missouri 64151.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, ''Flood Insurance.'')

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA–D–7558]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jean Pajak, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

State	City/town/county	Source of Flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD) • Elevation in feet (NAVD)	
				Existing	Modified
Alabama	Pike Road (Town), Montgomery County	Little Catoma Creek.	Approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence of Little Catoma Creek Tributary 1.	None	•226
			Approximately 2.7 miles upstream of the confluence of Little Catoma Creek Tributary 1.	None	•232
		Little Catoma Creek Tributary 1.	Approximately 4,400 feet upstream of the confluence with Little Catoma Creek.	None	•225
			Approximately 3,300 feet downstream of Carter Mill Road.	None	•239
Maps available for inspection at Pike Road Town Office, 915 Meriweather Road, Pike Road, Alabama.					
Send comments to The Honorable Judy Rittenour, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road, 1144 Meriweather Road, Pike Road, Alabama 36064.					
Pennsylvania	Bridgeton (Township), Bucks County	Delaware River.	Approximately 1.22 miles downstream of Upper Black Eddy Bridge.	*135	*134
			Approximately 1.16 miles downstream of Upper Black Eddy.	*135	*134
Maps available for inspection at the Bridgeton Town Office, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania.					
Send comments to Ms. Barbara Guth, Bridgeton Township Supervisor, P.O. Box 200, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania 18972.					
Pennsylvania	Ferguson (Township), Centre County	Big Hollow Run.	Approximately 700 feet downstream of Corl Street.	None	*1,098
			Approximately 525 feet downstream of Corl Street.	None	*1,099
Maps available for inspection at Ferguson Township Municipal Building, 3147 Research Drive, State College, Pennsylvania.					
Send comments to Ms. Dorothy Schmidt, Chairman of the Township of Ferguson Board of Supervisors, 3147 Research Drive, State College, Pennsylvania 16801.					

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, ''Flood Insurance.'')

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Anthony S. Lowe,

Mitigation Division Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 030417091–3091–01; I.D. 040903B]

RIN 0648–AR00

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Commercial Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Control Date

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; consideration of a control date.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) is considering additional management measures to limit entry into the commercial fishery for shrimp in the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf EEZ). Possible measures include the establishment of a limited entry program to control participation or effort in the commercial shrimp fishery. If a limited entry program is established, the GMFMC is considering December 6, 2003, as a possible control date.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619–2266; Fax: 813–225–7015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Branstetter, 727–570–5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The commercial fishery for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the GMFMC, and implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Amendment 11 to the FMP was approved by NMFS on October 17, 2001, and a final rule implementing the actions described in Amendment 11 was promulgated on August 7, 2002 (67 FR 51074). Those regulations, effective September 6, 2002, included a requirement for all vessel owners or operators who harvest shrimp in the Gulf EEZ to obtain a commercial vessel permit. Owners or operators had 90 days to comply; commercial shrimp vessels harvesting shrimp from the Gulf EEZ on or after December 5, 2002, were required to have this Federal vessel permit onboard. For the purposes of the FMP, shrimp is defined to include the following species: brown, pink, white, rock, seabob, and royal red shrimp.

The GMFMC anticipates that future action may be necessary to control effort in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery by restricting the number of participants. The GMFMC has been advised by NMFS that the shrimp resources of the Gulf EEZ are fully exploited, especially the penaeid (brown, pink and white) shrimp resources. Recent stock assessments indicate that a reduction in effort would not result in a reduction in yield for these species. Consequently, the GMFMC is concerned that the current level of participation in the Gulf shrimp fishery may not be realizing the maximum economic benefits that could be derived from the resource, and that future increases in participation could further reduce economic benefits. Should the GMFMC take future action to restrict participation in the fishery, they may use December 6, 2003, as a possible control date. This date would give all vessel owners or operators who harvest shrimp from the Gulf EEZ one year to obtain a commercial vessel permit before the control date. Implementation of any program to restrict access in the shrimp fishery would require preparation of an amendment to the FMP and publication of a notice of availability of the amendment with a comment period, publication of a proposed rule with a public comment period, approval of the amendment, and issuance of a final implementing rule.

Consideration of a control date does not commit the GMFMC or NMFS to any particular management regime or criteria for entry into the commercial shrimp fishery. Fishermen are not guaranteed future participation in a fishery regardless of their entry date or intensity of participation in the fishery before or after the control date under consideration. Use of the control date in future management actions would mean that anyone entering the fishery after the control date would not be assured of future access. Even fishermen who are permitted prior to the control date are not guaranteed future participation in a fishery. The GMFMC may choose to give variably weighted consideration to fishermen active in the fisheries before and after the control date. Other qualifying criteria, such as documentation of landings and sales, may be applied for entry. The GMFMC subsequently may choose a different control date or they may choose a management regime that does not make use of a control date. The GMFMC also may choose to take no further action to control entry or access to the fisheries, in which case the control date may be rescinded.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Rebecca Lent,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 030417090–3090–01; I.D. 032403C]

RIN 0648–AQ73

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; License Limitation Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues a proposed rule to amend eligibility criteria for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) crab species licenses issued under the License Limitation Program (LLP)and required for participation in the BSAI crab fisheries. This action is necessary to allow participation in the BSAI crab fisheries in a manner intended by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). The intended effect of this action is to allow vessels with recent participation in the BSAI crab fisheries to qualify for an LLP crab species license as the Council intended and to conserve and manage the crab resources in the BSAI in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Comments must be received by May 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Sue Salveson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668, Attn: Lori Gravel. Hand delivery or courier delivery of comments may be sent to the NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, Room 420, Juneau, AK 99801. Comments also may be sent via facsimile to 907–586–7557. Comments will not be accepted if submitted by email or the Internet. Copies of the Environmental Assessment prepared for Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs and the regulatory impact review/initial regulatory flexibility analysis (RIR/IRFA)prepared for this proposed rule are available from this same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gretchen Harrington, 907–586–7228

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Council recommended and NMFS approved Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) King and Tanner Crabs on April 18, 2001. NMFS published a final rule to implement Amendment 10 on September 24, 2001 (66 FR 48813). Amendment 10 established recent participation requirements for vessel owners to receive LLP crab species licenses. Since publication of the final rule, NMFS has determined that portions of these regulations are inconsistent with Amendment 10. This action proposes to correct this inconsistency.

The LLP was designed to address concerns of excess capital and fishing capacity in the crab fisheries off Alaska. More information on the LLP can be found in the preamble to the final rule implementing the LLP (63 FR 52642, October 1, 1998). Fishing under the LLP began on January 1, 2000.

The LLP established specific criteria for eligibility to participate in the BSAI crab fisheries. Under the LLP eligibility requirements to receive a crab species license, a person must demonstrate that documented harvests were made from a qualifying vessel during two periods, the general qualification period (GQP) and the endorsement qualification period (EQP), specified at 50 CFR 679.4(k)(5).

The Council designed the LLP to allow the fishing history of a vessel to be transferred prior to issuance of a license. A fishing history would not qualify the holder for a license unless it was an LLP qualifying fishing history, meaning the fishing history meets the GQP and EQP requirements for LLP eligibility. Although the LLP provides for these transfers, eligibility for a license under the LLP cannot occur by piecing together the fishing histories from two or more vessels to qualify for the GQP and EQP (50 CFR 679.4(k)(5)).

In October 1998, the Council recommended Amendment 10 to add a recent participation period (RPP) from January 1, 1996, through February 7, 1998, to the eligibility requirements for a crab species license. Under Amendment 10, and in addition to the GQP and EQP requirements, a person must demonstrate that at least one documented harvest of crab was made from a vessel during the RPP to qualify for a crab species license.

The additional RPP eligibility requirement is a means of reducing the number of crab species licenses that might otherwise be issued to persons who have been inactive in the crab fishery since 1995. Licenses given to such inactive fishermen could be transferred to persons who would become active in the fishery. This result would be contrary to the purpose of the LLP because it would likely increase fishing effort above the current levels in the crab fisheries.

The Council recommended specific exceptions to the RPP requirements based on public testimony and in consideration of the impacts the RPP would have on small fishing operations. The Council recommended excepting from the RPP requirements: (1) a person who qualifies only for a Norton Sound red king crab endorsement, (2) a person whose qualifying vessel is less than 60 ft length overall, or, (3) a person whose qualifying vessel was lost or destroyed during the RPP period, but who made a documented harvest of crab species on another vessel after the first vessel was lost or destroyed through January 1, 2000. NMFS added a hardship exemption (unavoidable circumstances) to the RPP in the final rule to be consistent with the original provisions of the LLP.

The Council recommended one additional exception to allow persons that participated in a BSAI crab fishery in the RPP during the period of January 1, 1998, through February 7, 1998, without a LLP qualifying fishing history, to acquire an LLP qualifying fishing history by 8:36 a.m. on October 10, 1998. This exception provided the opportunity for recent participants in the crab fisheries, that did not hold the LLP qualifying fishing history during their documented harvests in the RPP, to obtain historical participation in order to qualify for an LLP license.

Amendment 10 allows a vessel owner who, having acquired LLP qualifying fishing history, used a vessel to fish during the RPP to combine his acquired fishing history with his RPP fishing history in meeting the RPP requirement for an LLP crab species license. Combining an LLP qualifying fishing history with an RPP fishing history is allowed to provide recent participants the opportunity to purchase historical participation, with some restrictions. Without this ability to combine histories, only vessel owners who participated in the crab fisheries prior to 1995 would receive a license and vessel owners with recent dependence on the fishery would be denied licences, except for recent participants who qualify for the exception.

Proposed Rule Corrections

The regulations implementing the RPP requirement (50 CFR 679.4(k)(5)(iii)) differ in one important aspect from Amendment 10. The regulations, as explained in the preamble to the proposed rule (66 FR 17397, March 30, 2001) and final rule (66 FR 48813, September 24, 2001), require that a person use one vessel to earn the GQP, EQP, and RPP fishing histories to qualify for an LLP license, with exceptions. Specifically, the regulations require that a person must have made a documented harvest during the RPP from a qualifying vessel, which is the same vessel that was used to fish in the GQP and EQP. The exception applies to a person who has made a documented harvest of crab from a vessel during the period of January 1, 1998, through February 7, 1998, and who acquired an LLP qualifying fishing history of another vessel or entered into a contract to obtain the LLP qualifying fishing history of another vessel, by October 10, 1998.

The existing regulations result in persons being denied crab LLP licenses if they did not use a qualifying vessel to fish in the RPP and did not fish in the period from January 1, 1998, through February 7, 1998. Requiring that documented harvests be made from a qualifying vessel prevents a person who fished in the RPP with a vessel that was not used to qualify for the GQP and EQP to qualify for an LLP license, unless that person met the exception. Amendment 10, however, provides that a person who had purchased the LLP qualifying fishing history and then fished with his or her vessel in the RPP would qualify for a crab license.

This action proposes to correct this inconsistency so that the implementing

regulations accurately reflect Amendment 10. NMFS recognizes transfers that occurred prior to issuing licenses and will grant licenses to those vessel owners who obtained a LLP qualifying fishing history and who fished during the RPP.

License Issuance

NMFS's Restricted Access Management Program (RAM) has issued interim licenses to those vessel owners who qualify under Amendment 10, but not under the existing implementing regulations, and who made a timely claim. Once the regulations are corrected, RAM will review the applications and issue licenses to persons whose vessels meet the corrected qualification requirements.

Classification

This proposed rule is subject to a categorical exclusion from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment because it falls under the purview of the environmental assessment for Amendment 10, which was prepared on July 23, 1999. The environmental assessment discusses the impact on the environment as a result of this rule. The analysis indicates that the individual impacts of this proposed action, and the cumulative impacts of all the changes under Amendment 10, would have a negligible effect on the quality of the human environment. A copy of the environmental assessment is available from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) was prepared for this rule, pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) at 5 USC 603(b). The reasons for this action, the objectives, and its legal basis were discussed earlier in the preamble. This rule was found to directly regulate three entities that may have acquired LLP qualifying fishing history from another vessel before making a documented harvest during the RPP. All of these entities were assumed to be small on the basis of studies suggesting that crab fishing operations in the BSAI were predominately small entities as defined under the RFA. The analysis did not identify any new projected reporting, record keeping, or other compliance requirements associated with this proposed rule. The analysis did not identify any relevant Federal rules that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the proposed rule.

This action would have no adverse economic impacts on the directly regulated entities; these entities would qualify for an LLP license for which they cannot now qualify. Alternative 1 is the status quo alternative. Under this alternative there would be no regulatory amendment. A vessel would have to have been used during the (a) general qualification period (GQP), the (b) endorsement qualification period (EQP) and the (c) recent participation period (RPP) in order to qualify for an LLP, unless the person qualified for the exception by fishing from January 1, 1998 through February 7, 1998. Transfers of fishing history would not be recognized in the LLP allocation process. This alternative would prevent the entities from qualifying and thus imposes costs on them in comparison with the preferred alternative.

Under Alternative 2, NMFS would adopt a regulatory amendment allowing persons that purchased GQP and EQP fishing history and then fished during the RPP to qualify for a license.

The fishing history of a vessel that can be used as the basis for eligibility for a license under the LLP remains with the vessel until either (1) June 17, 1995, when it vests with the vessel owner, or (2) it is separated by the express terms of a written contract that clearly and unambiguously indicates that the fishing history is transferred or retained. The Council chose June 17, 1995, as the determining date because it coincides with the date the Council recommended the LLP.

Until June 17, 1995, the fishing history remains with the vessel unless separated by a contract. This contract could transfer the fishing history to a person other than the vessel owner. Alternatively, this contract could retain the fishing history in the person who is selling his or her vessel before June 17, 1995. In either case, the contract has separated the fishing history from the vessel. This fishing history would not qualify the holder for a license unless the fishing history meets all the requirements for eligibility.

On June 17, 1995, the fishing history of the vessel, unless already separated by contract, vests in the vessel owner. After June 17, 1995, the vessel owner can transfer that fishing history by contract. A vessel sold after June 17, 1995, does not have a fishing history to use as the basis for license eligibility because its fishing history has vested in the owner and would have to be obtained through the express terms of a written contract.

The Council provided that a person who can demonstrate that a documented harvest of any crab species was made from his or her vessel during the RPP, can join that fishing history with another LLP qualifying fishing history from a different vessel, as long as the LLP qualifying fishing history was acquired, or a contract to acquire that fishing history was entered into, by 8:36 a.m. PST on October 10, 1998.

Combining of fishing histories is not allowed under the following circumstances: piecing together GQP and EQP catch histories from different vessels; purchasing the RPP fishing history to combine with GQP and EQP; and, purchasing GQP and EQP after the RPP to combine with an RPP qualification earned before January 1, 1998.

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR part 679

Alaska, Fisheries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Rebecca Lent,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

For reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 679 is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

PART 679—FISHERIES OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OFF ALASKA

1. The authority citation for part 679 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Authority: 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.*, and 3631 *et seq.*

2. In § 679.4, paragraphs (k)(5)(iii)(A) and (k)(5)(iv) are revised to read as follows:

§ 679.4 Permits.

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(iii) *Recent participation period (RPP).* (A) The RPP is the period from January 1, 1996, through February 7, 1998. To qualify for a crab species license, defined at § 679.2, a person must have made at least one documented harvest of any amount of crab species from a vessel during the RPP and must have held an LLP qualifying fishing history at the time of that documented harvest. An LLP qualifying fishing history meets the documented harvest requirements at paragraphs (k)(5)(i) and (k)(5)(ii) of this section.

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(iv) *Exception to allow purchase of LLP qualifying fishing history after the documented harvest in the RPP.* To qualify for an LLP crab species license, a person who made a documented harvest of crab species during the period from January 1, 1998, through February 7, 1998, must have obtained, or entered

into a contract to obtain, the LLP qualifying fishing history by 8:36 a.m. PST on October 10, 1998,

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Notices

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the table grape variety designated ''Sweet Scarlet'' is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to the California Table Grape Commission of Fresno, California, an exclusive license to this variety.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301–504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as the California Table Grape Commission of Fresno, California, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, intends to grant to Cohesive Solutions, of Glendale, Arizona, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,543,487, ''Hydroxymethylated Resorcinol Coupling Agent and Method for Bonding Wood'', issued August 6, 1996. Notice of Availability for this invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Patent Advisor, USDA Forest Service, One Gifford Pinchot Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53705–2398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet I. Stockhausen of the USDA Forest Service at the Madison address given above; telephone: 608–231–9502; fax: 608–231–9508; or email: *jstockhausen@fs.fed.us.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Cohesive Solutions of Glendale, Arizona, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Forest Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Heritage Fare, Ltd., of Cleveland, Ohio, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994, ''Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions,'' issued on October 4, 1997 and to U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713, ''Non-Separable Compositions of Starch and Water-Immiscible Organic Materials,'' issued on March 16, 1999, for all uses in the field of microwave popcorn, sauces and salad dressings, bakery items, ice cream, yogurt, cheese and butter. U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994 is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173, ''Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions,'' and U.S. Patent No. 5,882,713 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173. Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994.

DATES: Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4–1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705–5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: (301) 504–5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Heritage Fare, Ltd., of Cleveland, Ohio, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

East Fredericktown Project, Mark Twain National Forest, Bollinger, Madison St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve Counties, MO

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the environmental effects of proposed land management activities and corresponding alternatives within the East Fredericktown project area. The East Fredericktown project area is located on National Forest System lands administered by the Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District east of Fredericktown, Missouri. The legal description of the project area is: Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Sections 11–13; Township 32 North, Range 8 East, Sections 3, 6–11, 15, 18, 19, 21–23, 25, 26, 34–36; Township 33 North, Range 8 East, Sections 3, 6–11, 15, 18, 19, 21–23, 25, 26, 34–36; Township 33 North, Range 8 East, Sections 29, 30, 35, 35; Township 34 North, Range 7 East, Sections, 12, 36; Township 34 North Range 8 East, Sections, 2–4, 9, 17, 19–21, 28–33; Township 35 North, Range 8 East, Sections 9, 11–14, 16, 19–30, 34–36; Township 35 North, Range 7 East, Section 24, Fifth Principal Meridian.

An EIS is being prepared for this project although years of experience have shown that the effects of implementing similar activities in the area are not significant. We do not feel that an EIS is required, however, due to the increase in appeals and litigation and for wise fiscal efficiency, an EIS will be prepared for the East Fredericktown Project.

The purpose of this project is to implement land management activities that are consistent with the direction in the Mark Twain Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and to respond to specific needs identified in the project area. The project-specific needs include: emphasizing the management of shortleaf pine in its natural range on sites where it is recognized as a dominant or characteristic member of the natural community and examining opportunities to minimize adverse impacts from insects and disease on forest vegetation. Other needs include wildlife habitat maintenance and improvement, recreation management, examining road system needs, cleanup of illegal dumps, and associated or connected actions.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed land management activities should be received within 30 days following publication of this notice to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions on the proposed action or request to be placed on the project mailing list to: Katherine W. Stuart, District Ranger, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District, PO Box 188, Potosi, Missouri, 63664. E-mail should have a subject line that reads ''nepa potosi fred'town'' and be sent to: *mailroom__r9__mark__twain@fs.fed.us.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom McGuire, Project Leader/Integrated Resource Analyst, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District, PO Box 188, Potosi Missouri 63664, phone (573) 438–5427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information presented in this notice is included to help the reviewer determine if they are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed land management activities. The information presented in this notice is summarized. Those who wish to provide comments, or are otherwise interested in or affected by the project, are encouraged to obtain additional information from the contact identified in the For Further Information Contact Section.

The shortleaf pine community on the Mark Twain National Forest is unique to the southeastern United States and exists nowhere else in the world. Although shortleaf pine is at the northern edge of its range in the southern Missouri Ozarks, it actually achieves its optimum growth rate here. Although shortleaf pine occurs as a co-dominant in other areas of the country, it is the only native pine species in the Missouri Ozarks and the dominant member of the pine community. Historically, shortleaf pine covered almost 6.6 million acres in the Missouri Ozark Highlands but only 10% of that remains today.

As pine was removed from many of the stands during harvest in the 1920s, scarlet and black oaks replaced the more resilient shortleaf pine. Scarlet and black oaks are relatively short-lived species and have been under drought stress in recent years. These drought stresses, coupled with aging stands, and/or defoliation have led to a phenomenon known as oak decline. Oak decline effects range from partial crown dieback to tree mortality.

Proposed Actions

Objectives of the proposed action are to increase the proportion of shortleaf pine in the project area, increase the growth rate of both young and mature pine trees, increase the spacing between trees to open the canopy and allow sunlight to reach the ground, increase the percentage and diversity of native herbaceous ground vegetation, and enhance people's enjoyment of the pine woodlands through various recreation opportunities.

Objectives also include treating area of tree mortality and oak decline and to encourage development of more resilient and diverse mixtures that include shortleaf pine. Part of the analysis will focus on determining the appropriate road system for this project area to support various resource and recreation needs.

The proposed land management activities (proposed actions) include the following, with approximate acreage and road miles estimations:

1. Seed tree harvests (850 acres).
2. Shelterwood harvest (1543 acres).
3. Uneven-aged management (UAM) (362 acres).
4. Overstory removal (65 acres).
5. Thinning and sanitation cuts (1230 acres).
6. Natural reforestation (2666 acres).
7. Timber stand improvement to include release (173 acres).
8. Crop tree release (1607 acres).
9. Prescribed fire for wildlife habitat improvement, wildlife habitat restoration, and hazardous fuels reduction (2327 acres).

10. Designation of old growth habitat (1608 acres).
11. Clean up of illegal garbage dumps where they are encountered.
12. Relocation of the portion of the Audubon Trail currently located in the floodplain of Bidwell Creek and construct two trailheads.
13. Reconstruction and maintenance of 37 miles of roads to accomplish items listed above. Some roads are also being evaluated for addition to the system, or for closure and obliteration.

While the primary focus of the analysis is to identify activities to accomplish ecological restoration, other activities that enhance recreational opportunities, result in better water quality, or move the area toward the Forest Plan's desired future condition (Forest Plan pages IV 125–131) may also be considered in the draft and/or final EIS.

The scope of this analysis is limited to those activities related to the purpose and need and measures necessary to mitigate the effects these activities may have on the environment. The decision will include if, when, how, and where to schedule restoration activities, recreation opportunity enhancement, interpretive activities, water quality improvement actions, resource protection measures, monitoring, and other follow-up activities.

Decision Space

Decision making will be limited to activities relating to the proposed actions. The primary decision to be made will be whether or not to implement the proposed actions listed above, a no-action alternative, or another action alternative that responds to the project's purpose and needs.

Preliminary Issues

Preliminary comments made by the interdisciplinary team were considered in the development of the tentative or preliminary issues. These are as follows: restoration of shortleaf pine on sites where it was historically dominant; reduction of vulnerability of forest stands to threats such as insects, disease, competition from non-native species, and catastrophic wildfire; protection of soils, water, and geological features from degradation caused by non-system roads, dump sites, especially near streams, and protecting riparian corridors and special areas such as the Artesian well, glades, springs, fens, caves, and cliffs; reduction of hazardous fuels build-up and the number of hazard trees that are threats to the public and adjoining landowners; provide lumber and firewood for the local community, enhancing wildlife habitat by creating openings, restoring open woodland habitats and designating old growth and retaining hollow and cull trees in treatment areas.

Public Participation

The Forest Service will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, the Osage Tribe, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the proposed actions. Comments received in response to this notice will become a matter of public record. While public participation in this analysis is welcome at any time, comments on the proposed actions received within 30 days of the publication of this notice will be especially useful in the preparation of the draft EIS. Timely comments will be used in preparation of the draft EIS. The scoping process will be used to: Identify potential issues; identify additional alternatives to the proposed action; and, identify potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives (i.e., direct, indirect, and cumulative effects). In addition, the public is encouraged to visit with Forest Service officials at any time during the analysis and prior to the decision.

Estimated Dates for Filing

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental protection Agency and available for public review in September 2003. A 45-day comment period will follow publication of a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register.** Comments received on the draft EIS will be analyzed and considered in preparation of a final EIS, expected in December 2003. A record of Decision (ROD) will also be issued at that time along with the publication of a Notice of Availability of the final EIS and ROD in the **Federal Register**.

Reviewers Obligation To Comment

The Forest Service believes it is important at this early stage to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of the draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal in such a way that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp.* v. *NRDC,* 435 U.S. 519, 513 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon* v. *Hodel,* 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir, 1986), and *Wisconsin Heritages Inc.* v. *Harris,* 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis., 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period of the draft EIS in order that substantive comments and objections are available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for this environmental impact statement is Ronnie Raum, Forest Supervisor, Mark Twain National Forest.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

Katherine W. Stuart,

District Ranger, Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Monument Fire Recovery Project-Whitman Unit, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA, Forest Service, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to assist the recovery of the area burned in 2002 by the Monument Fire. The EIS will include proposals that salvage fire-killed and dying trees, implement reforestation, and projects to recover damaged riparian and aquatic resources. The 3,300-acre project area is located on the Whitman Unit-Unity District. The project is approximately 7 air miles southeast of Unity, Oregon, and within the West Fork of Camp Creek sub-watershed. Implementation of management actions is planned for fiscal year 2004. The agency gives notice of the full environmental analysis and decision making process that will occur on the proposal so that interested and

affected people may become aware of how they can participate in the process and contribute to the final decision.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received in writing by May 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Dick Haines, District Ranger,Whitman Unit-Unity Office, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, P.O. Box 39, Unity, Oregon 97884.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions about the proposed action and EIS to Roger LeMaster, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Whitman Unit-Unity Office, P.O. Box 39, Unity, Oregon 97884, telephone (541) 446–3351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In July and August of 2002, the Monument Fire burned approximately 24,300 acres; approximately 4,100 acres occurred on the Wallowa-Whitman National forest, including 628 acres of private land. The remainder of the fire (approximately 20,200 acres) occurred on the Malheur National Forest. The Monument Fire Recovery Project-Whitman Unit (3,300 acres) includes those portions of the Monument Fire that occurred within the West Camp Creek sub-watershed on the Wallowa-Whitment National forest.

Purpose and Need for Action. The identified purpose and need for these actions here and now are to: Recover potential value of fire-killed and dying trees for wood products and to support the local economy; reforest non-stocked areas that were burned for wildlife habitat and riparian habitat recovery; allow recovery of herbaceous, native vegetation for wildlife and domestic use; and maintain or improve water quality for sediment reduction into stream channels in compliance with INFISH (Regional Forester Amendment #4 to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and resource Management Plan) guidelines.

Proposed Action. The proposed action is to salvage fire-killed and dying trees by helicopter on approximately 359 acres, by skyline logging systems on approximately 381 acres, and by tractor on 39 acres. The total salvage volume would be approximately 9 million board feet. Salvage would be limited to upland areas, outside of Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas. Approximately ¼-mile of temporary roads would be required for access to units. Approximately 5.4 miles of closed roads would be opened for salvage (reclosed after salvage); approximately 10.6 miles of currently open roads would be closed; and approximately 32 miles of road maintenance would be required for haul routes. Reforest approximately 1205 acres in salvaged units, old regeneration units, and other burn areas; reforest (with riparian vegetation and conifers) 292 acres of high and moderate severity burned streamside and riparian wetlands, along the North and South Forks of West Camp Creek and its tributaries; fall snags to increase plantations survival and increase down, woody material; treat noxious weed sites disturbed during fire suppression efforts and new existing noxious weed sites; and rest the burn area to allow recovery of herbaceous, native vegetation for wildlife and domestic use.

Preliminary Issues. Preliminary issues identified include: timely recovery of fire-killed and dying trees; effect of salvage on soils; retention of snags; effects of road closures on public access; effects of salvage activities on sediment to stream channels; effect of salvage on wildlife populations and reduced habitat; noxious weeds infestation and expansion; economic viability; and effects on recreation/visuals.

Possible Alternatives. A full reasonable range of alternatives will be considered, including a ''no-action'' alternative in which none of the activities proposed above would be implemented. Based on the preliminary issues identified through scoping, the action alternatives could differ in: The level of salvage; the type of logging systems used for salvage; the amount and location of roads needed to access salvage units; and the level of road closures proposed.

Scoping Process. The scoping process will include: Identifying potential issues; identifying major issues to be analyzed in depth; eliminating non-significant issues or those previously covered by a relevant environmental analysis; considering additional alternatives based on goals/objectives which will be derived from issues recognized during scoping activities; and identifying potential environmental effects of this proposed action and alternatives (*i.e.*, direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and connected actions). Public participation will be sought at several points during the analysis process. The public will be kept informed of the EIS process through the quarterly publication of the ''Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's Schedule of Purposed Actions'' and letters to agencies, organizations, and individuals who have previously indicated their interest in such activities.

Public comment. Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to assist in scoping issues properly, determining how to best manage the resources, and analyzing environmental effects fully. Comments received to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality. Where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted, with or without name and address, within a specified number of days.

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and made available for public review by July 2003. The commend period on the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The final EIS is scheduled to be available October 2003.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp.* v. *NRDC,* 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon* v. *Hodel,* 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc.* v. *Harris,* 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period, so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

The Forest Service is the lead agency. The responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The responsible official will decide which, if any, of the proposed projects will be implemented and will document the Monument Fire Recovery Project-Whitman Unit decision and rationale for the decision, in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: April 21, 2003.

John C. Schuyler,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices.

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include: Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature; Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature; Composting Facility; Constructed Wetland; Fish Raceway or Tank; Hedgerow Planting; Irrigation Water Management; Land Clearing; Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land; Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land; Monitoring Well; Mulching; Pasture and Hayland Planting; Residue Management, Mulch Till; Residue Management, No Till/Strip Till; Residue Management, Ridge Till; Residue Management, Seasonal; Riparian Forest Buffer; Sediment Basin; Spoil Spreading; Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; Tree/Shrub Establishment; Tree/Shrub Pruning; Upland Wildlife Habitat Management; Waste Facility Cover; Waste Storage Facility; Waste Treatment Lagoon; Waste Utilization; Wetland Creation; Wetland Enhancement; Wetland Restoration; Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management; Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment; and Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation. These standards are used to convey national guidance in developing Field Office Technical Guide Standards used in the States and the Pacific Basin and Caribbean areas. NRCS State Conservationists and Directors for the Pacific Basin and Caribbean areas who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States/areas will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in resource management systems that treat highly erodible land, or on land determined to be wetland.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments will be received on or before May 29, 2003. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS–CED in Washington, DC. Please submit individual inquiries and return any comments, in writing, to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139–S, Washington, DC 20013–2890. The telephone number is (202) 720–5023. The standards are also available, and can be downloaded from the Internet, at: *http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice__stds.html.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available, for public review and comment, proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 30 days, NRCS will receive comments on the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 3, 2003.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma State Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State Advisory Committees to the Commission will convene at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m. on April 24, 2003. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights in 5 states and plan future activities.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1–800–923–4217, access code 16409924. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913–551–1400 (TDD 913–551–1414), by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 11, 2003.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570–831]

Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from a new shipper, the Department of Commerce is conducting a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on fresh garlic from the People's Republic of China. The period of review is November 1, 2001, through April 30, 2002. The review covers subject merchandise produced by two companies, of which one, the respondent company in this review, exported the merchandise to the United States. We have preliminarily determined that, based on the use of adverse facts available, the respondent sold subject merchandise to the United States at prices below normal value.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edythe Artman, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3931.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 26, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a new shipper antidumping duty review of shipments of fresh garlic from the People's Republic of China (PRC) produced or exported by Hongda Dehydrated Vegetable Company (Hongda). See *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review and Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review*, 67 FR 44594 (July 3, 2002). The Department issued an antidumping duty questionnaire to Hongda on June 27, 2002.

The Department received responses to sections A, C, and D of the Department's original and supplemental questionnaires from Hongda on August 5, 2002, and September 5, 2002, respectively. On September 27, 2002, Hongda submitted a correction to its September 5, 2002, response. Hongda submitted a response to an additional supplemental questionnaire on December 2, 2002. On December 27, 2002, we extended the time limit for the preliminary results of review to no later than April 22, 2003. See *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of a New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review*, 67 FR 79049.

There were multiple transactions during the period of review (POR) in which Hongda acted as the exporter. In some of these transactions, Hongda produced the merchandise. In other transactions, another party supplied the merchandise that Hongda exported. We issued a supplemental questionnaire to Hongda on January 3, 2003, in which we requested that Hongda forward section D (request for factors-of-production information) and appendices of our original questionnaire to its supplier, Jin Xiang Jin Ma Fruit and Vegetable Products Co., Ltd. (Kima), so that Kima could respond to section D and specified items in appendix V of the questionnaire. On January 27, 2003, Hongda submitted a response to the supplemental questionnaire; it resubmitted this response on April 2, 2003, with modifications pertaining to treatment of business proprietary information. It stated in its response that Kima was unable to provide the requested information. On March 14, 2003, we issued an antidumping questionnaire to Hongda's supplier, Kima, directly and requested that it respond to section D of the questionnaire. Kima did not respond to our request.

On November 14, 2002, we requested comments on surrogate-country selection. We received comments from the petitioners, the Fresh Garlic Producers Association and its individual members, on November 27, 2002. On February 4, 2003, we requested that parties provide surrogate factors-of-production values by February 14, 2003, for consideration in our preliminary results. Hongda submitted publicly available factors-of-production information on November 26, 2002, and the petitioners submitted factors-of-production information on February 14, 2003.

Scope of the Order

The products covered by this antidumping duty order are all grades of garlic, whole or separated into constituent cloves, whether or not peeled, fresh, chilled, frozen, provisionally preserved, or packed in water or other neutral substance, but not prepared or preserved by the addition of other ingredients or heat processing. The differences between grades are based on color, size, sheathing, and level of decay.

The scope of this order does not include the following: (a) garlic that has been mechanically harvested and that is primarily, but not exclusively, destined for non-fresh use; or (b) garlic that has been specially prepared and cultivated prior to planting and then harvested and otherwise prepared for use as seed.

The subject merchandise is used principally as a food product and for seasoning. The subject garlic is currently classifiable under subheadings 0703.20.0010, 0703.20.0020, 0703.20.0090, 0710.80.7060, 0710.80.9750, 0711.90.6000, and 2005.90.9700 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive. In order to be excluded from the antidumping duty order, garlic entered under the HTSUS subheadings listed above that is (1) mechanically harvested and primarily, but not exclusively, destined for non-fresh use or (2) specially prepared and cultivated prior to planting and then harvested and otherwise prepared for use as seed must be accompanied by declarations to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) to that effect.

Separate Rate

In proceedings involving non-market-economy (NME) countries, the Department begins with a presumption that all companies within the country are subject to government control and thus should be assigned a single antidumping rate unless an exporter can affirmatively demonstrate an absence of government control, both in law (*de jure*) and in fact (*de facto*), with respect to its exports. In this review, Hongda has requested a separate company-specific rate.

To establish whether a company is sufficiently independent in its export activities from government control to be entitled to a separate, company-specific rate, the Department analyzes the exporting entity in an NME country under the test established in the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China*, 56 FR 20588, 20589 (May 6, 1991) (*Sparklers*), and amplified

by the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicon Carbide from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 22585, 22586–22587 (May 2, 1994) (*Silicon Carbide*).

The Department's separate-rate test is unconcerned, in general, with macroeconomic/ border-type controls (*e.g.*, export licenses, quotas, and minimum export prices), particularly if these controls are imposed to prevent dumping. The test focuses, rather, on controls over the investment, pricing, and output decision-making process at the individual firm level. See, *e.g.*, *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 62 FR 61754, 61757 (November 19, 1997); *Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 62 FR 61276, 61279 (November 17, 1997); and *Honey from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 60 FR 14725, 14726 (March 20, 1995).

Hongda provided separate-rate information in its responses to our original and supplemental questionnaires. Accordingly, we performed a separate-rates analysis to determine whether this producer/ exporter is independent from government control (see *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Bicycles From the People's Republic of China*, 61 FR 56570 (April 30, 1996)).

1. Absence of *De Jure* Control

The Department considers the following *de jure* criteria in determining whether an individual company may be granted a separate rate: (1) an absence of restrictive stipulations associated with an individual exporter's business and export licenses; (2) any legislative enactments decentralizing control of companies; and (3) any other formal measures by the government decentralizing control of companies.

Hongda has placed on the record a number of documents to demonstrate absence of *de jure* control, including the ''Foreign Trade Law of the People's Republic of China'' and the ''Administrative Regulations of the People's Republic of China Governing the Registration of Legal Corporations.'' The Department has analyzed such PRC laws and found that they establish an absence of *de jure* control. See, *e.g.*, *Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review: Certain Preserved Mushrooms From the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 30695, 30696 (June 7, 2001). We have no information in this proceeding that would cause us to reconsider this determination.

2. Absence of *De Facto* Control

Typically the Department considers four factors in evaluating whether a respondent is subject to *de facto* governmental control of its export functions: (1) whether the export prices are set by, or subject to, the approval of a governmental authority; (2) whether the respondent has authority to negotiate and sign contracts, and other agreements; (3) whether the respondent has autonomy from the government in making decisions regarding the selection of its management; and (4) whether the respondent retains the proceeds of its export sales and makes independent decisions regarding disposition of profits or financing of losses. See *Silicon Carbide* at 22587.

As stated in previous cases, there is some evidence that certain enactments of the PRC central government have not been implemented uniformly among different sectors and/or jurisdictions in the PRC. *See Silicon Carbide* at 22586–22587. Therefore, the Department has determined that an analysis of *de facto* control is critical in determining whether respondents are, in fact, subject to a degree of governmental control which would preclude the Department from assigning separate rates.

According to Hongda, it is a privately owned company. It has asserted the following:
(1) There is no government participation in setting export prices; (2) its sales manager and authorized employees have the authority to bind sales contracts; (3) it does not have to notify any government authorities of its management selection; (4) there are no restrictions on the use of its export revenue; and (5) it is responsible for financing its own losses. Hongda's questionnaire responses do not suggest that pricing is coordinated among exporters. Furthermore, our analysis of the responses reveals no other information indicating the existence of government control. Consequently, we preliminarily determine that Hongda has met the criteria for the application of a separate rate.

Use of Adverse Facts Available

In its August 5, 2002, response to our original questionnaire, Hongda reported sales of merchandise for which it both produced and exported the garlic and it reported sales of merchandise for which it had purchased the fresh garlic from Kima, its supplier, and exported the merchandise to the United States. In a supplemental questionnaire that we issued on August 27, 2002, we asked Hongda to provide additional information about Kima, including a certification from Kima stating that it had not exported subject merchandise to the United States during the period of the less-than-fair-value investigation. Hongda complied with these requests in its September 5, 2002, response to the questionnaire. On September 17, 2002, Hongda then confirmed that Kima was its only supplier (besides itself) of subject merchandise during the POR.

In a supplemental questionnaire that we issued on November 14, 2002, we asked Hongda to provide a detailed description of Kima's business activities and its relationship to Hongda. In addition, we asked Hongda to provide a detailed narrative describing Hongda's purchase of garlic from Kima including information specifically relating to Kima's factors of production. In previous submissions, Hongda had already reported its own factors of production. With respect to Kima's production of subject merchandise, Hongda had claimed certain factors should not be used because they were not ''relevant'' for the Kima/Hongda transactions. In its earlier responses, Hongda had also provided a new factor of production to reflect per-unit amounts purchased from Kima and had stated generally that it had used indirect labor for merchandise purchased from Kima, although it had offered no details pertaining to the nature of this labor (i.e., processing or packing). Thus, in light of numerous questions surrounding Kima and the factors of production covering the garlic Kima supplied Hongda, the Department requested, in a November 14, 2002, supplemental questionnaire, that Hongda provide answers to very specific questions pertaining to Kima and its merchandise.

We asked Hongda that its factors information account for all stages beginning with the harvesting of the garlic at the farm and ending with possession of the garlic by Hongda. We asked further that Hongda specify the precise condition the degree of processing and packaging of the garlic at the time that it took possession of the garlic. We also asked Hongda to revise the narrative portions of its section D response to the questionnaire in order to reflect all processing that Hongda performed on the garlic it obtained from Kima. Finally, we asked Hongda to clarify all activities reflected in the factor amount it reported for indirect labor.

In its December 2, 2002, response to the supplemental questionnaire, Hongda identified Kima as a company that

''grows and sells garlic.'' It provided no description of the sales process between Kima and Hongda other than to say that it ''simply purchased the garlic'' from Kima. It stated further that Kima had packed the garlic in the same manner that Hongda had packed its self-produced garlic and that Kima had shipped the garlic directly to the port of export from its processing facility. It declined to revise its section D narrative responses on the basis that Kima shipped the processed garlic directly to the port. It stated, however, that the factor for indirect labor included labor Kima used for processing and packaging the garlic.

We issued another supplemental questionnaire to Hongda on January 3, 2003. We asked Hongda to resolve any inconsistencies and contradictions in its comments and questionnaire responses concerning the processing and packaging of the garlic that it purchased from Kima. We again asked for a step-by-step description of its purchase of the garlic from Kima. We asked that, in the description, Hongda identify the party performing each processing step. In light of its December 2, 2002, response, we asked for information about the supplier's knowledge of the ultimate destination of the merchandise. We requested that Hongda forward section D and appendices of our original questionnaire to Kima so that Kima could respond. Finally, we asked for additional detailed information concerning the factor for the amount of garlic purchased from Kima and the indirect labor factor.

In its January 27, 2003, response to the supplemental questionnaire, Hongda essentially undermined the validity of its December 2, 2002, response. It stated that the earlier response was incorrect and that Hongda took possession of the garlic from Kima before its export to the United States. It stated that it performed ''further packing'' on the garlic in which it incurred labor costs before the merchandise was shipped to the United States. Hongda also stated that Kima was unwilling to provide details on its production process or its factors of production. In support of its response, Hongda submitted a certification from Kima to the effect that it was ''unable'' to provide the requested information. There was no explanation about why Kima was ''unable'' to provide the requested information. Hongda provided an overview of its calculation for the indirect labor factor but did not identify specific tasks and allocate amounts to the tasks as we had requested in our supplemental questionnaire.

On March 14, 2003, we issued a questionnaire directly to Kima, requesting that it respond to the section D questionnaire. The company did not respond to our request.

Hongda has requested a new shipper review and submitted information to the Department with the expectation that the Department will calculate a dumping margin on its reported sales, despite the fact that it has not provided key information regarding the production and sales-process data for those transactions. Despite its many opportunities to clarify the record, Hongda and its supplier have failed to provide necessary information to the Department. Without a complete response to its requests for information, the Department cannot calculate an accurate dumping margin on Hongda's sales of merchandise to the United States. This is particularly true in this case, given that the overwhelming majority of Hongda's exports to the United States were of subject merchandise produced by Kima.

In a review involving an NME, the factors of production are crucial to determining normal value. As the Department has stated clearly in its recent Policy Bulletin covering new shipper reviews in general (found on the Department's Web site at *http://ia.ita.doc.gov*), it is the responsibility of the party requesting a new shipper review to provide all of the information necessary to the Department for initiating the new shipper review. It is furthermore the responsibility of the party requesting a new shipper review to provide the Department with the necessary information for it to calculate an accurate dumping margin. In other words, if a party desires to receive the benefits of a new shipper review, it has an affirmative obligation to provide the Department with the information necessary to calculate the new shipper dumping margin. This is particularly acute in NME cases, in which, absent complete factors-of-production information, the Department cannot calculate an accurate dumping margin.

Section 776(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), provides that, if, in the course of an antidumping review, an interested party (A) withholds information that has been requested by the Department, (B) fails to provide such information in a timely manner or in the form or manner requested, (C) significantly impedes a proceeding under the antidumping statute, or (D) provides such information but the information cannot be verified, then the Department shall, subject to section 782(d) of the Act, use the facts otherwise available in reaching the applicable determination.

Because Hongda did not provide the Department with the information necessary to calculate a margin on the overwhelming majority of its sales, because it did not provide an explanation as to why it could not provide the information for those sales, and because Kima, an ''interested party'' to these transactions, did not provide the requested information, we preliminarily determine that the use of facts otherwise available is warranted to calculate a margin for all of Hongda's sales of subject merchandise during the POR.

Section 782(e) of the Act provides that the Department ''shall not decline to consider information that is submitted by an interested party and is necessary to the determination but does not meet all the applicable requirements established by the administering authority'' if (1) the information is submitted by the deadline established for its submission, (2) the information can be verified, (3) the information is not so incomplete that it cannot serve as a reliable basis for reaching the applicable determination, (4) the interested party has demonstrated that it acted to the best of its ability in providing the information and meeting the requirements established by the Department with respect to the information, and (5) the information can be used without undue difficulties.

For the Department to calculate an accurate margin in an NME proceeding, it needs valid factors of production. Hongda and Kima failed to provide the factors-of-production information for the Kima/Hongda transactions. The Kima/Hongda transactions vastly eclipse the Hongda/Hongda transactions as a percentage of Hongda's POR sales. Therefore, we find that the submitted data is so incomplete that reliance on it would not result in an accurate measurement or reflection of Hongda's selling practices.

Further, as detailed above, Hongda and Kima had ample time to submit the requested production process information and factors-of-production data for this new shipper review, but they failed to do so. Hongda, with the cooperation of Kima, requested the new shipper review in this case. Their failure to provide the necessary information on the record is therefore a strong indication that they did not act to the best of their ability in providing the Department with the necessary information to calculate a margin.

Finally, calculating a normal value using the incomplete factors-of-production information submitted by

Hongda creates an undue difficulty for the Department. The large amount of missing information calls into question the potential manipulation of the Department's calculations through the selective reporting of factors of production. Absent confidence in the information provided, the Department cannot properly calculate a dumping margin using the limited, reported factors-of-production information. Thus, pursuant to sections 782(e)(3), (4), and (5) of the Act, the Department has not used the information Hongda has reported.

Section 776(b) of the Act provides that, if the Department finds that an interested party has failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with a request for information, the Department may use an inference that is adverse to the interests of that party in selecting from among the facts otherwise available. In addition, the *Statement of Administrative Action* accompanying the *Uruguay Round Agreements Act*, H. Doc. 316, Vol. 1, 103d Cong. (1994) (SAA), establishes that the Department may employ an adverse inference ''* * * to ensure that the party does not obtain a more favorable result by failing to cooperate than if it had cooperated fully.'' See SAA at 870. It also instructs the Department, in employing adverse inferences, to consider ''* * * the extent to which a party may benefit from its own lack of cooperation.'' *Id.*

As explained in detail below, the Department has applied total adverse facts available to Hongda. This is consistent with the Department's application of adverse facts available in past cases. See *Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China; Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 19504 (April 21, 2003), and accompanying *Issues and Decision Memorandum*, Comment 7 (*Crawfish*). In *Crawfish*, we applied adverse facts available to the respondent, China Kingdom, when it failed to provide total production and factors of production for the POR in a timely manner and when we determined that it did not act to the best of its ability to comply with our request for information and it demonstrated a pattern of non-compliance in its reporting of factors-of-production information. We found that ''responsibility for submission of accurate factors of production lies with the respondent seeking a rate based on such information, and that failures, even if made by a supplier, may provide grounds for the application of adverse facts available.'' *Crawfish* at Comment 7.

In *Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China; Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 48612 (July 25, 2002), and accompanying *Issues and Decision Memorandum*, Comment 10, citing also section 776(b) of the Act as well as 19 CFR 351.308(a), the Department explained that the language of the statute and regulation allow for the application of adverse inference when an ''interested party'' does not act to the best of its ability in responding to questionnaires. The Department explained that a supplier that refused to respond to requests for necessary information is an ''interested party'' to the review, and therefore application of adverse facts available was warranted. *Id.* Citing yet another case in support of the application of adverse facts available, the Department commented, ''* * * [a]s there is no acceptable explanation on the record for the supplier's failure to provide factor of production information, an adverse inference in applying facts available is warranted due to the supplier's failure to act to the best of its ability.'' *Id.* (citing *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Creatine Monohydrate From the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 71104, 71108 (December 20, 1999)) (emphasis in original).

In this case, the application of adverse facts available is warranted for the following reasons. First, as this is a new shipper review, the requesting party has an obligation to provide the Department with all of the necessary information to calculate an accurate margin. Because this is an NME case, that means that Hongda has an affirmative responsibility to provide the Department with the necessary factors-of-production information so that the Department may calculate a margin. It did not provide this necessary information and, therefore, it did not act to the best of its ability. Second, neither Hongda nor Kima provided any explanation of the reasons that such information could not be obtained and provided to the Department except for a single sentence stating that Kima was ''unable'' to provide the necessary information. Such an explanation is inadequate. Therefore, pursuant to sections 776(a)(1), 776(a)(2)(A), and 776(b) of the Act, we have preliminarily determined to use adverse facts otherwise available in reaching the preliminary results of review.

An adverse inference may include reliance on information derived from the petition, the final determination in the investigation, any previous review, or any other information placed on the record. See section 776(b) of the Act. Section 776(c) of the Act provides, however, that, when the Department relies on secondary information rather than on information obtained in the course of a review, the Department shall, to the extent practicable, corroborate that information from independent sources that are reasonably at its disposal. The SAA states that the independent sources may include published price lists, official import statistics and customs data, and information obtained from interested parties during the particular investigation or review. See SAA at 870. The SAA clarifies that ''corroborate'' means that the Department will satisfy itself that the secondary information to be used has probative value. *Id.* As discussed in *Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, from Japan, and Tapered Roller Bearings, Four Inches or Less in Outside Diameter, and Components Thereof, from Japan; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Partial Termination of Administrative Reviews*, 61 FR 57391, 57392 (November 6, 1996) (*TRBs*), to corroborate secondary information, the Department will, to the extent practicable, examine the reliability and relevance of the information used. If there are no independent sources from which the Department can derive calculated dumping margins, however, unlike other types of information such as input costs or selling expenses, the only source for margins is previous administrative determinations. This is the case in this review.

Throughout the history of this proceeding, the highest rate ever calculated is 376.67 percent; it is currently the PRC-wide rate and was calculated based on information contained in the petition. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 49058, 49059 (September 26, 1994). The information contained in the petition was corroborated for the preliminary results of the first administrative review. See *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Termination of Administrative Review*, 61 FR 68229, 68230 (December 27, 1996). Further, it was corroborated in subsequent reviews to the extent that the Department noted the history of corroboration and found that no information was received by the Department that warranted revisiting

the issue. See *Fresh Garlic from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review and Rescission of New Shipper Review*, 67 FR 11283 (March 13, 2002). Similarly, no information has been presented in the current review that calls into question the reliability of this information. Thus, the Department finds that the information is reliable.

With respect to the relevance aspect of corroboration, the Department stated in *TRBs* that it will ''consider information reasonably at its disposal as to whether there are circumstances that would render a margin irrelevant. Where circumstances indicate that the selected margin is not appropriate as adverse facts available, the Department will disregard the margin and determine an appropriate margin.'' See *TRBs* at 61 FR 57392. See also *Fresh Cut Flowers from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 6812, 6814 (February 22, 1996) (disregarding the highest margin in the case as best information available because the margin was based on another company's uncharacteristic business expense resulting in an extremely high margin). The rate used is the rate currently applicable to Hongda and all exporters subject to the PRC-wide rate. Further, there is no information on the administrative record of the current review that indicates the application of this rate would be inappropriate or that the margin is not relevant. Therefore, for all sales of subject merchandise exported by Hongda, we have applied, as adverse facts available, the 376.67 percent margin from a prior administrative review of this order and have satisfied the corroboration requirements under section 776(c) of the Act. See *Persulfates from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 18439, 18441 (April 9, 2001) (employing a petition rate used as adverse facts available in a previous segment as adverse facts available in the current review).

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of the application of adverse facts available, we preliminarily determine that a dumping margin of 376.67 percent exists for the period November 1, 2001, through April 30, 2002, on Hongda's exports of fresh garlic.

An interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 37 days after the date of publication, or the first business day thereafter, unless the Department alters the date per 19 CFR 351.310(d). Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in the case briefs and comments, may be filed no later than 35 days after the date of publication of this notice. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument, and (3) a table of authorities.

The Department will publish the final results of this new shipper review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief, within 90 days of publication of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.214(i)(1).

Assessment Rates

Upon completion of this new shipper review, the Department will determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to Customs upon completion of this review. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will direct Customs to assess the resulting rate against the entered customs value for the subject merchandise on each of Hongda's importer's/customer's entries during the POR.

Cash-Deposit Requirements

The following cash-deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this new shipper review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) for subject merchandise grown by Hongda or Jin Xiang Jin Ma Fruit and Vegetable Products Co. Ltd. (Kima) and exported by Hongda, the cash-deposit rate will be that established in the final results of this review; (2) for all other subject merchandise exported by Hongda, the cash-deposit rate will be the PRC countrywide rate, which is 376.67 percent; (3) for all other PRC exporters which have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash-deposit rate will be the PRC countrywide rate; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise, the cash-deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–428–836]

Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Polyvinyl Alcohol From Germany

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

Correction

In notice document 03–9735 beginning on page 19509 in the issue of Monday, April 21, 2003, make the following correction:

On page 19510, under the subheading ''*ITC Notification,*'' the second sentence should read, ''As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will, within 120 days from the date of the preliminary determination, determine whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.''

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–588–861]

Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Polyvinyl Alcohol From Japan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

Correction

In notice document 03–9738 beginning on page 19510 in the issue of Monday, April 21, 2003, make the following correction:

On page 19513, under the subheading ''*ITC Notification,*'' the second sentence should read, ''As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will, within 120 days from the date of the preliminary determination, determine whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.''

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–821–818]

Notice of Termination of Suspension Agreement: Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solutions From the Russian Federation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of termination of suspension agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2003, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) published its negative final determination in this case. Therefore, in accordance with U.S. law, both the investigation and the agreement suspending the investigation, were terminated as of April 16, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paige Rivas or Tom Futtner at (202) 482–0651 or (202) 482–3814, respectively; Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 9, 2002, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping duty investigations to determine whether imports of urea ammonium nitrate solutions (UANS) from Lithuania, Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). *See Initiation of Antidumping Investigations: Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solutions from Belarus, Lithuania, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine*, 67 FR 35492 (May 20, 2002). On June 4, 2002, the ITC preliminarily determined that there was a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States was materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of UANS from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. *See Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solution from Belarus, Lithuania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine*, 67 FR 39439 (June 7, 2002). On October 3, 2002, the Department published its preliminary determination that UANS was being, or was likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV. *See Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solutions from the Russian Federation*, 67 FR 62008.

On February 19, 2003, the Department signed a suspension agreement with three producers accounting for substantially all of the U.S. imports of UANS from Russia (JSC Nevinnomysskij Azot, JSC Kuybyshevazot/Togliatti, and S.P. Novolon/Novomoskovsk). *See Suspension of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solutions From the Russian Federation*, 68 FR 9980 (March 3, 2003). On February 20, 2003, we received a request from the petitioner that we continue the investigation. On March 3, 2003, Department published its final determination that UANS was being, or was likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV. *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Urea Ammonium Nitrate Solutions from the Russian Federation*, 68 FR 9977.

Termination of Suspension Agreement

On April 10, 2003, the ITC notified the Department of its finding that the relevant U.S. industry was neither materially injured by, nor threatened with material injury by imports of UANS from Russia. On April 16, 2003, the ITC published its negative final determination in this case in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 18673). Therefore, in accordance with U.S. law, both the investigation and the agreement suspending the investigation, were terminated as of April 16, 2003. *See* 19 CFR 351.207(d) and (e).

Liquidation

The terms of the suspension agreement called for the liquidation of entries without regard to antidumping duties. The Department will advise the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) of the termination of the agreement and will instruct the BCBP to refund all estimated antidumping duties deposited on all unliquidated entries of UANS from Russia and release any bonds or other security.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 734(f)(3)(A) and 735(c)(2)–(3) and (d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and with 19 CFR 351.208(g) and (h).

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 011102267–3098–04; I.D. 042103C]

Financial Assistance for Marine Mammal Stranding Networks Through the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of deadline for correction of application deficiencies.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (hereinafter ''we'' or ''us'') issues this document to notify eligible applicants for Federal assistance under the 2003/2004 John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program (Prescott Grant Program) of their opportunity to correct deficiencies in their applications. These corrections are limited to: including the correct and completed OMB forms (424, 424A for Categories A and B or 424D for Category C, and 424B for Categories A and B or 424C for Category C) signed and dated; ensuring that the 25–percent non-Federal cost share is reflected in both the 424 and 424A or 424C and the narrative budget justification and

ensuring that the narrative budget justification is icluded.

DATES: Corrections must be received at the appropriate address or facsimile (fax) number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. local time on May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Corrections of the specific deficiencies outlined in this notice should be faxed to 301–713–0376, Attn: Prescott Grant Program, or mailed to NOAA/NMFS/Office of Protected Resources, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, Attn: Michelle Ordono, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12604, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3283, phone 301–713–2322 ext 177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teri Rowles, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, phone301–2322 ext 178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 11, 2003 we published a notice of solicitation for applications for the Prescott Grant Program (68 **Federal Register** 6892). In conducting the screening of applications postmarked by the April 14, 2003 solicitation deadline, there have been specific deficiencies that were originally required in the notice of solicitation for this Program that we will give all eligible applicants the opportunity to correct. These corrections are limited to: including the correct OMB forms (424, 424A for Categories A and B or 424D for Category C, and 424B for Categories A and B or 424C for Category C) signed and dated; ensuring that the required 25–percent non-Federal cost share is reflected in both the 424 and 424A or 424C and the narrative budget justification; and ensuring that the required narrative budget justification is included.

Corrections to applications received by the due date in the **DATES** section of this notice will be re-screened to ensure that they: were received by the due date in this notice; include the correct and completed OMB forms (424, 424A for Categories A and B or 424D for Category C, and 424B for Categories A and B or 424C for Category C) signed and dated; include the required 25–percent non-Federal cost share is reflected in both the 424 and 424A or 4242C and the narrative budget justification; and include the narrative budget justification.

If corrections are not received by the due date (see **DATES** section), the original application will be returned to the applicant and will not be considered further in this funding cycle.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. section 553(a)(2)).

Furthermore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. section 601 *et seq*).

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, ''Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.''

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspect of this data collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dated: April 23, 2003.

William T. Hogarth,

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

April 24, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at http://www.customs.gov. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 65339, published on October 24, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 24, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 18, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Bangladesh and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on April 30, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit [1]
237	432,631 dozen.
338/339	2,527,829 dozen.
341	4,253,389 dozen.
347/348	3,734,721 dozen.
647/648	2,679,505 dozen.

[1] The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 03–10536 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

April 24, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at http://www.customs.gov. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being increased for carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 65340, published on October 24, 2002.

James C. Leonard III

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 24, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 18, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on April 30, 2003, you are directed to increase the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit [1]
338/638	1,591,606 dozen.
339/639	1,894,007 dozen.
340/640	1,638,470 dozen.
342/642	1,153,029 dozen.
347/348/647/648	3,922,175 dozen of which not more than 2,072,089 dozen shall be in Categories 647/648.
351/651	1,964,245 dozen.
433	26,330 dozen.
442	89,393 dozen.
443	163,545 numbers.
444	89,393 numbers.
448	46,052 dozen.
633	240,412 dozen.

[1] The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 03–10535 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Taiwan; Correction

April 24, 2003.

In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2002 (67 FR 68577), on page 68578, in the table listing import restraint limits, Categories 440, 442, 443, and 444. were inadvertently omitted from the list of categories covered under Group II. A letter has been sent to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to add these categories to the categories listed under Group II.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 03–10538 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Thailand

April 24, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at http://www.customs.gov. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward used.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also

see 67 FR 63633, published on October 15, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 24, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 8, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on April 30, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit [1]
Levels in Group I	
301–O [2]	1,501,200 kilograms.
625/626/627/628/629	21,751,275 square meters of which not more than 17,564,156 square meters shall be in Category 625.
Sublevels in Group II	
338/339	2,463,052 dozen.
347/348	1,219,860 dozen.
638/639	2,940,822 dozen.
647/648	1,757,549 dozen.

[1] The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

[2] Category 301–O: only HTS numbers 5205.21.0020, 5205.21.0090, 5205.22.0020, 5205.22.0090, 5205.23.0020, 5205.23.0090, 5205.24.0020, 5205.24.0090, 5205.26.0020, 5205.26.0090, 5205.27.0020, 5205.27.0090, 5205.28.0020, 5205.28.0090, 5205.41.0020, 5205.41.0090, 5205.42.0020, 5205.42.0090, 5205.43.0020, 5205.43.0090, 5205.44.0020, 5205.44.0090, 5205.46.0020, 5205.46.0090, 5205.47.0020, 5205.47.0090, 5205.48.0020 and 5205.48.0090.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

[FR Doc. 03–10537 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (Pub. L. 92–463).

DATES: April 30 and May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: RAND, 1200 S. Hayes Street, 4th floor, Arlington, VA 22202–5050

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAND provides information about this Panel on its Web site at *http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel;* it can also be reached at (703) 413–1100 extension 5683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Schedule and Agenda

Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 30, 2003 and from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2003. The meeting on May 1, 2003 will include classified briefings and, therefore, will be closed to the public. Time will be allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations at the end of the meeting on April 30, 2003.

Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Hillary Peck, RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202–5050. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

[FR Doc. 03–10491 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.,* interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202–357–6938 or at *Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov* no later than May 5, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: May 15–May 17, 2003.

TIMES: *May 15:* Assessment Development Committee: closed session—12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Ad Hoc Committee on Background Questions: open session—2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Sampling Studies: open session—2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Executive Committee: open session—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; closed session—6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 16: Full Board: open session—8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Assessment Development Committee: closed session—10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; open session—10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology: open session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Reporting and Dissemination Committee: open session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Full Board: closed session—12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; open session—2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

May 17: Nominations Committee: closed session—7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Full Board: open session—9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; closed session—11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Fairmont Kansas City, 401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite

825, Washington, DC 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed developing assessment objectives, student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On May 15, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to review secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Long-term Trend Reading and Mathematics Assessments. The meeting must be conducted in closed session because disclosure of proposed test items from the NAEP Long-term Trend Assessments would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program and is there protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

The Executive Committee will meet in open session on May 15 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This committee will them meet in closed session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for two purposes. First, the committee will receive independent government cost estimates on the impact of changing the schedule for future National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

Second, in the closed session the Executive Committee will discuss a personnel action pertaining to a Board staff matter. This discussion pertains solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussion is protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

On May 16, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda and hear welcoming remarks from Board member and State Legislator of Topeka, Kansas. The Board will then receive the Executive Director's report and an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from the Associate Commissioner of NCES, Peggy Carr.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on May 16, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session, with one exception. The Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. to review and discuss secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2001 U.S. History Assessment. The meeting must be conducted in closed session because disclosure of proposed test items from the 2001 U.S. History Assessment would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in closed session on May 16 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to receive results of the 2002 NAEP Reading and Writing Assessments and to be briefed on sampling and data analysis for the 2002–2003 NAEP. This session must be closed because the results of the Reading and Writing Assessments are under development and have not been released to the public, and results of the sampling and data analysis are preliminary data that have not been disclosed to the pubic. Premature disclosure of this information would significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in open session on May 16 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Board will receive an update on the 2007 Reading Framework Project at 2:15 p.m. and then discuss the NAEP Background Question Framework from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., when the session will adjourn.

On May 17, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. to review and discuss nominations for Board membership. These discussions deal with the internal evaluation of potential nominees to the Board and the rating provided to each candidate by members of the committee. This information is of a personal nature, disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in open session from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on May 17. The Board will receive an update on the NAEP 12th grade Commission. This presentation will be followed by a discussion on options for the structure of future Board meetings. Board actions on policies and committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

The Board will meet in closed session from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to receive nominations for Board membership from the Nominations Committee. This discussion pertains solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussion is protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of title 5 U.S.C.

The May 17 session of the Board meeting will adjourn at 12 noon.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Charles E. Smith,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

[FR Doc. 03–10431 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, May 19, 2003, 1 p.m.–6 p.m.; Tuesday, May 20, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Hotel, #2 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Science, Technology & Management Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 725–5374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

Monday, May 19, 2003

1 p.m.—Combined Committee Session.
5:30 p.m.—Executive Committee.
6 p.m.—Adjourn.

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

8:30–9 a.m.—Approval of Minutes; Agency Updates; Public Comment Session; Facilitator Update.
9–9:15 a.m.—SSAB Chairs Meeting.
9:15–10:15 a.m.—Environmental Restoration Committee Report.
10:15–11:45 a.m.—Waste Management Committee.
11:45–12 a.m.—Public Comments.
12 noon—Lunch Break.
1–2 p.m.—Nuclear Materials Committee Report.
2–3 p.m.—Envirocare of Utah.
3–3:45 p.m.—Strategic Initiatives Committee Report.
3:45–3:55 p.m.—Administrative Committee Report.
• Potential Bylaws Amendment Proposal.
3:55–4 p.m.—Public Comments.
4 p.m.—Adjourn.

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, May 19, 2003.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make the oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC 29802, or by calling her at (803) 725–5374.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 18, 2003.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 03–10526 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER03–610–000]

Allegheny Energy Supply Units 3, 4 & 5, LLC; Notice of Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 14, 2003, Allegheny Energy Supply Units 3, 4 & 5 LLC (Allegheny 3, 4 & 5) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a request for leave to withdraw its March 12, 2003, filing of a petition for approval of a proposed market-based rate tariff, form of service agreement and code of conduct filed in the above-referenced proceeding.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* , using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: April 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC98–40–003, ER98–2770–004 and ER98–2786–004]

American Electric Power Company; Notice of Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 17, 2003, the American Electric Power Company tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a report titled: Market Monitoring of American Electric Power: Eleventh Quarterly Report to FERC.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: May 8, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER03–750–000 and ER03–292–001]

D.E. Shaw Plasma Power, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, D. E. Shaw Plasma Power, L.L.C., submitted a notice of withdrawal of the proposed rate schedule filed on December 18, 2002.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* , using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: April 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–344–000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Interruptible Revenue Sharing Report

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 15, 2003, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing its Interruptible Revenue Sharing Report pursuant to section 37 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Tariff and Article V, paragraph 6 of the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. RP02–34–000.

Eastern Shore states that it intends to credit a total of $63,845, inclusive of $1,381 of interest, to its firm transportation customers on July 1, 2003. The credit amount represents 90 percent of the net revenues received by Eastern Shore under Rate Schedule IT (in excess of the cost of service allocated to such rate schedule) for the period April 2002 through March 2003.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date below. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Comment Date: April 29, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10471 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–262–001]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 17, 2003, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective March 31, 2003, and May 19, 2003.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Condition (Order) issued on March 27, 2003. Natural states that no tariff changes other than those required by the Order are reflected in this filing.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP03–262.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Protest Date: April 29, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10470 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT02–34–003]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that on April 21, 2003, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 315A, to be effective September 16, 2002.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order on Rehearing and Accepting Compliance Filing Subject to Condition (Order) issued on April 15, 2003. No tariff change other than that required by the Order is reflected in this filing.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. GT02–34.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Protest Date: May 5, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10540 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02–407–001]

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4, with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2003.

Pine Needle states that the instant filing is being made in compliance with the Commission's March 14, 2003, Order which directed Pine Needle to file a tariff sheet to implement its settlement rates in Docket No. RP02–407–000.

Pine Needle states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its affected customers, interested State Commissions and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Protest Date: April 28, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10468 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–162–000]

Trailblazer Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10 a.m. on April 30, 2003, and continuing on May 1, 2003, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Arnold H. Meltz at (202) 502–8649, *Arnold.Meltz@ferc.gov* or Lorna J. Hadlock at (202) 502–8737, *Lorna.Hadlock@ferc.gov*.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10469 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–237–002]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that on April 18, 2003, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective February 21, 2003:

2nd Substitute Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 5B.05
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5B.08
Third Revised Sheet No. 5B.12

Transwestern states that it is submitting the instant filing to correct the information included on the Statement of Negotiated Rates tariff sheets. In the instant docket, the tariff sheets listed above are being submitted for approval instead of and in addition to those tariff sheets filed by Transwestern on March 24, 2003.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Protest Date: April 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10543 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97–288–031]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Informational Report

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that on April 18, 2003, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing an informational report.

On December 10, 2002, Transwestern states that it filed a stipulation and agreement (Settlement) in the above referenced dockets resolving all issues pending in these proceedings. The Commission issued a letter order dated January 31, 2003 (Order) accepting the Settlement as fair and reasonable and in the public interest.

Transwestern states that the Order directed Transwestern to make refunds consistent with the Settlement, and to file with the Commission a compliance refund report within thirty days of making such refund.

Transwestern states that it made refunds under Article II of the Settlement on March 14, 2003, and filed the applicable compliance refund report on April 9, 2003.

Transwestern states that it has determined, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement, that no refunds are payable with respect to Article III of the Settlement for Reliant Contract #27454, and that the instant filing is an informational report supporting the no refund obligation.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before the comment date below. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Comment Date: April 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10545 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–345–000]

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that on April 17, 2003, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 86A to be effective June 1, 2003, and First Revised Sheet No. 87H to be effective April 1, 2003.

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to bring Viking's tariff into conformance with the Commission's policies set forth in the October 31, 2002, Order on Remand, 101 FERC ¶ 61,127, issued in Docket No. RM98–10–011. Viking states that it is revising Sheet No. 87H to clarify that Viking's tariff complies with the Commission's Order on Remand policy governing forward hauls and backhauls to the same point.

Viking requests waiver of notice so that proposed Sheet No. 87H will go into effect coincident with Viking's other Order No. 637 segmentation tariff sheets as provided by the Commission's March 26, 2003 Letter Order in Docket Nos. RP00–497–002 and RP01–47–004. Viking states that it is also filing to revise Sheet No. 86A to eliminate the five-year term matching cap for rights-of-first-refusal consistent with the Commission's Order on Remand policy.

Viking states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the

last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Comment Date: April 29, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10472 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00–1737–004]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice of Filing

April 22, 2003.

Take notice that, on April 14, 2003, Dominion Resources, Inc. (DRI) submitted a clarification to the March 24, 2003, three-year market-based rate (MBR) authority update for its regulated subsidiary, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power). DRI asks that the next three-year update for Dominion Virginia Power be due three years from the date of acceptance of the March 24, 2003, filing, as clarified.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: May 5, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10463 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03–346–000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that on April 18, 2003, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective May 18, 2003:

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 510
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 560

Williston Basin states that it has revised the above-referenced tariff sheets found in the Form of Transportation Service Agreement Section of its Tariff, to accurately reflect that the surcharges may be billed on both a reservation and commodity rate basis.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.314 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Comment Date: April 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10544 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG03–60–000, *et al.*]

Sagebrush., *et al.*; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

April 22, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Sagebrush

[Docket No. EG03–60–000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, Sagebrush (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's regulations. Applicant states that it owns a 46-mile, 220-kV radial transmission line through which power generated by a number of wind-powered qualifying small power production facilities located near Mojave, California is delivered to the utility power purchaser, Southern California Edison Company.

Comment Date: May 13, 2003.

2. Eurus ToyoWest Management LLC

[Docket No. EG03–61–000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, Eurus ToyoWest Management LLC (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's regulations. Applicant states that it manages the operation, servicing, maintenance and repair of a 46-mile, 220-kV radial transmission line, owned by Sagebrush, a California general partnership, through which power generated by a number of wind-powered qualifying

small power production facilities located near Mojave, California is delivered to the utility power purchaser, Southern California Edison Company.

Comment Date: May 13, 2003.

3. Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

[Docket No. EL03–120–000]

Take notice that on April 17, 2003, Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a petition requesting that the Commission issue a declaratory order stating that under section 206 of the Federal Power Act, and sections 9.4 and 22.3(d) of the Western System Power Pool Agreement, a Defaulting Party cannot refuse to pay a Termination Payment based on a pending FPA section 206 proceeding seeking a refund with respect to some of the transactions included in the Termination Payment calculation.

Comment Date: May 19, 2003.

4. Sagebrush

[Docket No. EL03–121–000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, Sagebrush, a California partnership (Sagebrush), filed a Petition for Declaratory Order finding that, under the circumstances described in the Petition: (1) A transmission line currently used to transmit power produced exclusively by a number of wind power qualifying facilities (QFs) under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 may be used to transmit power produced by non-QF eligible facilities owned by exempt wholesale generators without affecting the QF status of any QF that uses a portion of the line; and (2) such operation will not cause Sagebrush or any party owning a direct or indirect interest in Sagebrush to become subject to any additional regulatory requirements under the Federal Power Act.

Comment Date: May 9, 2003.

5. Mojave 16/17/18 LLC (Mojave 16 Project)

[Docket No. QF88–365–007]

Take notice that on April 16, 2003, Mojave 16/17/18 LLC (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an Application for Commission Recertification as a Qualifying Small Power Production Facility pursuant to part 292 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment Date: May 16, 2003.

6. PJM Interconnection, LLC

[Docket No. RT01–2–008]

Take notice that on April 17, 2003, PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) submitted a filing to clarify and supplement its filing of March 20, 2003, in compliance with the Commission's order in this proceeding dated December 20, 2002. PJM states that the instant filing clarifies its March 20 filing with respect to priorities to be applied in PJM's economic planning process and supplements its previous filing with respect to certain issues regarding capacity benefit margin and seams between PJM and other RTO regions.

PJM states that copies of this filing have been served on all parties, as well as on all PJM Members and the state electric utility regulatory commissions in the PJM region.

Comment Date: May 19, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; *see* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 03–10462 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P–2242–051]

Eugene Water and Electric Board; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 23, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 380), Commission staff has reviewed plans, filed December 9, 2002, to construct additional emergency spillway capacity at the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2242. An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared on the plans, and is available for public review. The Carmen-Smith Project is located on the McKenzie River in Linn and Lane counties, Oregon.

The project licensee (Eugene Water and Electric Board) plans to construct additional emergency spillway capacity at the project's Trail Bridge Development so that the project can safely pass Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) flows. In accordance with part 12 of the Commission's regulations and the Commission's engineering guidelines, the licensee must construct the additional spillway capacity to ensure the ability to safely pass the PMF. The work is scheduled for the summer of 2003. In the EA, Commission staff has analyzed the probable environmental effects of the work and have concluded that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in Public Reference Room 2–A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* , using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

April 22, 2003.

a. *Type of Filing:* Amendment of license to increase project installed capacity from 17,003 kW to 20,090 kW.

b. *Project No:* 3947–012.

c. *Date Filed:* March 18, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Kaweah River Power Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Terminus Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Kaweah River at the Corps of Engineers' Terminus Dam, Lake Kaweah, Tulare County, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r), section 4.201 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bruce George, Secretary, Kaweah River Power Authority, 2975 No. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA, email: *bgeorge@lightspeed.net*, and at Minasian, Spruance, Baber, Meith, Soares & Sexton, LLP, attn: Jeffrey Meith, Esq., P.O. Box 1679, Oroville, CA, email: *jmeith@minasianlaw.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* William Guey-Lee, (202) 502–6064, or *william.gueylee@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene or protests:* May 23, 2003.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The Terminus Project is an existing facility located at the Corps of Engineers (COE) Terminus Dam. Project operation is incidental to the flood control and irrigation functions of the dam. The COE is enlarging the Terminus Dam, which will increase storage capacity from 143,000 acre-feet to 183,000 acre-feet and raise the pool elevation from 694 feet to 715 feet. To avoid impact of and utilize the additional head and storage, licensee proposes to: (1) Upgrade turbine thrust bearing (completed 2000); (2) rewind the generator; and (3) upgrade the excitation system. There will be no change in project boundaries or project operation or project hydraulic capacity. Water releases will not be affected. There will be additional energy generation and the nameplate capacity will go from 17,003 kW to 20,090 kW.

l. *Location of the Filing:* A copy of the filing is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502–8371 and may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov*, using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the project number excluding the last three digits in the project number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title ''COMMENTS'', ''PROTEST'', OR ''MOTION TO INTERVENE'', as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing an original and eight copies to: the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

Agency Comments: Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License

April 22, 2003.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of intent to file an application for a new license.

b. *Project No.:* 925.

c. *Date Filed:* April 14, 2003.

d. *Submitted By:* City of Ottumwa, Iowa—current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Ottumwa Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Des Moines River in Wapello County, Iowa. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Martin J. Weber, Stanley Consultants, Inc., 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 955, Minneapolis, MN 55416, *webermartin@stanleygroup.com*, (952) 797-5386.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jack Duckworth, *jack.duckworth@ferc.gov*, (202) 502–6392.

j. *Effective date of current license:* March 1, 1982.

k. *Expiration date of current license:* April 30, 2008.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 18-foot-high, 766-foot-long dam with a gated spillway; (2) a 500-acre reservoir; (3) a powerhouse integral to the dam containing a generating unit with an installed capacity of 3.25 MW; and (4) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by April 30, 2006.

n. A copy of this filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at 1 (866) 208–3676, or TTY (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm* to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support as shown in the paragraph above.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

April 23, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 178–017.

c. *Date filed:* April 14, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Kern Canyon Project.

f. *Location:* On the Kern River, near the Town of Bakersfield, Kern County, California. The project occupies approximately 11.26 acres of public land located within the Sequoia National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:*Mr. Randal S. Livingston, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Power Generation, Mail Code N11E, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, (415) 973–7000.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tim Looney, 202–502–6096 or timothy.looney@ferc.gov

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: June 13, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (*http://www.ferc.gov*) under the ''e-Filing'' link. After logging into the e-Filing system, select ''Comment on Filing'' from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The Kern Canyon Project consists of: (1) An existing 150-foot-long and 23-foot-high dam; (2) an existing 3-acre reservoir having a usable capacity of 27-acre-feet; (3) a 1.58 mile long horseshoe shaped tunnel; (4) a 520-foot-long steel penstock varying in diameter from 96 inches to 90 inches; (5) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 9,540 kilowatts; (6) existing transmission facilities; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 67.6 gigawatt hours annually. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by the applicant.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at 1 (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm* to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—June 2003

Request Additional Information—June 2003

Issue Acceptance Letter—September 2003

Issue Scoping Document 1 for Comments—October 2003

Request Additional Information (if necessary)—December 2003

Issue Scoping Document 2—January 2004

Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis—January 2004

Notice of the availability of the draft EA—July 2004

Notice of the availability of the final EA—October 2004

Ready for Commission decision on the application—October 2004

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance

date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

April 22, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of prohibited and exempt communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866)208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502–8659.

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
PROHIBITED		
1. PF01–1–000, CP02–396–000	4–10–03	Retha Warren.
2. PF01–1–000, CP02–396–000	4–10–03	Jerry Warren.
EXEMPT		
1. CP03–13–000	4–10–03	Joanne Wachholder.
2. Project No. 459–000	4–17–03	Nancy Brunson.[1]
3. Project No. 459–000	4–17–03	Mark A. Miles.[2] Nancy Brunson.[3]
4. Project No. 459–000	4–17–03	Nancy Brunson.[4]
5. Project No. 459–000	4–17–03	Claire F. Blackwell.[5]

[1] Record of April 7th phone conversation with Federal Preservation Officer (FPO).
[2] Letter from Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer.
[3] Copy of Environmental Justice Complaint filed with EPA.
[4] Record of April 16th phone conversation with FPO.
[5] Letter from Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CA089–NOT; FRL–7489–2]

Adequacy Status of the San Diego County, California Submitted 1-Hour Ozone Redesignation to Attainment and Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy determination.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the submitted San Diego County, California serious 1-hour ozone nonattainment area redesignation request and maintemance plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Authority must use the VOC and NO_X motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This determination is effective May 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: *http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq.* Once there, go to ''Transportation Conformity,'' then select ''Adequacy Web Pages.'' You may also contact John Kelly, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division, AIR–2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 947–4151 or *kelly.johnj@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This notice announces our finding that the emissions budgets contained in the *Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for San Diego County,*

submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on December 20, 2002, are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to CARB on April 9, 2003. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity Web site: *http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq.* Once there, go to ''Transportation Conformity,'' then select ''Adequacy Web Pages.''

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). One of these criteria is that the plan provide for maintenance of the relevant ambient air quality standard. We have preliminarily determined that the San Diego County 1-hour ozone maintenance plan does provide for maintenance of the 1-hour ozone standards and, therefore, can be found adequate.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled ''Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision''). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination on the emissions budgets contained in the San Diego County 1-hour ozone maintenance plan.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671 q.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

Alexis Strauss,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7489–1]

Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the Commonwealth of Virginia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval and solicitation of requests for a public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended, and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation that the Commonwealth of Virginia is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Virginia has adopted an Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) to improve control of microbial pathogens in drinking water, including specifically the protozoan Cryptosporidium, and a Stage 1 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR), setting new requirements to limit the formation of chemical disinfection byproducts in drinking water. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has decided to tentatively approve these program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

DATES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by May 29, 2003. This determination shall become effective on May 29, 2003 if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103–2029. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103–2029.
- Division of Drinking Water, Virginia Department of Health, 1500 East Main Street, Room 109, Richmond, VA 23218.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Gambatese, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814–5759 or fax (215) 814–2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by May 29, 2003, a public hearing will be held. A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

James W. Newsom,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2605]

Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

April 18, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International (202) 863–2893. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by May 14, 2003. *See* Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: In the Matter of an Amendment of Part 2 of the

Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems (ET Docket No. 00–258).

Number of Petitions Filed: 4.

Subject: In the Matter of an Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless Systems (ET Docket No. 00–258).

The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Mobile-Satellite Service in the 2 GHz Band (IB Docket No. 99–81).

Amendment of the U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations to Designate the 2500–2520/2670–2690 MHz Frequency Bands for the Mobile-Satellite Service (RM–9911) Petition for Rulemaking of the Wireless Information Networks Forum Concerning the Unlicensed Personal Communications Service (RM–9498).

Petition for Rulemaking of UTStarcom, Inc., Concerning the Unlicensed Personal Communications Service (RM–10024).

Number of Petitions Filed: 5.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

April 21, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 29, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments regarding these Paperwork Reduction Act submissions to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–C804, 445 12th Street, SW., DC 20554 or via the Internet to *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202–418–0214 or via the Internet at *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *OMB Control No.:* 3060–0463.

Title: Telecommunications Relay Services and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 47 CFR Part 64.

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 5,053.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual, every five years and one-time reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirement, and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 26,837 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: In the Fifth Report and Order, CC Docket No. 90–571, FCC 02–269, the Commission eliminates the coin sent-paid requirement and encourages outreach and education programs to inform Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) users of their options when placing calls from payphones. Because the Commission concludes that it is infeasible to provide coin sent-paid toll relay service through payphones at this time, and the coin sent-paid toll functionality is not necessary to achieve functional equivalence, carriers need not provide coin sent-paid toll TRS calls from payphones. The Fifth Report and Order requires carriers to continue to provide coin sent-paid local calls free to TRS users. The Fifth Report and Order requires carrier's via the Industry Team to submit a one-time report on the efforts industry has made to educate consumers on how to make toll coin sent-paid calls.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0876.

Title: USAC Board of Directors Nomination Process (47 CFR Section 54.703 and Review of Administrator's Decision (47 CFR Sections 54.719–54.725).

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,312.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20–32 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 41,840 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.703, industry and non-industry groups may submit to the Commission for approval nominations for individuals to be appointed to the USAC Board of Directors. Sections 54.719–54.725 contain the procedures for Commission review of USAC decisions, including general filing requirements pursuant to which parties must file requests for review. The information is used by the Commission to select USAC's Board of Directors and to ensure that requests for review are filed properly with the Commission.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0901.

Title: Reports of Common Carriers and Affiliates.

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 20 respondents; 1,200 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and one-time reporting requirements and third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 6,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: Common carriers must file copies of all contracts entered into with a communications entity in a foreign point for the provision of common carrier service between the United States and that foreign point. Carriers are exempt from this requirement if the carrier enters into such a contract with a carrier that lacks

market power in the relevant foreign market. The information is used by Commission staff to monitor the operating agreements of the U.S. carriers and their foreign correspondents that possess market power, and in particular, to monitor the international accounting rates of such carriers to ensure consistency with Commission policies and the public interest. The information also enables the Commission to preclude one-way bypass and safeguard its international settlements policy.

OMB Control No.: 3060–0979.

Title: Spectrum Audit Letter.

Form No: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 310,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .50 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 155,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The information collected is required for an audit of the construction and operational status of various Wireless Radio services in the Commission's licensing database that are subject to rule-based construction and operational requirements. The Commission's rules for these radio services require construction within a specified timeframe and require a station to remain operational in order for the license to remain valid. The Commission is revising this information collection to include and gather information from other radio services.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

April 23, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 30, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to *Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202–418–0217 or via the Internet at *Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0716.

Title: Blanketing Interference.

From Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 21,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 to 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 41,000 hours.

Total Annual Costs: None.

Needs and Uses: This rulemaking proceeding proposed to provide detailed clarification of the AM, FM, and TV licensee's responsibilities in resolving/eliminating blanketing interference caused by their individual stations. Under 47 CFR 72.88 (AM), 73.318 (FM), and 73.685(d) (TV), the licensee is financially responsible for resolving complaints of interference within one year of program test authority when certain conditions are met. After the first year, a licensee is only required to provide technical assistance to determine the cause of the interference. This NPRM proposed to consolidate all blanketing interference rules under a new section 47 CFR section 73.1630, ''Blanketing Interference.'' This new rule was designed to facilitate the resolution of broadcast interference problems and set forth all responsibilities of the licensee/permittee of a broadcast station. To date, final rules have not been adopted.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0110.

Title: Application for Renewal of Broadcast Station License, FCC Form 303–S.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: FCC 303–S.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 3,217.

Estimated Time per Response: 40 mins. to 9.75 hrs.

Frequency of Response: Eight-year reporting requirement; third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 5,271 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $1,567,401.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 303–S is used in applying for renewal of a license for a commercial or non-commercial AM, FM, or TV broadcast station and FM translator, TV translator, or low power TV (LPTV), or low power FM broadcast station. It can also be used to seek the joint renewal of licenses for an FM or TV translator station and its co-owed primary FM, TV, or LPTV station. The FCC has recently made two new statutory changes—47 U.S.C. 312(g), which provides for automatic expiration of a license if the licensee does not broadcast (''goes silent'') for twelve months; and 47 U.S.C. section 309(k), which affects renewal standards and FCC violations. The Commission is also revising Form 303–S to make it a simpler and clearer form that shifts to a convenient certification-based approach to applicants. Furthermore, the Commission is changing this form in line with the release on November 20, 2002 of the Second Report and Order and FNPRM, *Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunities Rules and Policies,* MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

April 22, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 30, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to *Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202–418–0217 or via the Internet at *Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0113.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Broadcast EEO Program Report, FCC Form 396.

Form Number: FCC 396.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; Renewal reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 3,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $100,000.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* The new rules reinstate the requirement that broadcast licensees file the FCC Form 396 at the time they file for renewal of license. The new EEO rules also ensure equal employment opportunity in broadcast and multi-channel video program distributor industries through outreach to the community in recruitment and prevention of employment discrimination. Among other things, the Second R&O affords broadcasters with five or more full-time employees maximum flexibility in designing EEO programs while ensuring broad dissemination of full-time employment opportunities. These broadcasters must file annually an EEO public file report detailing their outreach efforts. In addition, licensees must include a narrative statement demonstrating how the station achieved an inclusive outreach in the prior two years and report the status of any employment discrimination complaints.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0120.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Broadcast Equal Employment Opportunity Model Program Report, FCC Form 396–A.

Form Number: FCC 396–A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entity; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 5,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* The new rules reinstate the requirement that broadcast licensees file the FCC Form 396–A at the time they file applications for construction permits, or assignments or transfers of license. The new EEO rules also ensure equal employment opportunity in broadcast and multi-channel video program distributor industries through outreach to the community in recruitment and prevention of employment discrimination. While FCC Form 396–A remains almost entirely the same as the form used under the rules adopted in 2000, the Second R&O also builds in flexibility for licensees to implement a program in compliance with the new rules, *i.e.*, it allows for a range of community outreach programs to those interested in broadcast careers, and broadcasters with five or more full-time employees may list recruitment sources they plan to use.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0212.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Section 73.2080, Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO Rule).

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 10,825.

Estimated Time per Response: 42 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; annual reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 454,650 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* The new EEO rules ensure equal employment opportunity in broadcast and multi-channel video program distributor industries through outreach to the community in recruitment and prevention of employment discrimination. Specifically, the Second R&O adopts EEO recordkeeping and reporting requirements; specifies which EEO materials must be kept in the public inspection file; and requires all broadcasters to adhere to the EEO rules' general anti-discrimination provisions. Only station employment units with five or more full-time employees are subject to the EEO program provisions. Among other requirements, broadcasters must widely distribute job vacancy information and provide full-time job vacancy information to requesting organizations. Broadcasters must also retain records to demonstrate that they have recruited for all full-time permanent positions, *i.e.*, full-time vacancy filled, listings of recruitment sources, dated copies of advertisements,

etc., and place such types of records annually in their local public inspection file.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0349.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements.

Form Number: N/A.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 2,125.

Estimated Time per Response: 42 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; annual and five year reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 89,250 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* Among other things, the Second R&O adopts several EEO recordkeeping and reporting requirements. It specifies which EEO materials must be kept in the public inspection file. All multi-channel video program distributor (MVPD) employment units with six or more full-time employees are subject to EEO program provisions and must disseminate employment information widely. These MVPDs must also retain records to demonstrate they have recruited for all full-time permanent positions and must place a listing of all full-time vacancies filled and recruitment sources used for each vacancy for the preceding year in their EEO records file.

OMB Control Number: 3060–0922.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Broadcast Mid-Term Report, FCC Form 397.

Form Number: FCC 397.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,300.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; mid-point reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 269 hours (one-eighth of respondents file annually).

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* The new rules adopt a new version of FCC Form 397. The new EEO rules also ensure equal employment opportunity in the broadcast and multi-channel video program distribution industries through outreach to the community in recruitment and prevention of employment discrimination. The new version of FCC Form 397 is filed only once at the mid-point of the eight-year license term of television licensees, with five or more full-time employees, and radio licensees, with eleven or more full-time employees. Licensees must certify that they have complied with the FCC's EEO rules during the period prior to the date of the Mid-Term Report and must include copies of EEO reports that are required to be placed in the licensees' local public file for the prior two years.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1033.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Multi-Channel Video Program Distributor EEO Program Annual Report, FCC Form 396–C.

Form Number: FCC 396–C.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 2,200.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 mins. to 2.5 hrs.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; annual and five-year reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 3,188 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Needs and Uses: On November 7, 2002, the FCC adopted a Second Report and Order and Third NPRM (Second R&O), MM Docket No. 98–204, FCC 02–303, 68 FR 670 (2003), which established new EEO rules and forms to comply with the court's decision in *MD/DC/DE Broadcasters Association* v. *FCC.* The new EEO rules ensure equal employment opportunity in the broadcast and multi-channel video program distribution (MVPD) industries through outreach to the community in recruitment and prevention of employment discrimination. In addition, the Second R&O combined previous FCC Forms 395–A and 395–M, which requested substantially the same information. The FCC adopted new Form 396–C, which is substantially the same as those portions of FCC 395–A and 395–M that sought data about the MVPD's compliance with EEO program requirements, but it omits those portions of the prior forms that sought workforce data. All MVPDs with six or more full-time employees must file an EEO report annually in the public file detailing their outreach efforts and the results for the prior year, as part of the in-depth MVPD investigation conducted once every five years.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[EB Docket No. 03–85; FCC 03–68]

Business Options, Inc. (''BOI'') Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; Order to show cause and opportunity for hearing.

SUMMARY: This document is an order for BOI to show cause and give BOI the opportunity for a hearing before the Commission. The Commission has found that an evidentiary hearing is required to determine whether the Commission should revoke the operating authority of BOI, BOI and its principal or principals should be ordered to cease and desist from any future provision of interstate common carrier services without the prior consent of the Commission, and a forfeiture against BOI is warranted and, if so, the amount of the forfeiture.

DATES: Effective April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter G. Wolfe, Attorney Advisor for Telecommunications Consumers Division, Enforcement Bureau (202) 418–2191.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Order, EB Docket No. 03–85, released on April 7, 2002. The complete text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th SW., CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863–2893. It is also available on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.fcc.gov/Daily__Releases/Daily__Business/2003/db0407/FCC–03–68A1.pdf.*

Synopsis

A. Background

1. BOI is a reseller of long distance telephone service, located in Merrillville, Indiana. BOI operates as a common carrier subject to Title II of the

Communications Act of 1934 (''the Act''). Under the regulatory scheme established by the Act and the Commission's rules, BOI is classified as a nondominant interexchange carrier. As such, it is considered to have ''blanket'' authority to operate domestic common carrier facilities within the meaning of section 214 of the Act.

2. After receiving a high number of consumer complaints against BOI, the Enforcement Bureau, in cooperation with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, launched an investigation into the consumers' allegations of slamming. On November 1, 2002, Enforcement Bureau staff sent a Letter of Inquiry to BOI seeking, among other things, BOI's response to specific consumer allegations.

3. On September 12, 2002, BOI signed a stipulation with the Vermont Department of Public Service to settle a proceeding in which a Vermont Public Service Board Hearing Officer concluded that BOI had violated Vermont regulations by (1) Offering services without an approved tariff; (2) filing misleading corporate registration reports; (3) engaging in deceptive business practices; (4) failing to provide customers with a toll free number; (5) failing to file a discontinuance notice; (6) failing to provide consumers with an accurate written summary of their service order; and (7) changing consumers' telecommunications carrier without their authorization. Among other things, the stipulation required that BOI initiate the procedure outlined in section 63.71 of the Commission's rules for terminating service to Vermont customers who currently were being served by BOI. On December 20, 2002, BOI mailed an application to the Commission for authorization to discontinue its provision of resold interstate long distance service in Vermont on December 21, 2002 pursuant to section 214(a) of the Act and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules. BOI simultaneously filed a request for waiver of the customer notification requirements set forth in section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

4. The Letter of Inquiry to BOI of November 1, 2002 asked a number of questions concerning (1) BOI's corporate structure, (2) its compliance with Commission registration requirements under section 64.1195 of the Commission's regulations, (3) whether it or its affiliates, subsidiaries, or agents changed the preferred carriers of listed complainants after April 1, 2002, and (4) its telemarketing practices. Among other things, the Letter of Inquiry asked whether during the period from April 1, 2002 to the present, BOI or any of its subsidiaries, affiliates, or any other entity acting under BOI's control or as its agent, submitted or executed an order to change the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints listed in Attachment A to the Letter. If so, BOI was directed to state who authorized the change in service and the manner in which the authorization was made and provide all documents and information related to the authorization and to describe in detail all steps taken to verify the consumer's request to change his or her preferred carrier.

5. In its response to the Letter of Inquiry, BOI asserted that ''[d]uring this period no one representing BOI has changed the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints in Attachment A. * * *'' It therefore did not provide any documents, including verification tapes or other proof of authorization related to the complaints. Further, BOI did not answer several of the inquiries, including (1) an inquiry that BOI provide evidence that it had complied with the registration requirements pursuant to section 64.1195 of the Commission's rules, and (2) an inquiry whether BOI or its agents found any instances since April 1, 2002, in which BOI telemarketing employees had changed a consumer's preferred carrier without asking the consumer whether he or she wanted to change the preferred carrier and without mentioning the name of Business Options. BOI did state that all of its telemarketers were BOI employees. In addition, in response to the inquiry requesting ''BOI's corporate structure, including a description of each affiliate of each subsidiary or affiliate and a list of the officers and directors of each affiliated entity,'' BOI did not list any affiliates or their officers or directors.

6. Enforcement Bureau staff sent Letters of Inquiry to the local exchange carriers (LECs) that serve the eight complainants listed in Appendix A of the Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, requesting information about whether there had been any preferred carrier changes since April 1, 2002 for these complainants. The responses to the LEC Letters of Inquiry indicate that preferred carrier changes were submitted for all of these complainants by Qwest Corporation after April 1, 2002, and that subsequently the complainants received bills on behalf of BOI. These responses indicate that while preferred carrier changes to BOI may have been submitted before April 1, 2002 for several of the complainants, they were subsequently changed back to their prior carrier, but then changed again to BOI after April 1. In response to a separate inquiry from the Enforcement Bureau staff, Qwest Corporation confirmed that all of these preferred carrier changes were made on behalf of BOI.

7. In its Discontinuance Application, BOI stated that it provides resold service to approximately 200 business customers in Vermont, and that it has ''reevaluated its long distance business plan and has concluded that it is in the Company's best interest, at this time, to streamline its service in Vermont.'' It attached a Notice to Customers, which, it stated, its customers received on December 10, 2002, and has all the information requested by the State of Vermont. BOI states that it ''did not know of FCC requirements to send the letter out pursuant to 63.71.'' It also stated that it gave customers ''15 days from the day they received our notification letter to choose another long distance provider and protest our request for discontinuance.'' In fact, the letter does not provide any notice to customers of their right to protest the discontinuance, or any of the other requirements contained in section 63.71 of the Commission's rules. Rather, BOI asked for a waiver of those requirements.

8. The Vermont Department of Public Service filed a letter in response to the BOI filings. In the letter, Vermont attached the Stipulation referred to above, which requires BOI to ''initiate the procedure outlined in 47 CFR 63.71 for terminating service to Vermont customers who currently are being served by BOI.'' Vermont stated that BOI's application was inaccurate. First, Vermont contended that ''[i]t is stretching credibility to assert that being told that you can no longer do business in a state is a strategic business decision.'' Second, it stated that BOI did know of the requirements of § 63.71 of the Commission's rules because the Stipulation that BOI signed required that BOI initiate the procedure outlined in § 63.71. Third, Vermont contended that BOI's Notice did not comply with the information required by Vermont because the Stipulation required BOI to follow the requirements of § 63.71 of the Commission's rules and to send a notice that differed from the notice that BOI sent to its customers. Finally, Vermont pointed out that BOI stated its notice was received by its customers on December 10, providing a notice period of 11 days before termination on December 21, not 15 days. Vermont subsequently provided a letter from BOI stating, among other things, that all customers were disconnected on December 21, 2002.

9. All of the consumers who filed the complaints discussed in the Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing maintained that they never authorized BOI to change their preferred carriers. Several of them stated that the telemarketer represented telephone companies other than BOI.

10. The Maine Public Utilities Commission sent the Commission third party verification tapes that had been sent to that agency by BOI. In these recordings, the verifier identified himself or herself, said ''you are authorized and give permission to Business Options to change the long distance phone service, is that correct?'', asked the consumer if he or she understood that the rates would be $4.90 per month and 7 cents per minute, and asked the consumer to verify the name and address, and to provide the consumer's date of birth. Some of the tapes, but not all, specify the telephone number to be changed, and some state that BOI is not the local phone company.

B. Discussion

11. It appears that BOI intentionally provided incorrect or misleading information to the Commission when it stated in its response to the most central inquiry in the Letter of Inquiry that, since April 1, 2002, ''no one representing BOI * * * changed the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints in Attachment A.'' The responses from the local exchange carriers of the consumers in question appear to show that Qwest Corporation did change the preferred carrier of these consumers after April 1, 2002, and that these consumers were subsequently billed for BOI charges. The fact that the changes were electronically submitted by Qwest, rather than directly by BOI, is of no consequence here; the consumer was billed for BOI service, and Qwest, the carrier whose services BOI was reselling, was apparently acting as BOI's agent in transmitting the preferred carrier change to the local exchange carrier. Indeed, Qwest has confirmed that it made these changes on behalf of BOI. Based on this evidence, it appears that BOI gave incorrect information when it stated that neither it nor its representative made these carrier changes after April 1, 2002. Further, it appears that BOI further lacked candor by not providing a response to Enforcement Bureau inquiries as to whether BOI had complied with the common carrier registration requirements pursuant to section 64.1195 of the Commission's rules, whether BOI or its agents found any instances since April 1, 2002 in which BOI telemarketing employees changed a consumer's preferred carrier without asking the consumer whether he or she wanted to change the preferred carrier and without mentioning the name of BOI, and whether BOI had any affiliates or subsidiaries.

12. BOI's Application for Discontinuance also appears to contain other misrepresentations or instances of lack of candor. First, its statement that it was requesting authority to discontinue because it had reevaluated its business plan appears flatly inconsistent with its Stipulation that it was obligated to seek discontinuance authorization to settle the proceeding that had been brought against BOI by the Vermont Department of Public Service. Second, its statement that it did not know of the requirements of section 63.71 of the Commission's rules appears inconsistent with its agreement to a Stipulation that expressly required it to initiate the procedure under section 63.71. Third, its statement that its Notice provided all the information that was required by Vermont also appears inconsistent with the Stipulation that specifically required BOI to comply with section 63.71 procedures and to send the Notice that was attached to the Stipulation. Fourth, its statement that it had given ''its customers 15 days from the day they received our notification letter to choose another long distance provider and protest our request for discontinuance'' appears inconsistent with its assertions that the customers received the Notice on December 10 and that BOI would terminate service on December 21. That statement also appears inconsistent with the Notice, which did not inform customers of their right to protest, as is required by the notice provisions of section 63.71.

13. It appears that these statements and omissions constitute misrepresentations or lack of candor, aimed at deceiving the Commission into believing BOI did not violate the Act and/or Commission rules. With regard to the apparent misrepresentation or lack of candor in the response to the Letter of Inquiry, the evidence provided by the LECs and Qwest (as well as complainants) appears to show that a truthful answer by BOI would have contained an admission that it changed the consumers' preferred carriers, and BOI would have had to prove that such changes were authorized, which presumably it could not do. By instead stating that ''no one representing BOI * * * changed the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints in Attachment A'' after April 1, 2002, BOI apparently intended to convey that it was in compliance with section 258 and our related rules, in an apparent attempt to lead the staff to terminate the investigation without enforcement action. With regard to the omissions of required information in BOI's response to the Letter of Inquiry, it appears that they too were designed to deceive the staff by hiding inculpatory evidence regarding slamming, failure to file the required registration statement, and hiding any illegal acts performed in the names of other companies in which BOI's principals were officers. With respect to the apparent misrepresentations in the Application for Discontinuance, motives to deceive also appear to exist. First, BOI's statement in the Application for Discontinuance that it was seeking discontinuance for business reasons appears to be an attempt to hide the fact that it had been charged with serious violations by the Vermont Department of Public Service, some of which, such as slamming, were under investigation by the Commission. The other misstatements in the application appear to have been aimed at attempting to excuse BOI's late filing of the Application and its failure to comply with the notice requirements of the Commission's rules.

14. Section 258 of the Act makes it unlawful for any telecommunications carrier to ''submit or execute a change in a subscriber's selection of a provider of telephone exchange service or telephone toll service except in accordance with such verification procedures as the Commission shall prescribe.'' Section 64.1120(a)(1) of the Commission's rules prescribes that no submitting carrier ''shall submit a change on the behalf of a subscriber * * * prior to obtaining: (i) Authorization from the subscriber, and (ii) verification of that authorization in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this section.'' The Commission's rules thus expressly bar telecommunications carriers from changing a consumer's preferred carrier without first obtaining the consumer's consent, and then verifying that consent.

15. The Commission's rules provide some latitude in the methods carriers can use to verify carrier change requests. The carrier can elect to verify that authorization through one of three options: obtaining the consumer's written or electronically signed authorization; setting up a toll free number for the consumer to call for verification; or obtaining verification through an independent third party. There is no latitude, however, in the requirement that carriers obtain both authorization and verification prior to

submitting a carrier change request. For those carriers who use an independent third party for verification, the Commission's rules require that the verification method confirm at least six things: The identity of the subscriber; confirmation that the person on the call is authorized to make the carrier change; confirmation that the person on the call wants to make the change; the names of the carriers affected by the change; the telephone numbers to be switched; and the types of service involved. The rules also require that carriers keep audio records of the verification for a minimum of two years after obtaining such verification. Finally, the Commission's rules require that where a carrier ''is selling more than one type of telecommunications service * * * that carrier must obtain separate authorization from the subscriber for each service sold * * *. Each authorization must be verified separately from any other authorizations obtained in the same solicitation.''

16. BOI did not submit any evidence of authorization or verification regarding the consumer complaints cited in the Enforcement Bureau's Letter of Inquiry. It appears that BOI has therefore apparently failed to meet its burden to rebut complainants' assertions that BOI changed their preferred carriers in violation of the Act and the Commission's rules. In this record, BOI appears to have provided no evidence to justify the preferred carrier changes it apparently made. There is no need to refer to the tapes BOI provided to the Maine Public Utilities Commission, since BOI did not provide these tapes to the Commission's staff as justification for their changes of the consumers' preferred carriers. Even if the Commission were to consider the five tapes BOI submitted to the Maine Public Utilities Commission, however, these tapes show that BOI does not gather the critical information that our rules require. For example, the tapes do not confirm in an acceptable manner that the person is authorized to make the change and, most significantly, do not confirm the switch of the authorized carrier. First, the tapes do not verify the names of the consumers' prior carriers which were affected by the change, as required under the Commission's rules, nor do the tapes of Paul Brackett, Beatrice Violette, and Laura Crowley verify the telephone number to be switched. Second, the statement in the tapes by the third party verifier that ''You are authorized and giving permission to Business Options to change the long distance phone service, correct?'' confusingly combines questions as to whether the person is the authorized decision maker and whether the person is choosing BOI as his or her preferred carrier. Finally, in two instances, Paul Brackett and Laura Crowley, it appears that the consumer did not understand what the verifier was saying. Paul Brackett only responded ''Uh-huh'' to all of the verifier's questions. It appears that such an answer was not sufficient to permit the verifier to know whether Mr. Brackett agreed to change service providers. Laura Crowley asked the verifier whether there would be a change to her phone bill, and the verifier only replied that she was just verifying what the telemarketer had told the consumer. It appears from this colloquy that Ms. Crowley believed that her service was not going to change. It appears that in neither case were the consumer's answers clear enough to verify that they indeed wanted BOI's service.

17. The above examples appear to show a pattern of verification that falls egregiously short of the requirements in the Commission's rules, either because they omit certain requirements or because they pose questions in such a way that the consumer is confused and the consumer's intent cannot be verified. Accordingly, the tapes that BOI submitted to the Maine Public Utilities Commission do not appear to be sufficient to rebut the allegations in the complaints that BOI changed the preferred carriers of the five consumers without proper authorization.

18. For the remaining three complaints that were filed with the Commission, BOI failed to provide a tape or any other evidence, beyond its denial that ''no one representing BOI has changed the preferred carrier as specified in the complaints'' after April 1, to rebut the allegations in the complaints. Based on this failure, it appears that BOI is liable for changing the preferred carriers of those consumers without authorization. As we discussed above, our rules require carriers to keep audio records of third-party verification for a minimum of two years after obtaining the verification. BOI has not produced evidence to show that it used third-party verification or any of the other verification methods that the Commission's rules allow. Furthermore, based on the evidence of its practices shown by the several ''verification'' tapes discussed above, it is reasonable to assume that any verification BOI might have obtained would likely fall egregiously short of the requirements in our rules. Therefore, even if BOI used a third-party verifier, BOI still would not likely have sufficient evidence to rebut the allegations in the complaints that it changed the preferred carriers of the remaining three consumers without prior authorization.

19. Section 64.1195 of the Commission's rules requires that any telecommunications carrier providing interstate telecommunications service on or after the effective date of the rule (March 1, 2001) shall submit an FCC Form 499–A. BOI was a telecommunications carrier on or after the effective date of the rule. BOI failed to respond to a request to provide evidence that it had submitted this report. Nor do the Commission's files contain any evidence that BOI has filed this report. The Commission therefore finds that BOI has apparently failed to file FCC Form 499–A, in violation of section 64.1195. Section 64.1195 specifically provides for revocation of operating authority for failure to comply with its provisions.

20. BOI's application for authorization appears to show that BOI did not meet its obligations as a common carrier to adequately notify its customers of the discontinuance or seek Commission approval before it discontinued service, in apparent violation of section 214(a) of the Act and sections 63.71 and 63.505 of the Commission's rules.

21. Under the Act and our rules, it is clear that a telecommunications carrier must receive Commission authorization and provide the required notice to its customers before it may discontinue service to those customers. The service of approximately 200 BOI customers in Vermont was apparently terminated by December 21, 2002. It appears that BOI did not file any application until the day before its discontinuance, and never gave customers notice of their right to protest. Further, as stated above, it appears that the reasons that BOI gave for its failure to comply with Commission rules, *i.e.,* its ignorance of such rules and its compliance with requirements of the State of Vermont, were not true. The Stipulation BOI signed with Vermont was executed in September 2002. Therefore, it appears that at that time BOI knew or should have known that in the near future, it would have to file an application for discontinuance and provide notice to its customers. In view of the foregoing facts, it appears that BOI willfully or repeatedly discontinued service without Commission authorization in violation of section 214(a) of the Act and sections 63.71 and 63.505 of the Commission's rules.

22. The Administrative Law Judge is directed to determine whether BOI willfully or repeatedly has made

misrepresentations or engaged in lack of candor; whether BOI willfully or repeatedly violated section 258 of the Act and the related Commission rules by changing consumer's preferred carriers without their authorization; whether BOI willfully or repeatedly failed to file a Registration Statement in violation of section 64.1195 of the Commission's rules; whether BOI willfully or repeatedly discontinued service without Commission authorization; whether the BOI's blanket section 214 authorization should be revoked; and whether specific Commission authorization should be required for BOI, or the principal or principals of BOI, to provide any interstate common carrier services in the future.

C. Conclusion

23. In light of the totality of the information now before us, an evidentiary hearing is warranted to determine whether the continued operation of BOI as a common carrier would serve the public convenience and necessity within the meaning of section 214 of the Act. Further, due to the egregious nature of BOI's apparently unlawful activities, BOI will be required to show cause why an order to cease and desist from the provision of any interstate common carrier services without the prior consent of the Commission should not be issued. In addition, consistent with our practice in revocation proceedings, the hearing will also address whether a forfeiture should be levied against BOI.

Ordering Clauses

24. Pursuant to sections 4(i) and 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 214, the principal or principals of Business Options, Inc. are directed to show cause why the operating authority bestowed on Business Options, Inc. pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, should not be revoked.

25. Pursuant to section 312(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 312(b), the principal or principals of Business Options, Inc. are directed to show cause why an order directing them to cease and desist from the provision of any interstate common carrier services without the prior consent of the Commission should not be issued.

26. The hearing shall be held at a time and location to be specified by the Chief Administrative Law Judge in a subsequent order. The ALJ shall apply the conclusions of law set forth in this Order to the findings that he makes in that hearing, upon the following issues:

(a) to determine whether Business Options, Inc. made misrepresentations or engaged in lack of candor;

(b) to determine whether Business Options, Inc. changed consumers' preferred carrier without their authorization in willful or repeated violation of section 258 of the Act and sections 64.1100–1190 of the Commission's rules;

(c) to determine whether Business Options, Inc. failed to file Form FCC 499–A in willful or repeated violation of section 64.1195 of the Commission's rules;

(d) to determine whether Business Options, Inc. discontinued service without Commission authorization in willful or repeated violation of section 214 of the Act and sections 63.71 and 63.505 of the Commission's rules;

(e) to determine, in light of all the foregoing, whether Business Options, Inc.'s authorization pursuant to section 214 of the Act to operate as a common carrier should be revoked;

(f) to determine whether, in light of all the foregoing, Business Options, Inc., and/or its principals should be ordered to cease and desist from the provision of any interstate common carrier services without the prior consent of the Commission;

27. The Chief, Enforcement Bureau, shall be a party to the designated hearing. Both the burden of proceeding and the burden of proof shall be upon the Enforcement Bureau as to issues (a) through (f) inclusive.

28. To avail themselves of the opportunity to be heard, the principal or principals of Business Options, Inc., pursuant to section 1.91(c) of the Commission's rules, shall file with the Commission within 30 days of the mailing of this Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing a written appearance stating that a principal or other legal representative from Business Options, Inc. will appear at the hearing and present evidence on the matters specified in the Show Cause Order. If Business Options, Inc. fail to file a written appearance within the time specified, Business Options, Inc.'s right to a hearing shall be deemed to be waived. In the event that the right to a hearing is waived, the Presiding Judge, or the Chief, Administrative Law Judge if no Presiding Judge has been designated, shall terminate the hearing proceeding as to that entity and certify this case to the Commission in the regular course of business, and an appropriate order shall be entered.

29. If it is determined that BOI has willfully or repeatedly violated any provision of the Act or the Commission's rules cited in the Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, it shall be further determined whether an Order for Forfeiture shall be issued pursuant to section 503(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in the amount of no more than: (a) $80,000 for each unauthorized conversion of complainants' long distance service in violation of 47 U.S.C. 258 and 47 CFR 64.1120; (b) $3,000 for the failure to file a sworn statement or a Registration Statement in violation of a Commission directive and 47 CFR 64.1195; and (c) $120,000 for the unauthorized discontinuance of service to a community in violation of 47 U.S.C. 214 and 47 CFR 63.71 and 63.505.

30. This document constitutes a notice of opportunity for hearing pursuant to section 503(b)(3)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(3)(A), for the potential forfeiture liability outlined above.

31. *It is further ordered* that a copy of this order to show cause and notice of opportunity for hearing shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Kurtis Kintzel, President and Chairman of the Board of Business Options, Inc., 8380 Louisiana Street, Merrillville, Indiana 46410–6312.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested

persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at *www.ffiec.gov/nic/*.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 14, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. Gemini Bancshares, Inc., Monument, Colorado; to acquire up to 17.45 percent of the voting shares of Gemini Bancshares, Monument, Colorado, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Integrity Bank & Trust, Monument, Colorado.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 24, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 03-9970) published on page 20000 of the issue for Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City heading, the entry for One Rich Hill Mining LLC, and One Rich Hill Land Ltd., Partnership, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is revised to read as follows:

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. One Rich Hill Mining LLC; and One Rich Hill Land Ltd., Partnership, both of Fort Worth, Texas; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 25.44 percent of the voting shares of F&M Bancorporation, and thereby indirectly acquire shares of F&M Bank & Trust Company, both in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Comments on this application must be received by May 16, 2003.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 24, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to conduct a public meeting during the month of May 2003.

Name: President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Commission).

Date and Time:

Wednesday, May 7, 2003; 1 p.m.–5 p.m. e.s.t.

Thursday, May 8, 2003; 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. e.s.t.

Location: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

The meeting is open to the public.

The President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs will conduct a public meeting on May 7, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and May 8, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. e.s.t. inclusive.

Agenda items will include, but may not be limited to: Preliminary highlights from the President's Advisory Commission Report in the subject area of health; presentations on the subject area of economic and community development, administrative tasks; deadlines; upcoming events; and comments from the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise and make recommendations to the President on ways to increase opportunities for and improve the quality of life of approximately 13 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living in the United States and the U.S.-associated Pacific Island jurisdictions, especially those who are most underserved.

Requests to address the Commission must be made in writing and should include the name, address, telephone number and business or professional affiliation of the interested party. Individuals or groups addressing similar issues are encouraged to combine comments and make their request to address the Commission through a single representative. The White House Initiative's office will adjust the allocation of time for remarks to accommodate the level of expressed interest. Written requests must be faxed to (301) 443–0259.

Anyone who has interest in joining any portion of the meeting or who requires additional information about the Commission should contact: Ms. Betty Lam or Mr. Erik F. Wang, Office of the White House Initiative on AAPIs, Parklawn Building, Room 10–42, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443–2492. Anyone who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mr. Wang no later than April 30, 2003.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Regina Schofield,

Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR–192]

Announcement of Final Priority Data Needs for 10 Priority Hazardous Substances

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the final priority data needs for 10 priority hazardous substances (see attached Table 1) as part of the continuing development and implementation of the ATSDR Substance-Specific Applied Research Program (SSARP). The Notice also serves as a continuous call for voluntary research proposals. The SSARP is authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund) or CERCLA, and amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)].

At the time the SSARP was initiated on October 17, 1991, a list of priority data needs for 38 priority hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** (56 FR 52178). The list was subsequently revised based on public comments and published in final form on November 16, 1992 (57 FR 54150). In 1997, ATSDR finalized the priority data needs for a second list of 12 substances that was subsequently announced in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 40820).

Ten substances constitute the third list of hazardous substances for which priority data needs have been identified by ATSDR. The 10 substances, which are included in the ATSDR Priority List of Hazardous Substances established by ATSDR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (66 FR 54014, October 25, 2001), are:

- asbestos
- benzidine
- chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins
- 1,2-dibromoethane
- 1,2-dichloroethane
- 1,1-dichloroethene
- ethylbenzene
- pentachlorophenol
- 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
- total xylenes

In developing this list, ATSDR solicited input from EPA and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), both of which also reviewed the draft priority data needs before they were made available for public comment. The priority data needs were initially announced by ATSDR in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2001 (66 FR 42660). The public was invited to comment on them during a 90-day period. ATSDR received comments from four industry groups and a nonprofit private organization concerning programmatic and substance-specific issues pertaining to the implementation of the research program. ATSDR has identified several generic issues resulting from the public comments. These issues and ATSDR's responses are presented below. ATSDR has finalized the priority data needs for these 10 substances. Both the priority data needs documents (that provide ATSDR's rationale for assigning priority to a data need) and the response to public comments documents are available by requesting them in writing from ATSDR (see **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice).

This Notice also serves as a continuous call for voluntary research proposals. Private-sector organizations may volunteer to conduct research to address specific priority data needs in this Notice by indicating their interest through submission of a letter of intent to ATSDR (see **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice). The letter should include a brief statement that addresses the priority data need(s) to be filled and the methods to be used. A Tri-Agency Superfund Applied Research Committee (TASARC) comprised of scientists from ATSDR, the National Toxicology Program (NTP), and EPA will review all submissions.

DATES: The ATSDR voluntary research program is a continuous program, and private-sector organizations can volunteer to fill identified data needs from now until that time when ATSDR announces that other research has been initiated for a specific data need.

ADDRESSES: Private-sector organizations interested in volunteering to conduct research to fill identified priority data needs should write to Dr. William Cibulas, Chief, Research Implementation Branch, Division of Toxicology, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E–29, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, or e-mail Dr. Cibulas at *wcibulas@cdc.gov.* Requests for the priority data needs documents and response to public comments documents should be addressed similarly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William Cibulas, Chief, Research Implementation Branch, Division of Toxicology, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E–29, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 498–0140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund) or CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)], requires that ATSDR (1) develop jointly with EPA a list of hazardous substances found at National Priorities List (NPL) sites (in order of priority), (2) prepare toxicological profiles of these substances, and (3) assure the initiation of a research program to address identified priority data needs associated with the substances.

The primary purpose of this research program is to provide the public and scientific communities with answers to some of the key questions regarding health effects and exposure to these substances. For ATSDR, this research program supplies necessary information to improve the database to conduct public health assessments. This link between research and public health assessments, and the process for distilling priority data needs for ranked hazardous substances from data needs identified in associated ATSDR toxicological profiles, are described in the ATSDR ''Decision Guide for Identifying Substance-Specific Data Needs Related to Toxicological Profiles'' (54 FR 37618, September 11, 1989).

At the time the Substance-Specific Applied Research Program (SSARP) was initiated on October 17, 1991, a list of priority data needs for 38 priority hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** (56 FR 52178). The list was subsequently revised based on public comments and published in final form on November 16, 1992 (57 FR 54150). In 1997, ATSDR finalized the priority data needs for a second list of 12 substances (62 FR 40820). Currently, a total of 190 priority data needs have been identified for these 50 substances as described in ''Update on the Status of the Superfund Substance-Specific Applied Research Program'' (67 FR 4836, January 31, 2002).

In 2001, ATSDR identified the priority data needs for 10 additional hazardous substances and announced them in draft form on August 14, 2001 (66 FR 42660). The public was invited to comment on the draft priority data needs during a 90-day period. The agency responded to all the comments and revised the priority data needs, as needed.

ATSDR's Response to Public Comments

As mentioned in the **SUMMARY** section of this Notice, ATSDR has identified several generic public comments on the priority data needs for the 10 hazardous substances. These comments and ATSDR's responses are presented below.

Comment: Request for ATSDR to clarify if and how any further testing requests or regulatory requirements for testing will be subject to public scrutiny.

Response: ATSDR published the draft priority data needs (PDNs) in the August 14, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice with a public comment period of 90 days. A final list of PDNs will be published following completion of deliberations on the comments received. In the event that a study is to be conducted via the mechanisms described in the **Federal Register** Notice—*e.g.*, industry-sponsored voluntary research, or university-based research supported by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) funds—the study protocol and final report will be reviewed by ATSDR's external peer reviewers, and all documents related to the project will be made available for public inspection at ATSDR. Also, any testing that results from coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and development of a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) test rule will be subjected to a public comment period consistent with EPA guidelines. ATSDR publishes an update of its Substance-Specific Applied Research Program in the **Federal Register** every three years.

Comment: Concern that the **Federal Register** Notice makes no mention of the use of *in vitro* methodologies.

Response: ATSDR agrees with the commenter and will more explicitly state its support of innovative methodologies, including non-animal testing, in future notices about the agency's Substance-Specific Applied Research Program. In a recently published **Federal Register** Notice updating the status of this research program (67 FR 4836, January 31, 2002), the agency stated that ''ATSDR encourages the use of *in vitro* assessment methods and other innovative tools for filling priority data needs. For example, the agency believes that physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling could serve as a valuable tool in predicting across route similarities (or differences) in toxicological responses to hazardous substances. Therefore, on a case-by-case basis, a priority data need can be filled using existing data and modeling.'' In fact, in the ATSDR voluntary research program (a component of ATSDR's Substance-Specific Applied Research Program), the Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, Inc. (HSIA) has conducted studies to fill ATSDR's priority data needs for volatile organic compounds using PBPK modeling.

Also, ATSDR is a member of the National Toxicology Program's (NTP) Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and supports development, validation, and acceptance of alternative toxicological test methods that reduce, refine, and replace the use of animals, as appropriate. Through its participation on ICCVAM, ATSDR keeps informed of reliable and valid alternative test methods.

Comment: Request for ATSDR to withdraw the endocrine disruption and developmental neurotoxicity priority data needs because there are no validated animal tests for these end points.

Response: ATSDR has identified a priority data need to assess the potential for pentachlorophenol to affect endocrine functions and for reproductive studies with ethylbenzene. As a result of the agency's evaluation of the comments received from the Pentachlorophenol Task Force, the priority data need for *in vivo* endocrine disruptor studies via oral exposure to pentachlorophenol has been changed. This change resulted because the Pentachlorophenol Task Force submitted a recently completed two-generation reproduction study that was subsequently published in a peer-reviewed journal. ATSDR accepted the data and no longer assigned priority to this research need. With regard to ethylbenzene, no new information has been available to ATSDR, and the priority data need for ethylbenzene remains unchanged. For the same reason, ATSDR will not withdraw the priority data need for developmental neurotoxicity testing for xylenes.

ATSDR is a nonregulatory, science-based agency. The agency is mandated (in consultation with EPA and agencies and programs of the Public Health Service) to assess whether adequate information on the health effects of hazardous substances is available. Where adequate information is not available, ATSDR, in cooperation with NTP, is required to assure the initiation of a research program to determine these health effects. Toward this end, ATSDR established the Tri-Agency Superfund Applied Research Committee (TASARC) consisting of scientists from ATSDR, EPA, and NTP to collaborate on mutual research needs and to discuss issues relevant to the proposed studies, such as the validation status and regulatory acceptance of proposed test methods. It should be noted that ATSDR does not develop testing guidelines or methodologies for toxicological research.

Consistent with the CERCLA mandate, on August 14, 2001, ATSDR published a **Federal Register** Notice announcing the identification of key research needs for 10 additional hazardous substances, and provided a rationale for these determinations in support documents (*i.e.*, priority data needs documents are available for all 10 substances). However, the agency did not identify, propose, or discuss specific test methods to be used to fill the data needs (66 FR 42660). There are no universally agreed upon and validated animal tests to fill the priority data needs for endocrine disruption and developmental neurotoxicity, similar to a lack of such tests to fill the priority data needs for biomarker and mechanistic studies. Consequently, these studies require basic research or other mechanisms to satisfy the information need. Therefore, in filling these research needs, ATSDR does not specify or require that certain (animal) tests be performed. Instead, ATSDR remains open to receiving scientific information to fill these research needs from a variety of sources, including organizations that may propose innovative methodologies involving non-animal tests. In such cases, the agency generally consults with programmatic experts at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and EPA, and outside scientists to advise the agency on the appropriateness and validation status of the proposed methods for filling its research needs. Also, ATSDR is working closely with organizations such as NTP's Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) to stay abreast of testing validation issues. In fact, ATSDR is participating fully in this committee's effort to validate a battery of in vivo and in vitro tests to assess endocrine disruption.

Comment: Concern about ATSDR calling for more lethal poisoning tests on animals and request that ATSDR withdraw its proposal to conduct more acute toxicity tests on animals for these 10 substances.

Response: The ATSDR Substance-Specific Applied Research Program is designed to address the most important public health research needs for citizens exposed to hazardous environmental substances. ATSDR has not required, and will not require, LD_{50} or other lethality data as an adjunct to the process. However, ATSDR often requests short-term (acute) toxicity data on non-lethal end points in order to determine the agency's health guidance values (minimal risk levels [MRLs]) for citizens who are possibly exposed to chemicals for durations of 14 days or less.

If the agency considers the existing acute duration (14 days or less) database to be inadequate for fully characterizing the short-term toxicity of a particular hazardous substance, it will identify the need to conduct additional [inhalation and/or oral] studies for determining critical targets and establishing dose-response relationships.

Comment: Concern that ATSDR's requests for more information ignore sophisticated analyses that can be conducted using, for example, structure-activity relationships (SAR).

Response: In evaluating the need for additional data on a particular end point and assigning priority to data needs for the 10 substances, ATSDR first reviewed the available chemical-specific data for a given end point. In addition, ATSDR conducted SAR analyses on these substances and used the information in a strength-of-evidence approach to determine the need to assign priority for the missing information.

Comment: Request that ATSDR defer final assessment of its priority data needs until the industry groups have completed their work under EPA's voluntary children's chemical evaluation program (VCCEP), the hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) test rule, and an enforceable consent agreement (for 1,2-dichloroethane) among others.

Response: ATSDR has developed a process for assigning priority to data needs identified in the agency's toxicological profiles for hazardous substances. Specifically, the process for prioritizing the data needs is based on a logical scientific approach as described in ATSDR's Decision Guide (54 FR 37618, September 11, 1989). The identified priority data needs (PDNs) are then subjected to public and peer review. Currently, ATSDR considers these PDNs to be the most critical research needs for these hazardous substances. However, the agency will continue to evaluate new data for these substances obtained through additional testings, *e.g.*, industry groups' participation in other federal agencies' programs. Specifically, ATSDR is working closely with EPA on these activities where we have identified overlapping research priorities. Therefore, the status of these PDNs may change in the future. In this current **Federal Register** Notice announcing the final list of PDNs, ATSDR states that these PDNs remain on the agency's list but that they may potentially be filled by individual industry groups working under specific EPA programs (*see* Table 1).

In summary, as a result of the agency's evaluation of all the public comments received for the 10 hazardous substances, two priority data needs were changed. Specifically, *in vivo* endocrine disruptor studies via oral exposure and multigeneration reproduction study involving multiple matings and examining male and female fertility via oral exposure were initially identified as priority data needs for pentachlorophenol. During the public comment period, ATSDR received from the Pentachlorophenol Task Force a recently completed two-generation reproduction study that was subsequently published in a peer-reviewed journal. ATSDR accepted the data and no longer assigned priority to these research needs. No changes were made to the priority data needs for the other nine substances as a result of the public comments.

Implementation of Substance-Specific Applied Research Program

Regarding the implementation of the SSARP, in section 104(i)(5)(D), CERCLA states that it is the sense of Congress that the costs for conducting this research program be borne by the manufacturers and processors of the hazardous substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) and by registrants under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1972 (FIFRA), or by cost recovery from responsible parties under CERCLA. To execute this statutory intent, ATSDR developed a plan whereby parts of the SSARP are being conducted via regulatory mechanisms (TSCA/FIFRA), private-sector voluntarism, and through the direct use of CERCLA funds. CERCLA also requires that ATSDR consider recommendations of the Interagency Testing Committee (ITC), established under Section 4(e) of TSCA, on the types of research to be done. ATSDR actively participates on this committee; however, none of the proposed 10 substances are now on the ITC priority testing list.

The priority data needs identified in this Notice reflect the opinion of the agency, in consultation with other federal programs, of the research needed pursuant to ATSDR's authority under CERCLA. They do not represent the priority data needs for any other program. Consistent with section 104(i)(12) of CERCLA as amended (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(12)), nothing in this research program shall be construed to delay or otherwise affect or impair the authority of the President, the Administrator of ATSDR, or the Administrator of EPA to exercise any authority regarding any other provision of law, including the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1972 (FIFRA), or the response and abatement authorities of CERCLA. In developing this research program, ATSDR has worked with other federal programs to determine common substance-specific data needs, as well as mechanisms to implement research that may include authorities under TSCA and FIFRA, private-sector voluntarism, or the direct use of CERCLA funds.

When deciding the type of research that should be done, ATSDR considers the recommendations of the Interagency Testing Committee established under section 4(e) of TSCA. Federally funded projects that collect information from 10 or more respondents and that are funded by cooperative agreements are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. If the proposed project involves research on human subjects, the applicants must comply with Department of Health and Human Services regulations (45 CFR part 46) regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurance must be provided that the project will be subject to initial and continuing review by the appropriate institutional review committees. Overall, data generated from this research program will lend support to others conducting human health assessments involving these 10 substances by providing additional scientific information for the risk assessment process.

Substance-Specific Priority Data Needs

The final priority data needs are identified in Table 1. Unique identification numbers (37A through 46G) are assigned to the priority data needs for this list of 10 priority hazardous substances; the priority data needs for the first 50 substances were assigned identification numbers 1A through 36E (67 FR 4836). Parts of the proposed research are unique to CERCLA and may be most appropriately addressed by ATSDR programs as follows.

ATSDR's responsibility as a public health agency addressing environmental health issues is, when appropriate, to collect human data to validate substance-specific exposure and toxicity assumptions. ATSDR will obtain this information by conducting exposure and health effects studies, and by establishing and using substance-specific subregistries of people enrolled in the agency's National Exposure Registry who are potentially exposed to these substances. When a subregistry or a human exposure study is identified as a priority data need, the responsible ATSDR program will determine its feasibility, which depends on identifying appropriate populations and funding.

In addition, the need to collect, evaluate, and interpret environmental data from contaminated media around hazardous waste sites remains a priority data need for all 10 priority hazardous substances ATSDR has identified for this third set.

However, some of this information has already been collected through individual state programs and the EPA's CERCLA activities; therefore, ATSDR will evaluate the extant information from these programs to better characterize the need for additional site-specific information.

ATSDR acknowledges that the conduct of human studies to determine possible links between exposure to hazardous substances and human health effects may be accomplished through mechanisms other than agency programs. We encourage private-sector organizations and other governmental programs to use ATSDR's priority data needs to plan their research activities, including identifying appropriate

populations and conducting studies to answer specific human health questions.

Dated: April 10, 2003.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

TABLE 1.—FINAL SUBSTANCE—SPECIFIC PRIORITY DATA NEEDS (PDNS) FOR THIRD SET OF 10 PRIORITY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Substance	PDN ID	Priority data needs
Asbestos	37A	Epidemiologic studies of individuals occupationally exposed to asbestos levels lower than those experienced before the institution of current occupational standards governing the use of asbestos, but higher than current levels in the general population. These studies should be performed in conjunction with the immunotoxicity studies.
	37B	Immunotoxicity studies of individuals occupationally exposed to asbestos.
	37C	Development of human and rat lung retention models to aid in extrapolating between rat and human data.
	37D	Improved analytical methods for screening samples and determining the chemical structure of asbestos fibers. Also, techniques are needed to normalize studies in which different analytical methods were employed.
	37E	Exposure levels, fiber size distribution, and asbestos fiber type in areas with natural geologic deposits of friable asbestos and at hazardous waste sites. Also, techniques for estimating air levels of asbestos from soil concentrations and activity scenarios.
	37F	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites and in other populations, such as humans living in areas with naturally high levels of friable asbestos.
	37G	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
Benzidine	38A	Dose-response data for acute- and intermediate-duration exposure via the oral route (the study of intermediate-duration exposure should include evaluation of reproductive and endocrine organ histopathology, lymphoid tissues histopathology as well as examination of relevant blood components, and nervous system histopathology).
	38B	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	38C	Exposure levels in children.
	38D	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (CDDs)	39A	Studies via oral exposure designed to assess childhood susceptibility.
	39B	Comparative toxicokinetic studies examining the relative absorption of CDDs across exposure routes and the relative contribution of each exposure route to total body burdens.
	39C	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	39D	Exposure levels in children.
1,2–Dibromoethane	40A	Dose-response data in animals for acute- and intermediate-duration exposure by the oral route (the study of intermediate-duration exposure should include evaluation of neuropathology and observation for overt signs of neurotoxicity).
	40B	Multigeneration reproductive toxicity studies via oral exposure.
	40C	Developmental toxicity studies via oral exposure.
	40D	Immunotoxicity battery studies via oral exposure.
	40E	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites and in other populations, such as workers exposed to 1,2-dibromoethane.
	40F	Exposure levels in children.
	40G	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
1,2–Dichloroethane*	41A	Dose-response data in animals for acute-duration (14-day) exposure by the inhalation route, including a comparison of young and adult animals.
	41B	Dose-response data in animals for acute-duration (14-day) exposure by the oral route, including a comparison of young and adult animals.
	41C	Dose-response data in animals for intermediate-duration exposure by the inhalation route (the study should be performed in conjunction with the neurotoxicology battery of tests).
	41D	Neurotoxicology battery of tests following inhalation exposure.
	41E	Neurotoxicology battery of tests following oral exposure.
	41F	Dose-response data in animals for chronic-duration exposure by the oral route.
	41G	Developmental toxicity data for inhalation exposure (assessment of developmental cardiotoxicity and neurotoxicity).
	41H	Developmental toxicity data for oral exposure (assessment of developmental cardiotoxicity and neurotoxicity).
	41I	Additional analyses and studies for comparative toxicokinetics across species, ages, routes, and durations.
	41J	Children's susceptibility.
	41K	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	41L	Exposure levels in children.
	41M	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
1,1–Dichloroethene*	42A	Dose-response data in animals for acute-duration exposure by the inhalation route.
	42B	Dose-response data in animals for chronic-duration exposure by the inhalation route.
	42C	Dose-response data in animals for acute- and intermediate-duration exposure by the oral route.
	42D	Carcinogenicity studies in two species following inhalation exposure.

TABLE 1.—FINAL SUBSTANCE—SPECIFIC PRIORITY DATA NEEDS (PDNS) FOR THIRD SET OF 10 PRIORITY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES—Continued

Substance	PDN ID	Priority data needs
	42E	Reproductive toxicity studies assessing male and female end points following inhalation exposure.
	42F	Developmental toxicity studies following oral exposure.
	42G	Immunotoxicology battery of tests following oral exposure.
	42H	Battery of neurobehavioral tests following inhalation exposure.
	42I	Children's susceptibility.
	42J	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	42K	Exposure levels in children.
	42L	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
Ethylbenzene*	43A	Dose-response data for acute-duration exposure by the inhalation route.
	43B	Dose-response data for chronic-duration exposure by the inhalation route.
	43C	Dose-response data for acute- and intermediate-duration exposure by the oral route; the study of intermediate-duration exposure should include an evaluation of clinical signs of neurotoxicity and histopathology of reproductive organs, endocrine glands, and nervous system.
	43D	Multigeneration toxicity study examining reproductive end points and indicators of endocrine disruption following inhalation exposure.
	43E	Two-species developmental study with continued assessment of offspring during postnatal development following oral exposure.
	43F	Studies for comparative toxicokinetics.
	43G	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	43H	Exposure levels in children.
	43I	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
Pentachlorophenol	44A	Comparative toxicokinetic studies.
	44B	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	44C	Exposure levels in children through play activities near contaminated environmental media.
	44D	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
1,1,2,2–Tetrachloroethane	45A	Two-species developmental toxicity study by the oral route.
	45B	Immunotoxicity battery following oral exposure.
	45C	Mammalian *in vivo* genotoxicity assays.
	45D	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	45E	Exposure levels in children.
	45F	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.
Total xylenes	46A	Dose-response data for chronic-duration exposure by the oral route. This study should be done in conjunction with the neurotoxicology battery of tests.
	46B	Neurotoxicology battery of tests following oral exposure.
	46C	Two-generation reproductive study following oral exposure.
	46D	Developmental toxicity study that includes neurodevelopmental end points following oral exposure.
	46E	Exposure levels in humans living near hazardous waste sites.
	46F	Exposure levels in children.
	46G	Potential candidate for subregistry of exposed persons.

*Some of the toxicity priority data needs may potentially be filled by individual industry groups working under specific EPA programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498–1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Data Collection, Management, Reporting, and Evaluation for the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)—New—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC is requesting OMB approval to collect data to assess the HIV prevention and capacity-building activities of community-based organizations (CBOs) and other not-for-profit organizations funded under the MAI. The essence of this initiative is to implement an approach to HIV Prevention for communities of color

through three strategies: (1) Support of CBOs to deliver HIV prevention services; (2) community coalition development (CCD) projects to increase access to a linked network of HIV, STD, TB, and substance abuse services; and (3) capacity-building assistance (CBA) to sustain, improve, and expand HIV prevention services.

CDC requires MAI grantees to evaluate their programs. CDC has the responsibility to support these evaluation efforts by assisting grantees in the design and implementation of their program evaluation activities, including the provision of evaluation forms and conducting an overall evaluation of the MAI. The data collected during this evaluation will allow CDC to (1) Address accountability needs, (2) provide necessary information to the MAI grantees for improving their programs, and (3) provide a context for understanding the effectiveness of programs targeting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities.

Data collection will include self-administered questionnaires, which will be submitted quarterly, document reviews, and interviews with directors of community-based organizations, collaborating organizations, other community organizations, and community members served by these organizations. The first wave of data collection is planned for the summer of 2003. Subsequent waves of data collection are planned for 2004.

Total cost to respondents is their time to submit the requested data. The total burden in hours is estimated at 255.

Data collection forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden response (in hours)	Total burden per response (in hours)
Community-Based Organization Questionnaire	136	1	60/60	136
HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Questionnaire:				
Part I	54	1	10/60	9
Part II	54	4	10/60	36
Capacity-Building Assistance Questionnaire:				
Part I	1	1	5/60	.08
Part II	16	1	10/60	3
Part III	17	1	20/60	6
Part IV	17	4	15/60	17
Community Coalition Development Questionnaire:				
Part I	16	1 per year	60/60	16
Part II	16	4 per year	30/60	32
Total				255

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Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 03021]

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention; Notice of Availability of Funds

Application Deadline: June 30, 2003.

A. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under section 301 and 317(C) of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241 and 247b–4, as amended). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

B. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Prevention. This program addresses the ''Healthy People 2010'' focus areas of Substance Abuse and Maternal, Infant, and Child Health.

The purpose of the program is to develop, implement, and evaluate population-based and targeted prevention programs for FAS including the identification of high prevalence geographic areas and/or selected subpopulations of childbearing-age women at high-risk for an alcohol exposed pregnancy; establishing or enhancing prenatal and preconceptional intervention programs to serve these populations; and establishing or utilizing existing systems for monitoring the impact of prevention programs. Monitoring programs must include a plan for ensuring that children identified with FAS have access to appropriate services within the community.

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with FAS-related performance goals for the National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) that include establishing new, or enhancing, prevention programs that reduce the prevalence of FAS, reduce prenatal exposure to alcohol, and improve and/or link children currently affected by FAS to health services.

C. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of states or their bona fide agents, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

If the applicant is not the state health agency, the applicant must provide a letter from the appropriate state health agency designating the applicant as a bona fide agent. This information should be placed directly behind the cover letter of the application. Applications that fail to submit the evidence requested above will be considered non-responsive and returned without review.

Only one application from each organization may be submitted for this announcement.

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Identify a geographic area with high proportions of childbearing-age women at risk for an alcohol-exposed pregnancy (a minimum of five percent of the prenatal population reporting frequent or binge drinking); a minimum of 15 percent of non-pregnant, childbearing-age women (aged 12–44 years) reporting

frequent or binge drinking in a population of childbearing-age women of at least 350,000; or a birth cohort of at least 25,000 births per year with a minimum FAS prevalence rate of one per 1,000 live births.

2. Demonstrate the capacity to conduct community-based prevention programs in Maternal and Child Health, and to monitor adverse exposures and outcomes in these populations.

The applicant must include the above documentation in the first three pages of the application following the face page. If it is not included, the application will be determined as non-responsive and returned without review.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant or loan.

D. Funding

Availability of Funds

Approximately $1,200,000 may be available in FY 2003 to fund approximately three to five awards. It is expected that the average award will range from $300,000 to $500,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 1, 2003, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

These awards may be used for personnel services, equipment, travel, and other costs related to project activities. Project funds may not be used to supplant state funds available for birth defects surveillance or prevention, health care services, patient care, nor construction.

Award recipients agree to use cooperative agreement funds for travel by project staff selected by CDC to participate in CDC-sponsored workshops or other meetings, such as regional or annual meetings.

Recipient Financial Participation

Matching funds are not required for this program.

E. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. Recipient Activities. CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. CDC Activities.

1. Recipient Activities

a. Use surveillance or other population-based methods or systems data to identify clusters of FAS cases or populations of high risk childbearing-age women in specific geographic regions (*i.e.*, state, county, or tribal community) and/or use innovative analytic techniques such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to identify and monitor geographic areas of populations at risk.

b. Develop and implement a plan for prevention of FAS in a targeted geographic region that has increased rates of women at high risk for an alcohol-exposed pregnancy and/or increased rates of infants and children with FAS. (*See* eligibility criteria)

c. Develop linkages with existing, community-based programs that provide preventive health services to childbearing-age women and their families. These programs include, but are not limited to, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC), contraceptive counseling and services including abstinence, prenatal care clinics, sexually transmitted diseases clinics, primary care settings, alcohol and drug treatment centers, and mental health services programs.

d. Design and implement evidence-based interventions, such as, but not limited to, those recommended by the Institute of Medicine, ''Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Diagnosis, Epidemiology, Prevention and Treatment 1996.''

e. Design and implement a provider education component for health personnel involved in intervention and surveillance and monitoring activities.

f. Evaluate the outcomes (effectiveness and cost-effectiveness) of the high priority interventions (universal, selective or group, and/or indicated or individual) among childbearing-age women exposed to the intervention at the community and individual level, including the selection of appropriate outcomes for measuring a reduction in the number of FAS cases in the targeted community, region, or state, as well as reductions in alcohol use rates among childbearing-age women, and reduction in the number of alcohol-exposed pregnancies.

g. Evaluate the interventions using process measures that monitor key indicators of success, such as levels of alcohol use screening in childbearing-age women; availability, accessibility and utilization of proposed interventions; and community services including alcohol and drug treatment for those who screen positive. Additional measures that might also be used include, but are not limited to, estimating the number of alcohol-exposed pregnancies averted and/or number of women who used alcohol in the previous pregnancy who report intentions to abstain during their next pregnancy. Depending upon the intervention being proposed, enhanced use of contraceptive counseling and services may also be a relevant measure.

h. Evaluate the project components aimed at linking children with FAS to appropriate services. Examples of process measures include: Changes in knowledge, attitudes, and practice behaviors of health and allied professionals, as well as school personnel; increased numbers of children referred for FAS diagnostic evaluations; increased numbers of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that address the specific needs of children with FAS currently in the school system; and identification of the barriers children with FAS have in accessing needed services, as well as gaps in the availability of needed services, including plans to address these barriers and gaps.

i. Develop procedures that insure that prevention interventions and surveillance and monitoring systems meet strict confidentiality standards and incorporate recommended CDC case definitions.

j. Analyze and disseminate prevention and surveillance data generated by the system(s) in a timely fashion including intervention outcome results, rates, trends, and risk factors for FAS (*e.g.*, publish annual peer-review reports on the surveillance data and interventions).

k. Coordinate prevention efforts with state, local, tribal, and maternal and child health programs to assure appropriate health and educational services to individuals, as well as to enhance awareness among public and private providers concerning the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of FAS.

l. Supply support letters that document concurrence with this plan by other units or organizations (such as those mentioned in item ''k'' above) that are collaborating with the applicant.

m. Collaborate with other participating sites and CDC in preparing and publishing study results.

n. Implement quality assurance procedures to ensure that study protocols are being followed, and that the surveillance and intervention procedures are being uniformly implemented in all participating sites.

2. CDC Activities

a. Assist in the design of prevention, surveillance and monitoring programs.

b. Assist in developing and evaluating methodologies to assess the impact of prevention efforts using population-based FAS surveillance and alcohol use monitoring among childbearing-age women.

c. Assist in analyzing prevention and surveillance data generated from the prevention interventions and surveillance and monitoring systems developed.

d. Assist in ensuring that successful prevention interventions, program models and lessons learned are shared between grantees through various mediums.

e. Assist in designing strategies to improve the access of children with FAS to health services and support programs.

f. Assist in the development of standardized evaluation formats and activities for grantees.

g. Coordinate the dissemination of findings and collaborate with recipients on specific publications involving data collected.

h. Assist in the development of a research protocol for Institutional Review Board (IRB) review by all cooperating institutions participating in the research project. The CDC IRB will review and approve the protocol initially and on at least an annual basis until the research project is completed.

F. Content

Letter of Intent (LOI)

A LOI is requested for this program. The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the LOI. The narrative should be no more than two pages, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font. The LOI will not be used to eliminate potential applicants, but it will be used to enable CDC to determine the level of interest and plan the review more efficiently. The LOI should include the following information: applicant's name and address, project director's name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Applications

The Program Announcement title and number must appear in the application. Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, and Evaluation Criteria sections, and in Attachment I, ''Application Guidance,'' which can be found on the CDC Web site, to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed, so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan.

The applicant should provide a detailed description of first-year activities and briefly describe future-year objectives and activities. The application must contain the following:

1. *Eligibility Response:* The response, not to exceed three pages, should address the eligibility criteria listed in section C. Eligible Applicants.

2. A one-page, single-spaced, typed abstract in 12-point font must be submitted with the application. The heading should include the title of the grant program, project title, organization name and address, project director and telephone number. The abstract should briefly summarize the program for which funds are requested, the activities to be undertaken, and the applicant's organizational structure. The abstract should precede the program narrative. A table of contents that provides page numbers for each of the following sections should be included. All pages must be numbered.

3. The narrative should be no more than 25 pages, double-spaced, printed on one side, with one-inch margins, and unreduced 12-point font. The required detailed budget and detailed budget justification are not considered to be part of the program narrative.

G. Submission and Deadline

Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission

On or before May 29, 2003, submit the LOI to the Public Health Analyst identified in the ''Where to Obtain Additional Information'' section of this announcement.

Application Forms

Submit the signed original and two copies of PHS 5161–1 (OMB Number 0920–0428). Forms are available at the following Internet address: *http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/forminfo.htm.*

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have difficulty accessing the forms on-line, you may contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section at: 770–488–2700. Application forms can be mailed to you.

Submission Date, Time, and Address

The application must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time on June 30, 2003. Submit the application to: Technical Information Management Section—PA#03021, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Rd., Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341–4146.

Applications may not be submitted electronically.

CDC Acknowledgement of Application Receipt

A postcard will be mailed by PGO-TIMS, notifying you that CDC has received your application.

Deadline

Letters of intent and applications will be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received before 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the deadline date. Applicants sending applications by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the closing date and time. If an application is received after closing due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the closing date and time, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, CDC will upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline.

Applications which do not meet the above criteria will not be eligible for competition and will be returned. Applicants will be notified of their failure to meet the submission requirements.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Application

Applicants are required to provide descriptions of prevention, surveillance, and monitoring activities, and, to identify outcome measures of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness that will demonstrate the accomplishment of the various identified objectives of the cooperative agreement. Measures of effectiveness must relate to the performance goals as stated in Section B. Purpose of this announcement. Measures must be objective and quantitative and must measure the intended outcome. These measures of effectiveness must be submitted with the application and will be an element of evaluation.

1. Program Plan (40 points)

a. The extent to which the applicant describes proposed interventions that are evidence-based, and justifies the appropriateness of the methods and design to be used in FAS prevention interventions and monitoring programs.

b. The extent to which the applicant describes their capacity to identify population(s) or geographic areas with increased rates of women at risk for having children with FAS, ascertain FAS cases and exposures, and track and monitor the impact of prevention activities.

c. The extent to which the applicant includes provisions for maintaining confidentiality of individual records and/or case reports, and protecting the status of reported cases.

d. The extent to which the applicant describes the adequacy of the proposed time-line and personnel for accomplishing the prevention and surveillance and monitoring activities.

e. The extent to which the application adequately addresses the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

(1) The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

(2) The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

(3) A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

(4) A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

2. Quality Assurance and Program Evaluation Plan (30 points)

The extent to which the applicant describes when and how interventions, and surveillance and monitoring systems, will be evaluated. The plan should outline the methods, design and process, and impact and outcome (effectiveness and cost-effectiveness) measures to be used in determining if the objectives are being achieved.

3. Assessment of Need (10 points)

The extent to which the applicant understands the purpose and objectives of this project, as reflected in their statement of purpose and need for the proposed prevention interventions, and FAS surveillance and prenatal alcohol monitoring systems. A detailed description should be provided of the proposed area, region or community targeted for this project based on relevant epidemiological and demographic information. Emphasis will be placed on demonstrated access to populations considered at greater risk for high prevalence rates of FAS and risk factors associated with FAS, and to the applicant's understanding of the importance of the proposed surveillance activity in identifying cases of FAS and reducing the risk of alcohol exposed pregnancies among childbearing-age women. Measures currently being used to estimate the magnitude of FAS, prenatal alcohol exposure, and risk factors for FAS should be described in detail and specifically related to the population(s) being targeted in the proposal.

4. Goals and Objectives (10 points)

The extent to which the applicant includes specific goals to be achieved by the proposed FAS prevention interventions and the proposed FAS surveillance and prenatal monitoring programs by the end of the five year project period. Each goal should be accompanied by objectives that are specific, time-phased, measurable and achievable. (*See* Attachment I, as posted on the CDC website.)

5. Organizational History and Capacity (10 points)

a. The extent to which the applicant describes past and current experience in developing and implementing effective and cost-effective FAS prevention intervention strategies, and in activities that develop and implement effective and cost-effective surveillance and prenatal alcohol exposure monitoring activities similar to the one(s) proposed in this application.

b. The extent to which the applicant describes their previous experience and accomplishments in the design, implementation, and evaluation of birth defects surveillance, prenatal alcohol exposure monitoring systems, and monitoring of population-based risk factors for FAS or other surveillance and monitoring systems.

c. The extent to which the applicant describes the training, experience, and competence of the proposed project director and staff in the design, implementation, and evaluation of surveillance and prenatal alcohol monitoring activities, and the availability of the staff to work on the proposed project. This includes staff from academic institutions that are assisting the applicant in design, implementation and evaluation of the project.

6. Budget Justification and Adequacy of Facilities (not scored)

The budget will be evaluated for the extent to which it is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of the cooperative agreement funds. The applicant shall describe and indicate the availability of facilities and equipment necessary to carry out this project.

7. Human Subjects Review (not scored)

Does the application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR part 46 for the protection of human subjects? (Not scored; however, an application can be disapproved if the research risks are sufficiently serious and protection against risks are so inadequate as to make the entire application unacceptable.)

I. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. An interim progress report, no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application and must include the following elements:

a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.

b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.

c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.

d. Detailed Line-Item Budget and Justification.

e. For all proposed contracts and consultants: (1) The name of contractor or consultant; (2) the method of selection; (3) the period of performance; (4) the scope of work; (5) the method of accountability; and, (6) an itemized budget with justification for each contract or consultant.

2. A financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the ''Where to Obtain Additional Information'' section of this announcement.

Additional Requirements

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment II of the program announcement as posted on the CDC Web site.

AR–1 Human Subject Requirements
AR–2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
AR–7 Executive Order 12372 Review
AR–8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements
AR–9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
AR–10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
AR–11 Healthy People 2010
AR–12 Lobbying Restrictions

J. Where To Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements, the necessary applications, and

associated forms can be found on the CDC Web site, Internet address: *http://www.cdc.gov.*

Click on ''Funding'' then ''Grants and Cooperative Agreements''.

For general questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341–4146, Telephone: (770) 488–2700.

For business management and budget assistance in the states, contact: Sheryl Heard, Grants Management Specialist, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341–4146, Telephone: (770) 488–2777, E-mail address: *slh3@cdc.*

For business management and budget assistance in the Territories, contact: Vincent Falzone, Grants Management Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341–4146, Telephone: (770) 488–2763, E-mail address: *vcf6@cdc.gov.*

For program technical assistance, contact: Jorge Rosenthal, Epidemiologist, Telephone: (770) 488–3525, E-mail address: *jyr4@cdc.gov.*

or

Louise Floyd, Supervisory Behavioral Scientist, Telephone: (770) 488–7372, E-mail address: *rlf3@cdc.gov.*

or

Connie Granoff, Public Health Analyst, Telephone: (770) 488–7513, E-mail address: *clg4@cdc.gov.*

Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, (F–49), Atlanta, GA 30341–3724.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Edward Schultz,

Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: HIV Community Based Prevention Projects for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, Program Announcement #03003

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): HIV Community Based Prevention Projects for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Unites States Virgin Islands, Program Announcement #03003.

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m., May 5, 2003—open. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., May 5, 2003—closed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 6, 2003—closed.

Place: Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Boulevard, NE., Atlanta, GA 30345 (404) 325–0000.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to PA# 03003.

Note: Due to program oversight, this **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Beth Wolfe, Prevention Support Office, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, CDC, Corporate Square Office Park, 8 Corporate Square Blvd., MS E–07, Atlanta, GA 30329, telephone (404) 639–8531.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures due to unforeseen circumstances. These circumstances include the following:

1. The Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) was the original research approach to be used to collect health status indicators on Social Maintenance Health Organization (SHMO) and MSHO/MnDHO beneficiaries. This survey proved inadequate for a frail population as the HOS is lengthy and it

was determined that response rates were too low when tested on the PACE population. Further, 43% of the MSHO community enrollees and approximately 89% of the MnDHO community enrollees are frail and Nursing Home Certifiable (NHC).

2. The State of Minnesota became very concerned about using the HOS due to the above findings by CMS, and preferred using the PHS for their beneficiaries who are more similar to beneficiaries in PACE.

3. MSHO/MnDHO health plans must comply with the same PACE PHS survey timelines to assure that the new risk adjustment payment approach will be implemented January 2004.

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by June 16, 2003, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by June 9, 2003. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Data Collection for Administering the PACE Health Survey to Beneficiaries Enrolled in the Dual Eligible Demonstrations, Minnesota Senior Health Options and Minnesota Disability Health Options; *Form No.:* CMS–10089 (OMB# 0938–XXXX); *Use:* The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has developed a survey, the PHS, that is similar to the Health Outcomes Survey (HOS). This survey was approved for PACE and the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) on March 14, 2003. This emergency is a request to include administering the OMB approved survey to beneficiaries enrolled in Minnesota Senior Health Options and Minnesota Disability Health Options (MSHO/MnDHO). The main purpose of the PHS is to collect health status information that may be used to adjust Medicare payment to MSHO/MnDHO health plan organizations. It has been successfully pilot-tested to assess response rates and accuracy of responses under different distribution approaches. The pilot test enabled CMS to select an approach whereby MSHO/MnDHO enrollees will be sent surveys to fill out and can request assistance from family or professionals; *Frequency:* Annually; Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 2,600; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,768; *Total Annual Hours:* 295.

We have submitted a copy of this notice to OMB for its review of these information collections. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** when approval is obtained.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at *http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm,* or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by June 9, 2003: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Room C5–14–03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850. Fax Number: (410) 786–3064, Attn: Dawn Willinghan, CMS–10089; and,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974 or (202) 395–5167 Attn: Brenda Agular, CMS Desk Officer.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Dawn Willinghan,

Acting, CMS Reports Clearance Officer, CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: OCSE–396A: Financial Report; and OCSE–34A: Quarterly Report of Collections.

OMB No.: 0970–0181.

Description: Each State agency administering the Child support Enforcement Program under Title IV–D of the Social Security Act is required to provide information to the Office of Child Support Enforcement concerning its administrative expenditures and its receipt and disposition of child support payments from non-custodial parents. These quarterly reporting forms enable each State to provide that information, which is used to compute both the quarterly grants awarded to each State and the annual incentive payments earned by each State. This information is also included in a published annual statistical and financial report, available to the general public.

Comments sent to the Office of Child Support Enforcement, both directly and in response to the **Federal Register** Notice published June 10, 2002 (67 FR 39727), *et seq.*), provided many useful recommendations to update and correct these financial reporting forms.

Based on these comments, these forms have been revised to conform with recent changes in Federal law and to enable State agencies to more accurately report financial data. In particular, State agencies will now be able to report amounts expended on computer systems in greater detail, and will be able to better differentiate the distribution of child support payments received on behalf of children in foster care facilities or who are current or former recipients of Medicaid payments. State agencies will now be able to identify those child support collections which, although undistributed, will be disbursed shortly to families and those collections that require further review before disbursement.

Respondents: State agencies administering the Child Support Enforcement Program.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
OCSE–396A	54	4	8	1,728
OCSE–34A	54	4	8	1,728

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,456.

Additional Information

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

OMB Comment

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attn:* Desk Officer for ACF.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: 45 CFR 1304 Head Start Program Performance Standards.

OMB No.: 0970–0148.

Description: Head Start Performance Standards require Head Start and Early Head Start Programs and Delegate Agencies to maintain program records. The Administration for Children and Families is proposing to renew the authority to require certain record keeping in all programs as provided for in 45 CFR 1304 Head Start Performance Standards. These standards prescribe the services that Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide to enrolled children and their families.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
	2,590	16	41.8	1,737,618

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,737,618.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 03N–0016]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; MedWatch: The FDA Medical Products Reporting Program

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the information collection provisions by May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: OMB is still experiencing significant delays in the regular mail, including first class and express mail, and messenger deliveries are not being accepted. To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be electronically mailed to sshapiro@omb.eop.gov or faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: Stuart Shapiro, Desk Officer for FDA, FAX 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen L. Nelson, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

MedWatch: The FDA Medical Products Reporting Program (OMB Control Number 0910–0291)—Extension

Under sections 512, 513, 515, and 903 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 360b, 360c, 360e, and 393); and section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262), FDA has the responsibility to ensure the safety and effectiveness of drugs, biologics, and devices. Under section 502(a) of the act (21 U.S.C. 352(a)), a drug or device is misbranded if its labeling is false or misleading. A drug or device is misbranded under section 502(f)(1) of the act if its labeling does not bear adequate warnings for use, and under section 502(j) of the act if it is dangerous to health when used as directed in its labeling.

Under section 4 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (the DSHEA) (21 U.S.C. 341), section 402 of the act (21 U.S.C 342) is amended so that FDA must bear the burden of proof to show a dietary supplement is unsafe.

To carry out its responsibilities, the agency needs to be informed whenever an adverse event, product problem or medication error occurs. Only if FDA is provided with such information, will the agency be able to evaluate the risk, if any, associated with the product, and take whatever action is necessary to reduce or eliminate the public's exposure to the risk through regulatory action ranging from labeling changes to the rare product withdrawal. To ensure the marketing of safe and effective products, certain adverse events must be reported. Requirements regarding mandatory reporting of adverse events or product problems have been codified in parts 310, 314, 600, and 803 (21 CFR parts 310, 314, 600, and 803), specifically §§ 310.305, 314.80, 314.98, 600.80, 803.30, 803.40, 803.50, 803.53, 803.56.

To implement these provisions for reporting of adverse events, product problems and/or medication error with medications, devices, biologics, and special nutritional products, as well as any other products that are regulated by FDA, two very similar forms are used. Form FDA 3500 is used for voluntary (i.e., not mandated by law or regulation) reporting of adverse events, product problems and medication errors by health professionals and the public. Form FDA 3500A is used for mandatory reporting (i.e., required by law or regulation).

Respondents to this collection of information are health professionals, hospitals and other user-facilities (e.g., nursing homes, etc.), consumers, and manufacturers, packers, distributors, and importers of biological and drug products and medical devices.

II. Use of the Voluntary Version (FDA Form 3500)

The voluntary version of the form is used to submit all adverse event, product problems, and medication error reports not mandated by Federal law or regulation.

Individual health professionals are not required by law or regulation to submit adverse event, product problem, or medication error reports to the agency or the manufacturer, with the exception of certain adverse reactions following immunization with vaccines as mandated by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. Those mandatory reports are submitted by physicians to the joint FDA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccines Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) on the VAERS–1 form (see http://www.vaers.org/pdf/vaers for pdf version), rather than the FDA 3500 or 3500A forms.

Hospitals are not required by Federal law or regulation to submit adverse event reports, product problems, or medication errors associated with medications, biological products, or special nutritional products. However, hospitals and other user facilities are required by Federal law to report medical device related deaths and serious illnesses or injuries.

Manufacturers of dietary supplements do not have to prove safety or efficacy of their products prior to marketing, nor do they have mandatory requirements for reporting adverse reactions to FDA. However, the DSHEA puts the onus on FDA to prove that a particular product is unsafe. The agency is dependent on the voluntary reporting by health professionals and consumers of suspected adverse events associated with the use of dietary supplements.

III. Use of the Mandatory Version (FDA Form 3500A)

A. Drug and Biologic Products

In sections 505(j) and 704 (21 U.S.C. 374) of the act, Congress has required that important safety information relating to all human prescription drug products be made available to FDA so that it can take appropriate action to protect the public health when necessary. Section 702 of the act (21 U.S.C. 372) authorizes investigational powers to FDA for enforcement of the act. These statutory requirements regarding mandatory reporting have been codified by FDA under parts 310 and 314 (drugs) and 600 (biologics). Parts 310, 314, and 600 mandate the use of the FDA Form 3500A form for reporting to FDA on adverse events that occur with drugs and biologics.

(Note: Most pharmaceutical manufacturers already use a 1-page modified version of the 3500A form where section G from the back of the form is substituted for section D on the front of the form.)

B. Medical Device Products

Section 519 of the act (21 U.S.C. 360i) requires manufacturers, packers and distributors and importers of devices intended for human use to establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may by regulation reasonably require to assure that such devices are not adulterated or misbranded and to otherwise assure its safety and effectiveness. The Safe Medical Device Act of 1990 amended section 519 of the act to require that user facilities, such as hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory surgical facilities and outpatient treatment facilities report deaths related to medical devices to FDA and to the manufacturer, if known. Serious illnesses and injuries are to be reported to the manufacturer or to FDA if the manufacturer is not known. These statutory requirements regarding mandatory reporting have been codified by FDA under part 803. Part 803 requires the use of the FDA Form 3500A for mandatory reporting to FDA on medical devices.

The Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 eliminated the reporting requirements for domestic

distributors of medical devices. In addition, section 303 of the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002 directs FDA to modify the MedWatch mandatory and voluntary forms to facilitate the reporting of information by user facilities or distributors as appropriate relating to reprocessed single-use devices, including the name of the reprocessor and whether the device has been reused.

C. Other Products Used in Medical Therapy

There are no mandatory requirements for the reporting of adverse events or product problems with products such as dietary supplements.

FDA estimates the burden for completing the forms for this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

FDA Center/(21 CFR Section)	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
CBER/CDER					
Form 3500	20,074	1	20,074	0.5	10,037
Form 3500A (§§ 310.305, 314.80, 314.98, and 600.80)	600	463.86	278,315	1.0	278,315
CDRH					
Form 3500	3,252	1	3,252	0.5	1,626
Form 3500A (part 803)	1,935	33	63,623	1.0	63,623
§ 803.10	2,845	2.4	6,828	.17	1.160
CFSAN					
Form 3500	895	1	895	0.5	448
Form 3500A (no mandatory requirements)	0	0	0	1.0	0
Total Hours					355,209
Form 3500					13,271
Form 3500A					343,098

(NOTE: CBER = Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research; CDER = Center for Drug Evaluation and Research; CDRH = Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and CFSAN = Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. FDA Form 3500 is for voluntary reporting; FDA Form 3500A is for mandatory reporting.)

The figures shown in table 1 of this document are based on actual calendar year 2002 reports and respondents for each center and type of report.

TABLE 2.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN[1]

FDA Center/21 CFR Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Annual Frequency per Recordkeeping	Total Annual Records	Hours per Recordkeeper	Total Hours
CDRH					
803.10	2,845	2.4	6,828	.17	1,160
Total					1,160

[1] There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

In the **Federal Register** of February 10, 2003 (68 FR 6752), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the information collection provisions. Two comments from organizations (Health Industry Manufacturers Association and Baxter Healthcare Corp.) were submitted. In general, the comments supported the reinstatement of the 3500A form with little or no modification since most manufacturers had made investments in systems that produce computer facsimiles of the form. Both organizations also questioned the need for a medical device ''Baseline Report,'' saying that most of the information is already provided to FDA on either the 3500A form or through the Medical Device registration and listing process.

FDA recognized the impact that a major modification of the 3500A form would have on computerized systems in place across the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. In addition, the agency agreed that there is redundancy of certain data elements among the 3500A, Baseline Report and the Medical Device Registration and Listing Process. However, the agency also felt that certain elements found on the baseline form and not duplicated elsewhere were essential. At that time,

experience with the use of the 3500A for mandatory medical device reporting and the need to collect information found only on the baseline report led the agency in 1998 to propose a major modification to the medical device sections of the 3500A form.

Dated: April 24, 2003.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 03N–0158]

Specification for Annotated Electrocardiographic Waveform Data in Electronic Format; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting comments on proposed specifications for annotated electrocardiographic (ECG) waveform data in electronic format. The proposed specifications are described in a Health Level Seven (HL7) informative document.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the specifications by May 29, 2003. General comments on agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the specifications are available on the Internet at http://www.hl7.org/V3AnnECG/index.htm. Submit written comments on the specifications to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norman Stockbridge, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD–110), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–594–5329, or e-mail: *stockbridgen@cder.fda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA considers the results of ECG tests in evaluating the safety and efficacy of certain new drugs, biologics, and devices. Traditionally, FDA has reviewed only summary representations of ECG data for the analysis of the safety and efficacy of products. The agency is interested in improving the evaluation of specific drug induced cardiac toxicity by reviewing ECG waveform data with detailed, sponsor generated annotations from the full spectrum of ECG devices, including 12-lead standard ECG, holter monitors, and implanted devices. On November 19, 2001, FDA held a public meeting to collect information regarding the content and format of annotated ECG waveform data that could be submitted to the agency in support of product applications.

Following the meeting, the Regulated Clinical Research Information Management Technical Committee (RCRIM) in HL7[1], in association with the Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)[2], investigated the technology necessary for the submission and review of this ECG data. The RCRIM then developed a model electronic format for the transportation of digital ECG waveform data, including annotations in the data message. The specifications on this annotated ECG waveform data message are provided in a proposed HL7 informative document. The document can be found on the HL7 Web site at http://www.hl7.org/V3AnnECG/index.htm.

II. Comments

We are interested in comments on the use of the proposed HL7 electronic format in providing annotated waveform ECG data to FDA in support of submissions for regulated products. Specifically, does the proposed message capture the appropriate level of detail about ECGs for assessment? Are there additions needed to the proposed controlled terminology? What are the issues concerning the creation of the HL7 message?

After FDA reviews any such comments concerning the HL7 proposal, the agency intends to issue a draft guidance setting forth its recommended electronic format for the submission of digital ECG waveform data. In those instances when the agency requests that a regulated entity submit ECG data electronically concerning a product, the draft guidance would describe an appropriate electronic format for the submission. Interested parties would have an opportunity to submit comments on this recommended format in response to the draft guidance. FDA would consider any such comments before publishing a guidance.

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments on the proposed specification. Two paper copies of any mailed comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one paper copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The proposed specifications and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the proposed specifications at http://www.hl7.org/V3AnnECG/index.htm.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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[1]Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc., (HL7) (www.HL7.org), is a nonprofit, ANSI-Accredited Standards Developing Organization that provides standards for the exchange, management and integration of data that supports clinical patient care and the management, delivery and evaluation of healthcare services. Its 2,200 members represent over 400 corporate members, including 90 percent of the largest information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7 international affiliates are active in Europe, Japan, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and Southern Africa.

[2]CDISC, (www.cdisc.org), is an open, multidisciplinary, nonprofit organization committed to the development of worldwide industry standards to support the electronic acquisition, exchange, submission and archiving of clinical trials data and metadata for medical and biopharmaceutical product development.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA–03–097 Fiscal Year 2003 Competitive Application Cycle for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program Grants for Career Ladder Programs (CARL)—CFDA 93.359

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program; Grants for Career Ladder Programs for Fiscal Year 2003.

Purpose: Grants will be awarded to eligible entities for programs—

(A) To promote career advancement for nursing personnel in a variety of training settings, cross training or specialty training among diverse

population groups, and the advancement of individuals including to become professional nurses, advanced education nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nurse assistants, and home health aides;

(B) To assist individuals in obtaining education and training required to enter the nursing profession and to advance within such profession, such as by providing career counseling and mentoring.

Authorizing Legislation: These applications are solicited under the authority of title VIII, section 831 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended.

Statutory Matching or Cost Sharing Requirements: None.

Eligible Applicants: The following are eligible entities: a school of nursing, a health care facility, or a partnership of such a school and facility, nursing centers, academic health centers, State or local governments, and other public and private non profit entities.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 805 of the Public Health Service Act, a funding preference will be applied to approved applications with projects that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State or local health departments. This preference will be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval.

Administrative Funding Priority: In making awards under this program a funding priority will be given to those projects that provide career paths leading to Registered Nurse licensure.

Administrative Special Consideration: Special consideration will be given to applicants that propose collaborative approaches for increasing the number of students in rural and underserved areas who can access educational opportunities through the use of electronic distance learning methodologies.

Review Criteria: Applications will be reviewed by a panel of peer reviewers using the following criteria:

(a) A clearly stated project purpose;

(b) A documented need for the proposed project;

(c) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project;

(d) A clearly articulated project plan including evaluation of project objectives;

(e) A plan for addressing diversity and cultural competence;

(f) A comprehensive plan for project management;

(g) The reasonableness of the budget and fiscal plan;

(h) The presence of established and/or planned linkages with relevant entities.

Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Available Funds: It is estimated that $3 million will be available in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated Number of Awards: This is a new program; the estimated number of awards may range from 12 to 30 in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated or Average Size of Each Award: This is a new grant program; the estimated costs are expected to vary considerably with a range from $100,000 to $250,000.

Estimated Project Period: Applications may be submitted for 2 years, 10 months. The first budget period is September 1, 2003—June 30, 2004; the second and third budget periods are July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005 and July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006 respectively.

Application Requests, Availability, Dates and Addresses: Applicants for this program are encouraged to notify HRSA, Division of Nursing of their intent to apply. Notification can be made in one of three ways: call, e-mail or mail Dr. Madeline Turkeltaub of your intent. Telephone (301) 443–6334; e-mail *mturkeltaub@hrsa.gov;* mail Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 9–36, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857. Application materials will be available for downloading via the web at *http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants.htm* on April 29, 2003. Applicants may also request a hardcopy of the application material by contacting the HRSA Grants Application Center, 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 450, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20879, by calling at 1–877–477–2123, or by fax at 1–877–477–2345. Applications may not be submitted electronically at this time. In order to be considered for competition, hard copy applications must be postmarked by the due date of June 6, 2003. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. An application receipt will be provided. Applications submitted after the deadline date will be returned to the applicant and not processed.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Turkeltaub, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9–36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Central telephone is (301) 443–6193. E-mail: *mturkeltaub@hrsa.gov.*

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Application for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 00915–0060. The program is not subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

Dated: April 16, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA–03–096 Fiscal Year 2003 Competitive Application Cycle for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program Internship and Residency Programs (INRE)—CFDA 93.359

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program; Grants for Internships and Residency Programs for Fiscal Year 2003.

Purpose: Grants will be awarded to eligible entities for programs to develop and implement internship and residency programs to encourage mentoring and the development of specialties.

Authorizing Legislation: These applications are solicited under the authority of title VIII, section 831 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended.

Statutory Matching or Cost Sharing Requirement: None.

Eligible Applicants: The following are eligible entities: Schools of nursing, health care facilities, or a partnership of such a school and facility; academic health centers, State or local governments, and, other public and private non profit entities determined appropriate by the Secretary. Non profit (entities) means any school, agency, organization or institution which is a

corporation or association or is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations, no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual as defined in Section 801(7) of the PHS Act.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences: As provided in section 805 of the Public Health Service Act, a funding preference will be applied to approved applications with projects that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State or local health departments. This preference will be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval.

Review Criteria: Applications will be reviewed by a panel of peer reviewers using the following criteria:

(a) A clearly stated project purpose;

(b) A documented need for the proposed project;

(c) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project;

(d) A clearly articulated project plan including evaluation of project objectives;

(e) A plan for addressing diversity and cultural competence;

(f) A comprehensive plan for project management;

(g) The reasonableness of the budget and fiscal plan;

(h) The presence of established and/or planned linkages with relevant entities.

Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Available Funds: It is estimated that $3 million will be available in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated Number of Awards: This is a new program; the estimated number of awards may range from 12 to 30 in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated or Average Size of Each Award: This is a new grant program; the estimated costs are expected to vary considerably with a range from $75,000 to $250,000.

Estimated Project Period: Applications may be submitted for 2 years, 10 months. The first budget period is September 1, 2003–June 30, 2004; the second and third budget periods are July 1, 2004–June 30, 2005 and July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006 respectively.

Application Requests, Availability, Dates and Addresses: Applicants for this program are encouraged to notify HRSA, Division of Nursing of their intent to apply. Notification can be made in one of three ways: call, e-mail or mail Dr. Madeleine Hess of your intent. Telephone (301) 443–6336; e-mail *mhess@hrsa.gov;* mail Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 9–35, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857. Application materials will be available for downloading via the web at *http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants.htm* on April 29, 2003. Applicants may also request a hard copy of the application material by contacting the HRSA Grants Application Center, 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 450, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20879, by calling at 1–877–477–2123, or by fax at 1–877–477–2345. Applications may not be submitted electronically at this time. In order to be considered for competition, hard copy applications must be postmarked by the due date of June 6, 2003. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. An application receipt will be provided. Applications submitted after the deadline date will be returned to the applicant and not processed.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeleine Hess, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9–35, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone number: (301) 443–6336. E-mail: *mhess@hrsa.gov.*

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Application for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 00915–0060. The program is not subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

Dated: April 16, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA–03–095 Fiscal Year 2003 Competitive Application Cycle for the Enhancing Patient Care Delivery System Program Grants (PCDS)—CFDA 93.359

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program; Grants for Enhancing Patient Care Delivery System Program for Fiscal Year 2003.

Authorizing Legislation: These applications are solicited under the authority of title VIII, section 831 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended.

Purpose: Grants will be awarded to eligible entities for programs to improve the retention of nurses and enhance patient care that is directly related to nursing activities by enhancing collaboration and communication among nurses and other health care professionals, and by promoting nurse involvement in the organizational and clinical decision making processes of a health care facility.

Statutory Matching or Cost Sharing Requirement: None.

Eligible Applicants: The following are eligible entities: schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, a health care facility, or a partnership of such a school and facility, State or local governments and other public or private nonprofit entities.

Funding Preference: As provided in section 805 of the Public Health Service Act, a funding preference will be applied to approved applications with projects that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations, or help meet public health nursing needs in State or local health departments. This preference will be applied to applications that rank above the 20th percentile of applications recommended for approval.

Review Criteria: Applications will be reviewed by a panel of peer reviewers using the following criteria:

(a) A clearly stated project purpose;

(b) A documented need for the proposed project;

(c) The potential effectiveness of the proposed project;

(d) A clearly articulated project plan including evaluation of project objectives;

(e) A plan for addressing diversity and cultural competence;

(f) A comprehensive plan for project management;

(g) The reasonableness of the budget and fiscal plan;

(h) The presence of established and/or planned linkages with relevant entities.

Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of Available Funds: It is estimated that $3 million will be available in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated Number of Awards: This is a new program; the estimated number of awards may range from 12 to 40 in fiscal year 2003.

Estimated or Average Size of Each Award: This is a new grant program; the estimated costs are expected to vary considerably with a range from $25,000 to $200,000.

Estimated Funding Period: The award will be divided in two phases for 4 years, 10 months. Years 1–3 would provide for implementation of the project plan. The first budget period is September 1, 2003—June 30, 2004; the second and third budget periods are July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005 and July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006 respectively. Years 4–5 would provide for continuation of reporting project evaluation data with budget periods of July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007 and July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008.

Application Requests, Availability, Dates and Addresses: Applicants for this program are encouraged to notify HRSA, Division of Nursing of their intent to apply. Notification can be made in one of three ways: call, e-mail or mail CDR James Sabatinos of your intent. Telephone (301) 443–1272; e-mail *jsabatinos@hrsa.gov*; mail Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 9–36, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857. Application materials will be available for downloading via the web at *http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants.htm* on April 29, 2003. Applicants may also request a hardcopy of the application material by contacting the HRSA Grants Application Center, 901 Russell Avenue, Suite 450, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20879, by calling at 1–877–477–2123, or by fax at 1–877–477–2345. Applications may not be submitted electronically at this time. In order to be considered for competition, hard copy applications must be postmarked by the due date of June 6, 2003. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. An application receipt will be provided. Applications submitted after the deadline date will be returned to the applicant and not processed.

Projected Award Date: September 1, 2003

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR James Sabatinos, FNP–C, RN, MSN, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Room 9–36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Central telephone is (301) 443–1272.

E-mail: *jsabatinos@hrsa.gov*.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Application for the Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Program has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 00915–0060. The program is not subject to the provision of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

Dated: April 16, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Title: Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program and Individuals and Households Program (IHP)-Other Needs Assistance (ONA).

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0018.

Abstract: The Individual and Family Grant (IFG) and Individuals and Households Program (IHP) regulations, 44 CFR 206.131 and 206.119, is intended to provide funds to individuals and families to permit them to meet disaster-related expenses or serious needs for which assistance from other means is either unavailable or inadequate. Meeting these needed expenses as expeditiously as possible will require States to make an early commitment of personnel and resources. The collection of information is a series of forms and reports, which assist regional staff and headquarters staff in monitoring compliance, consistency and uniformity in delivery to disaster applicants, and complying with federal requirements.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 7362.

Estimated Time per Respondent: FEMA Form 76–27, 15 minutes; FEMA Form 76–28, 5 minutes; FEMA Form 76–29, 30 minutes; FEMA Form 76–32, 30 minutes; FEMA Form 76–34, 240 minutes; FEMA Form 76–38, 120 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 814 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, weekly, and monthly.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646–3347, or e-mail address *InformationCollections@fema.gov.*

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Edward W. Kernan,

Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.

[FR Doc. 03–10481 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4849–N–05]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Requested; Record of Employee Interview

AGENCY: Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination, Office of Labor Relations, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Dates: June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a, Washington, DC 20410 or *Wayne__Eddins@HUD.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410 or *Jade–M.–Banks@hud.gov;* telephone (202) 708–0370 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Record of Employee Interview.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2501–0009.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD and local agencies administering HUD-assisted programs collect information from laborers and mechanics employed on HUD projects to ensure that wages paid to these workers meets Federal labor standards requirements applicable to their work. HUD and local agencies must retain this information to document the compliance of employers and the sufficiency of local agency enforcement efforts. HUD proposes to modify this form in order to clarify certain 2 information and to collect more specific information from the employees. The additional information will better enable contract monitors ensure that the laborers and mechanics receive the wages to which they are entitled and will assist in enforcement actions, if necessary. The collection of the additional information will not significantly increase the burden on, and will serve to better protect respondents.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD–11.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required	Total time required/annum
Interviews	20,000	.25 hours	5,000 hours.
Record Keeping	20,000	.16 hours	3,200 hours.
Total Annual Burden			8,200 hours

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Frank L. Davis,

Director, Departmental Operations and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Waubay, SD

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Summary for Waubay National Wildlife Refuge and Wetland Management District Complex (Complex) is available. This Plan describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage the Complex for the next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Plan or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 44401 134A Street, Waubay, SD 57273; or download from *http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Martin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 44401 134A Street, Waubay, SD 57273. Phone 605–947–4521; fax 605–947–4524; or e-mail: *larry__d__martin@fws.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 4,650 acres, is located in Day County in northeastern South Dakota. The Refuge's mix of lakes, wetlands, prairie, forests, and cropland is home to a diversity of wildlife. More than 100 bird species nest on this small piece of habitat, with 37 mammals also calling it home. Waubay NWR was established by President Roosevelt in 1935 as ''a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.''

Waubay Wetland Management District (WMD) protects over 250,000 acres of wetlands and prairie in six counties of northeastern South Dakota. The area's mix of native grass, planted grasses, cropland, and wetlands support a variety of wildlife. The WMD is home to 247 species of birds, 43 species of mammals, and over 20 species of amphibians and reptiles. Breeding waterfowl and grassland-dependent passerines are two groups that are especially prominent.

The availability of the Draft CCP/Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 in Volume 67, Number 103. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Waubay National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the next 15 years. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would continue current management of the Refuge and Wetland Management District (WMD). Alternative B, the Tallgrass Prairie Alternative, would focus on protecting and restoring tallgrass prairie in the Minnesota-Red River Lowlands of the WMD. Alternative C, Enhanced Management, the preferred alternative, would increase management of Complex habitats and public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative C was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes of the Refuge and WMD as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and wild animals. The preferred alternative will also provide for enhanced public access for wildlife-dependent recreation, and provides environmental education opportunities related to fish and wildlife resources.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Elliott Sutta,

Acting Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-day Finding for a Petition To List the Midvalley Fairy Shrimp as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90-day petition finding and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a 90-day finding for a petition to list the midvalley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We find the petition presents substantial information to indicate that listing may be warranted. We are therefore initiating a status review of the species, and will issue a 12-month finding to determine if the petitioned action is warranted. To help ensure the review is comprehensive, we are soliciting information and data regarding this species.

DATES: The finding announced in this document was made on April 18, 2003. To be considered in the 12-month finding on this petition, comments and information should be submitted to us by June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this finding is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825–1846. Submit new information, materials, comments, or questions concerning this species to the Service at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glen Tarr, at the address given above (telephone 916/414–6652; facsimile 916/414–6713; electronic mail: *Glen__Tarr@fws.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are to base this finding on all information available to us at the time we make the finding. To the maximum extent practicable, we must make this finding within 90 days of receiving the petition and publish the notice of the finding promptly in the **Federal Register**. Our standard for substantial information within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) with regard to a 90-day petition finding is ''that amount of information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the measure proposed in the petition may be warranted'' (50 CFR 424.14(b)). If the finding is that substantial information was presented, we are required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species, if one has not already been initiated, under our internal candidate assessment process.

On August 31, 2001, we received a petition dated August 14, 2001 submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity and VernalPools.Org. The petition requests us to list the midvalley fairy shrimp as an endangered species, to designate critical habitat for the species, and to list the species on an emergency basis. The petition presents extensive information regarding the biology of the midvalley fairy shrimp and threats to the species, which we address below. We have reached our 90-day finding on this petition in accordance with a consent decree that requires us to complete a finding by April 21, 2003 (*Butte Environmental Council* v. *Wayne White,* Consent Decree, CIV.S–00–797 WBS).

Biology and Distribution

The midvalley fairy shrimp is a small (7 to 20 millimeter (mm) (0.28 to 0.79 inch (in)), freshwater crustacean that lives in vernal pools, vernal swales and other ephemeral water bodies near the middle of California's Central Valley (Helm 1998; Eriksen and Belk 1999; Belk and Fugate 2000). It is known from 52 occurrences in seven California counties: Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera and Fresno (California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) 2002). Midvalley fairy shrimp populations survive the seasonal desiccation of their pools by laying dormant eggs called cysts, which can withstand extreme temperatures, the digestive tracts of animals and, if necessary, years of dessication before hatching. Since not all cysts hatch with any given refilling of their pool, the cysts form a ''bank'' in the soil from which new populations of adults may develop, even in pools that have not had adults for years (Eriksen and Belk 1999).

The habitat requirements and life history characteristics of the midvalley fairy shrimp are similar to those of four other shrimp species that we listed in 1994: the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*B. longiantenna*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*B. lynchi*), and vernal

pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*) (59 FR 48136; September 19, 1994). However, the midvalley fairy shrimp has a smaller overall range, and tends to use shallower pools, than these other species.

Analysis of Threats

As the petition points out, we acknowledged in our 1994 listing of four other vernal pool shrimp species (59 FR 48136) that California's remaining vernal pools have been under severe pressure from urban development, agricultural conversion and associated hydrological changes. The petition also points to evidence of high annual losses of vernal pool habitat prior to 1997 (Holland 1998), high population growth estimates, and threats from specific proposed development projects such as the new University of California (UC) Merced campus. We believe the petition substantially supports the case that loss of habitat may constitute a threat to vernal pool species. It is less clear, however, to what extent existing regulatory mechanisms may ameliorate that threat in the case of the midvalley fairy shrimp.

Section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to ''insure that any action authorized, funded or carried out by such agency . . . is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical habitat].'' To that end, Federal agencies are required to consult with us on projects likely to affect listed species in the project area, and to obtain from us a biological opinion detailing the reasonable and prudent alternatives (if any) that the project applicant must take to avoid jeopardy or adverse modification (16 U.S.C. 1536). For projects affecting vernal pool habitat, we interpret this to mean that if a listed vernal pool species may occur in the same 7.5′ quadrangle (the area covered by a 1:24,000 scale USGS topological map) as the project, the applicant must typically conduct 2 years of surveys to demonstrate that the listed species is not present (Service 1996). The discovery of a listed species likely to be affected by the project triggers the need for section 7 consultation and appropriate documentation.

All of the known midvalley fairy shrimp occurrences are in quadrangles that are either known to contain, or may contain, occurrences of at least one of the four listed vernal pool shrimp species mentioned under Factor A, above (CNDDB 2002; Service in litt., 2003a; Service, in litt., 2003b). Consequently, prospective developers requiring a Federal permit (such as a permit to fill vernal pools under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)) would already have to survey for listed species prior to developing midvalley fairy shrimp pools in those quadrangles. Although the petition argues that vernal pools with midvalley fairy shrimp and no listed species would not be protected under section 7, this is only true as applied to vernal pool complexes with no listed species rather than to single pools. We define populations of listed vernal pool shrimp according to occupied complexes rather than by single pools (Service 2002a) because cysts in individual pools may wait several years to hatch, causing adult populations to appear to move from pool to pool in a complex over time. The midvalley fairy shrimp does not typically occupy the same pools as other fairy shrimp species (Eriksen and Belk 1999). However, it is not clear to what extent listed shrimp may be expected to occupy the vernal pool complexes containing midvalley fairy shrimp. The CNDDB mentions the presence of listed vernal pool shrimp species (typically vernal pool fairy shrimp) at 16 of the 52 midvalley fairy shrimp occurrences. Fifteen of these are in the area of the proposed UC Merced campus, while the sixteenth is in a mitigation site in Sacramento County. We have no information at this time to indicate the Act would protect midvalley fairy shrimp in most of the other 36 occurrences.

Additionally, Section 7 consultations require some form of Federal agency involvement, which for vernal pool species generally means a section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act. The recent ruling by the Supreme Court in *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County* v. *United States Corps of Engineers et al,* 531 U.S. 159 (2001) (SWANCC) makes the application of the CWA to vernal pools (and, by extension, the protective power of section 7 of the Act) more tenuous. The Court in SWANCC determined that use of a water body by migratory waterfowl was insufficient in itself to establish that body as part of the ''waters of the United States'' subject to Federal jurisdiction. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) of the Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (68 FR 1991) to address the question of which wetlands are still subject to the CWA. The notice indicates that field staff should address wetland jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis, and should avoid certain bases of jurisdiction altogether—*i.e.* where the sole basis for asserting CWA jurisdiction is the ''Migratory Bird Rule'' (51 FR 41206; November 13, 1986). It is not clear what this will mean for application of the CWA to vernal pools within the range of the midvalley fairy shrimp, although to date the ACOE has continued to assert jurisdiction over vernal pools in the area.

The petition also argues that the Act would not adequately protect midvalley fairy shrimp even if they always co-occurred with listed species, because the smaller range of the midvalley shrimp leaves it comparatively more vulnerable to habitat loss. We do not expect this to be a factor, since we typically require specific vernal pool preservation and creation ratios as mitigation for any amount of listed vernal pool species habitat directly or indirectly affected by a project (Service 1999). Projects in the San Joaquin Valley, and those likely to affect more than a single acre of vernal pool habitat used by a listed species, are subject to individual review and further requirements.

The midvalley fairy shrimp's preference for shallower vernal pools than listed species could occasionally lead to disproportionate impacts, although we expect this to be rare. The range of average pond depths occupied by midvalley fairy shrimp (5 to 15 cm) is completely included within the range of average depths of pools occupied by both vernal pool fairy shrimp and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (2 to 122 cm and 2 to 151 cm, respectively) (Helm 1998). These two listed shrimps are also the most commonly occurring of the four listed species (CNDDB 2002), and so are the most likely to determine modifications or mitigation measures for projects that also affect midvalley fairy shrimp. The other two listed species, longhorn fairy shrimp and Conservancy fairy shrimp, occupy pools with average depths in the upper half of the range of ponding depths used by the midvalley fairy shrimp (10 to 27 cm and 10 to 40 cm, respectively). Hence it is likely that reasonable and prudent alternatives determined for the protection of one of the listed shrimp species, such as the establishment of mitigation banks for vernal pool fairy shrimp, would also provide protected habitat for the midvalley fairy shrimp. It would be possible, however, for a project to avoid habitat preferred by a listed species in favor of habitat preferred by the midvalley fairy shrimp. The petition suggests such a situation applies to the proposed UC Merced campus in eastern Merced County (see below).

The petition characterizes the UC Merced campus as a threat to the

species despite the known co-occurrence of listed shrimp species in the area. However, the petition was submitted prior to completion of a biological opinion for phase one of construction (BO or opinion) (Service 2002b). Although phase 1 construction as currently planned does not directly impact any vernal pools, the opinion recognizes the likely impacts further construction will have, and establishes a set of environmental parameters and conservation measures for the University to follow. These include preservation of extensive tracts of high quality vernal pool grasslands, judicious siting and design and use of best management practices. They also require the development of numerous conservation plans, including: A wetlands mitigation plan to prevent any net loss of wetlands functions or values; a compensation strategy for protected vernal pool crustaceans; a construction mitigation plan; and a project compensation plan to identify funding mechanisms for long-term management and monitoring of preserves. In addition to the required parameters and conservation measures, the opinion includes recommendations encouraging the university to evaluate and conserve species of concern, including the midvalley fairy shrimp. Although the university has already identified and secured 5,780 acres of land containing high quality vernal pool habitat for preservation, most of the conservation plans have not yet been completed.

Under our policy for the evaluation of conservation efforts when making listing decisions (PECE policy), we must weigh both the certainty that conservation efforts will be implemented and the certainty that they will be effective in reducing the level of threat to the species. In this case the primary threat is loss of habitat, which the BO can potentially reduce in the vicinity of the proposed campus. Because many of the plans required by the BO are not yet completed and approved, however, the opinion as it now stands does not adequately identify the conservation effort, nor are the specifics approved by all parties. These points detract from the opinion's certainty of implementation under points A1 and A9 of the PECE policy. Additionally, the certainty of the opinion's effectiveness is reduced by the current lack of explicit incremental objectives and dates (point B2); as well as by the lack of specificity in some areas regarding the steps for achieving conservation goals (point B3), the parameters for determining progress (point B4), and the provisions for monitoring (point B5). Finally, since most of the enforceable conservation measures are established for the protection of listed species, it is not clear to what extent the midvalley fairy shrimp will benefit (point B1). The petition argues, for instance, that by moving the planned supporting community site to the southern end of the property in order to benefit listed shrimp the opinion will actually increase impacts to the midvalley fairy shrimp by concentrating construction in an area of shallow, low terrace vernal pools preferred by that species. Accordingly, the BO as it currently stands does not provide sufficient certainty that conservation efforts will be implemented nor that they will be effective in reducing the level of threat to the midvalley fairy shrimp.

The petition also addresses the extent to which the CWA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) protect the midvalley fairy shrimp, concluding that in the absence of protected species or critical habitat neither statute is likely to prevent significant habitat loss. The CWA allows fill of up to 0.2 ha (0.5 ac) of wetlands without individualized permits, and does not require notification for many projects involving less than 0.04 ha (0.1 ac). Similarly, CEQA has not been implemented in such a way as to consistently require mitigation for vernal pool losses. We agree that these statutes fail to provide an adequate level of protection for the species.

Finally, of the 52 known occurrences of the midvalley fairy shrimp, 3 are in National Wildlife Refuges, 2 are in mitigation banks and 2 are in Nature Conservancy conservation easements (CNDDB 2002; Service in litt. 2003c) that may receive some portection. These seven occurrences are likely to receive increased local protection. Roughly 10 other occurrences are based on the survey we commissioned in 2001 that produced inaccurate and incomplete data. This leaves at least 35 occurrences that are well documented but lack local protections. Eighteen of these 35 occurrences are on the proposed UC Merced campus, and 15 of those are known to co-occur with listed species. As discussed above, the protections provided for these occurrences are tenuous due to the uncertainty of continued ACOE assertion of jurisdiction over isolated vernal pools and the pending nature of the protections identified under the biological opinion for phase 1 of UC Merced construction. We therefore believe that existing regulatory mechanisms are not sufficient at this time to protect the species as a whole from the acknowledged habitat pressures discussed above.

The petition also argues that because midvalley fairy shrimp populations tend to be small and isolated, they may suffer from inbreeding depression (decline of population fitness due to inbreeding) and from local extirpations, after which they are unable to recolonize. However, fairy shrimp cysts are ''passively dispersed with high probability by shore birds and other animals'' (Fugate 1998). Fugate (1998) goes on to note that under the most likely model, North American fairy shrimp species tend to become effectively isolated from each other at distances of 1,000 to 2,000 kilometers (km) (621 to 1,243 miles (mi)). The farthest distance between midvalley fairy shrimp occurrences documented in the CNDDB (2002) is approximately 257 km (160 mi). Naturally, local features will affect these generalized figures, and a population of shrimp in a vernal pool complex that has become too degraded may be in greater danger of genetic abnormalities or extirpation. However, the petition does not present such site-specific evidence, nor are we aware of any.

Emergency Listing

The petition also requests us to list the midvalley fairy shrimp as endangered on an emergency basis. Under section 4(b)(7) of the Act, and regulations at 50 CFR 424.20, we may list a species on an emergency basis if the threats to the species constitute an emergency posing a significant risk to the well-being of the species. We believe the existing regulatory mechanisms discussed above are sufficient at this time to prevent the threat of habitat loss from constituting an emergency.

Finding

We have reviewed the petition, literature cited in the petition, other pertinent literature, and information available in Service files. We conclude the species may be threatened by habitat loss, and that existing regulatory mechanisms may not be sufficient to protect the species. Accordingly, we find the petition presents substantial information to indicate that listing the midvalley fairy shrimp may be warranted.

We have also reviewed the available information to determine if the existing and foreseeable threats pose an emergency. We have determined that an emergency listing is not warranted at this time.

The petition also requests us to designate critical habitat for this species. We always consider the need for critical habitat designation when

listing species. If we determine in the 12-month finding determines that listing the midvalley fairy shrimp is warranted, we will address the designation of critical habitat in the subsequent proposed listing rule.

Public Information Solicited

When we make a finding that substantial information exists to indicate that listing a species may be warranted, we are required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species. To ensure that the status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting information on the midvalley fairy shrimp. We request any additional information, comments, and suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties concerning the status of the midvalley fairy shrimp. We are seeking information regarding historic and current distribution, the species' biology and ecology, ongoing conservation measures for the species and its habitat, and threats to the species and its habitat.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this finding to the Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Respondents may request that we withhold a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available form public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

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Author

The primary author of this document is Glen Tarr (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 18, 2003.

Steve Williams,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance for Take of Nestling American Peregrine Falcons in the Contiguous United States and Alaska for Falconry

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce the availability of a Draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance document on take of nestling American Peregrine Falcons (Falco peregrinus anatum) for falconry. We published a final Environmental Assessment in April 2001. The draft Revised Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance was done to correct an error in the modeling on which the earlier Environmental Assessment was based and to use population data since delisting to assess the effects of take of nestlings for falconry.

DATES: Comments on the Environmental Assessment, Management Plan, and Implementation Guidance are due by June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The document is available from, and written comments about it should be submitted to, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 634, Arlington, Virginia 22203–1610. The fax number for a request or for comments is 703–358–2272. You can request a copy of the Environmental Assessment by calling 703–358–1714. The Assessment also is available on the Division of Migratory Bird Management web pages at *http://migratorybirds.fws.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. George Allen, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 703–358–1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American peregrine falcon (*Falco*

peregrinus anatum) occurs throughout much of North America from the subarctic boreal forests of Alaska and Canada south to Mexico. American peregrine falcons nest from central Alaska, central Yukon Territory, and northern Alberta and Saskatchewan, east to the Maritimes and south (excluding coastal areas north of the Columbia River in Washington and British Columbia) throughout western Canada and the United States to Baja California, Sonora, and the highlands of central Mexico. American peregrine falcons that nest in subarctic areas generally winter in South America. Those that nest at lower latitudes exhibit variable migratory behavior; and some do not migrate.

Peregrine falcons declined precipitously in North America following World War II, a decline attributed largely to organochlorine pesticides, mainly DDT, applied in the United States and Canada. Because of the decline, the American peregrine was listed as endangered in 1970 (35 FR 16047).

Recovery goals for American peregrine falcons in the United States were substantially exceeded in some areas, and in August 1999 the American peregrine was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (64 FR 46541). Anticipating delisting, in June 1999 the States, through the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, proposed allowing take of nestling American peregrines for falconry.

In an October 1999 **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 53686), we stated that we would consider a conservative take of nestling peregrines from healthy populations of American peregrine falcons in the western U.S. and Alaska. We published a Final Environmental Assessment in April 2001. The draft Revised Environmental Assessment was done to correct an error in the modeling on which the earlier Environmental Assessment was based. In the models the breeding age for American peregrines was inadvertently set at two years of age, rather than three. Though some peregrines breed as early as age two, to be conservative we intended to model breeding first at age three. Corrected modeling and evaluation of recent American peregrine falcon population data in the western United States indicated that the adult mortality figure used for comparisons in the original Environmental Assessment was too high. Therefore, we based analyses in the revised Environmental Assessment on updated American peregrine falcon population, productivity, and mortality information for the western U.S. population.

The nesting population in States west of 100° longitude in 1998 was at least 1091 pairs. Based on recent data provided by the States, we believe that since delisting the American peregrine falcon population in the western United States has grown. At a minimum, we believe the population to have been 10% greater in 2001 than it was in 1998. We also determined that recent productivity in the western United States has averaged about 1.51 young per nesting attempt.

To determine an appropriate value to use for adult mortality in the assessment, we used post-delisting data from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Population data from those States, combined with modeling of population change, indicated that adult mortality since delisting has been 10.1% per year.

We considered six alternatives to address potential take of nestling American peregrine falcons in the western United States and Alaska. The No Action Alternative would mean that no legal take of peregrine falcons for falconry can occur. We also evaluated allowing take of 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% of annual production in states west of 100° longitude. The sixth alternative we evaluated was lifting the current restriction on take by falconry permittees in 11 contiguous western States and Alaska. The preferred alternative is to allow take of 5% of the nestlings produced in Western States, with take at the discretion of each State. The 5% level of take would allow continued good population growth if population density does not affect reproduction or survival.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Paul R. Schmidt,

Assistant Director, Migratory Birds and State Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Law and Order on Indian Reservations

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to reassume judicial jurisdiction.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Bureau of Indian Affairs' intent to reassume judicial jurisdiction for the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma and to administer court cases under the Court of Indian Offenses for the Southern Plains Region.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Bruner, Tribal Government Officer, Southern Plains Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 368, WCD Office Complex, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005, Telephone (405) 247–6673 ext 209, Fax (405) 247–9240; or Ralph Gonzales, Branch of Judicial Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS 320–SIB, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 208–4401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under part 209, Chapter 8, of the Departmental Manual (209 DM 8).

On November 16, 2002, the Kaw Executive Council passed a motion to return court function to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. On December 12, 2002, Resolution 96(a) was adopted by a majority of the Executive Council for the same purpose. By letter dated February 28, 2003, the Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, advised the Kaw Nation that the funding for the tribal court was being withdrawn and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Regional Office's (formerly the Anadarko Area Office) Court of Indian Offenses would reassume jurisdiction over matters arising within the Kaw Nation, as listed in 25 CFR part 11.100(a)(9)(x). The Court of Indian Offenses for the tribes in western Oklahoma was established in response to the decisions of *United States* v. *Littlechief,* No. CR–76–207–D, and *State of Oklahoma* v. *Littlechief,* 573 P.2d 263 (Okla. Crim. App. 1978), which held that the State of Oklahoma lacked jurisdiction over matters occurring on trust or restricted lands (44 FR 37502). This Court of Indian Offenses continues to serve those tribes in the Southern Plains Region which have not established tribal courts. The Kaw Nation's retrocession and closing of its tribal court creates a jurisdictional vacuum. In order to protect lives, persons, and property of people residing within the Nation's jurisdiction, the Bureau of Indian Affairs must immediately reassume judicial jurisdiction within the Indian country of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, until such time as the Nation reestablishes its court in accordance with 25 CFR 11.100(c). For this reason, effective April 29, 2003, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reassumes

judicial jurisdiction for the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Dated: April 15, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–962–1410–HY–P; F–14844–A, AHA–1]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of modified decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the decision to issue conveyance to Ahtna, Incorporated (Successor in Interest to Cantwell Yedatene Na Corporation), notice of which was published in the **Federal Register**, 45 FR 64723 to 64728, on September 30, 1980, and corrected, 45 FR 70984, on October 27, 1980, is modified to make the conveyance subject to a right-of-way grant. Notice of this decision will also be published four times in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until May 29, 2003 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri Belenski, by phone at (907) 271–3333, or by e-mail at *Sherri–Belenski@ak.blm.gov*.

Sherri D. Belenski,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–962–1410–HY–P; AA–41488, CHA–7]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Chugach Alaska Corporation, for lands in T. 11 N., R. 9 E., Seward Meridian, located in the vicinity of Coghill Point, Alaska, containing approximately 13 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Cordova Times*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until May 29, 2003 to file an appeal.

1. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–962–1410–HY–P; AA–6680–B, BBA–8]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Paug-Vik Incorporated, Limited for lands in T. 17 S., R. 45 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska, located in Naknek, Alaska, containing 14.19 acres. Notice of this decision will also be published four times in the *Bristol Bay Times*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until May 29, 2003 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri Belenski, by phone at (907) 271–3333, or by e-mail at *Sherri–Belenski@ak.blm.gov*.

Sherri D. Belenski,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–050–03–1330–NJ; 9260]

Arizona: Notice of Emergency Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicle Use, Yuma County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior (BLM).

ACTION: Notice of emergency closure of selected public lands located in Yuma County, Arizona, to all types of motor vehicle use.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all motor vehicle access is prohibited on selected public lands located near the Grey Fox Mine area of the Gila Mountains and within S½N½, NW¼SW¼, sec. 10, T. 8 S, R. 21 W., G&SRM, Yuma, County, Arizona. This action is taken to provide for public safety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 27, 2003, the Yuma Field Manager

issued an order closing an unauthorized road to all types of motorized vehicle travel. This action affects approximately 4.5 acres of public lands located north of Yuma, Arizona, and approximately one mile east of Highway 95 at milepost 38. The trespass road has numerous blind curves and hills with no shoulders or turn-out areas. Use by large commercial trucks and earth moving equipment and by smaller off-road vehicles and all-terrain cycles has created a clear danger to public safety. This action is necessary in order to eliminate the risk of collision between these dissimilar vehicles.

Authority for this action is contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1. This closure to motor vehicles shall apply to all persons and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Exemptions to this order are granted to Federal, State and local law enforcement, emergency vehicles, and agency personnel in the course of official duties.

Violation of this regulation is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed $100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as amended by 18 U.S.C. 3571 and 18 U.S.C. 3581.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will be effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Zale, Assistant Field Manager for Resources, Lands, and Minerals, Bureau of Land Management, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365; (928) 317–3200.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Gail Acheson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–070–1430–AC]

Notice of Public Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure of public lands.

SUMMARY: Due to an ongoing criminal investigation and the necessity to protect the public resources the following lands in San Juan County, New Mexico are being closed to public access as per 43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and restriction orders. The public lands identified as: T29N, R12W, Sect. 17, NENE, NWNE, SENE, SWNE, NENW, SENW, NESE, SESE are closed to all persons except BP Amoco until further notice. BP Amoco's access is restricted to only that access for the maintenance and operation of well # GCU 581. All other activities and uses of the public lands are prohibited except by express permission of the Farmington Field Manager.

DATES: January 29, 2003, until further notice pending completion of the criminal investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Henke, Field Office Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401, Telephone 505–599–8998.

Dated: January 29, 2003.

Timothy R. Spisak,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES–912–1610–DQ]

Notice of Amendment to Closure Order to Provide for Limited Opening of Public Lands, Meadowood Farm, Fairfax, VA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to closure order.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces its intent to amend a closure order in order to open a trail for pedestrian use by the public lands that were temporarily closed by the notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2001 (Notice of Temporary Closure of Access to Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management). Maps depicting the trail being opened are available for public inspection at the Lower Potomac Field Station, Meadowood Farm Office, Bureau of Land Management, at the address listed below. The trail being opened is for pedestrian use only. All other provisions of the October 22, 2001 closure order remain in effect.

This order is effective on April 29, 2003, and shall remain in effect until revised, revoked, or amended by the authorized officer pursuant to 43 CFR part 8360. Any person who violates this order may be subject to a maximum fine of $1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months or both under authority of 43 CFR 8360.0–7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Bush, Interim Manager, Lower Potomac Field Station-Meadowood Farm, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Michael D. Nedd,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–930; COC–012768]

Public Land Order No. 7564; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1659; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes Public Land Order No. 1659 insofar as it affects 60 acres of National Forest System land withdrawn for a Forest Service recreation area. The land is no longer needed for this purpose, and the revocation is needed to consummate a pending land exchange. This action will open the land to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land and to mining. The land has been and remains open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215–7093, 303–239–3706.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 1659, which withdrew National Forest System lands for a recreation area and administrative sites, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Pike National Forest

Sixth Principal Meridian

Eleven-Mile Canyon Recreation Area

T. 13 S., R. 72 W.,

sec. 20, lots 8, 16, and west 10 chains of lot 18.

The area described contains 60 acres in Park County.

2. At 9 a.m. on May 29, 2003 the land will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid

existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Lands and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–920–1220–ET; WYW 74730]

Public Land Order No. 7565; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6368; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends Public Land Order No. 6368 for an additional 20-year period. This extension is necessary to continue the protection of Horsethief and Natural Trap Caves in Big Horn County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 N. Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, 307–775–6124.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 6368 (48 FR 16888, April 20, 1983), which withdrew 528.23 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining to protect Horsethief and Natural Trap Caves, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period.

2. Public Land Order No. 6368 will expire on April 19, 2023, unless, as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–930–1430–ES; N–55296]

Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following federal land in Washoe County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease/conveyance to the City of Sparks under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) and under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f. and E.O. 6910:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T. 20 N. R. 21 E.,
Section 18, lots 1–4, N½NE¼, W¼NE¼, W½SE¼, SE¼SE¼.
Containing 449.28 acres, more or less.

The City of Sparks proposes to use the land for a recreation complex which would include a sports complex, a community park, an 18-hole golf course, a natural area with an interpretive center (in partnership with Washoe County), and an equestrian center. The land is located in the eastern portion of Spanish Springs Valley, adjacent to the City of Sparks, Nevada. The land is not needed for federal purposes. Lease/conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Issuance of a 5-year lease with a purchase option is proposed. The lease/patent when issued, will be subject to provisions of the R&PP Act and to applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And will be subject to any of the following authorizations effective at the time of lease/patent issuance:

1. Those rights for electric line purposes granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N–12773 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961).

2. Those rights for road access purposes granted to Jack and Sherrill Berry, and their assigns, by Right-of-Way N–37493 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for telephone/communication line purposes granted to Nevada Bell, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N–37641 pursuant to under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

4. Those rights for gas pipeline purposes granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N–59580 under the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 0437; 30 U.S.C. 185, sec. 28).

5. BLM Range Improvement Project No. 540199–Steidlmeyer Well #1 pursuant to the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269) as amended.

6. A reversionary clause that will allow the United States to revest title in the event that the subject lands are not used for the purposes for which they were conveyed, or if the City transfers title or control of the subject lands to another unqualified party.

7. Any other reservations or conditions that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of the subject lands and interests therein.

The lease/patent will not result in a decrease or reduction to BLM's grazing authorizations for the Spanish Springs/Mustang allotment. Detailed information concerning this action is available at the Carson City Field Office. These public lands were previously withdrawn from surface entry and mining, but not from sales, exchanges, or recreation and public purposes, by Public Land Order 7491. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification to the Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving

the suitability of the land for a recreation complex. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a recreation complex. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date or publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The land will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes final.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Carson City Field Office during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of you comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organization or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2003.

Charles P. Pope,

Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–010–1430–ES; WYW–30544–02]

Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Conveyance of Public Lands in Washakie County, Worland Field Office, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Classification of public land for conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Washakie County, Wyoming has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to the Washakie County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), for the purposes of operating a sanitary landfill. These lands are hereby classified as suitable for conveyance in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and Executive Order No. 6910:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 47 N. R. 93 W. Section 23; N½NW¼, SE¼ NW¼, NE¼SW¼; containing 160 acres.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. Those rights for powerlines granted to Pacific Power and Light, under rights-of-way WYW–044926 and WYW–142403.
5. Those rights for a road granted to Washakie County, under right-of-way WYW–94080.
6. Those rights for a road granted to Washakie County Solid Waste District #1, under right-of-way WYW–148794.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Worland Field Office, 101 South 23rd, (P.O. Box 119) Worland, Wyoming 82401.

The subject lands were previously classified and segregated for the purposes of a lease authorizing a sanitary landfill pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Further segregation will not be required. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Worland District Office, P.O. Box 119, Worland, WY 82401–0119 or by e-mail to *worland__wymail@blm.gov.* Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Worland Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific uses proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Written or e-mail comments may be submitted through June 13, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Till, Worland Field Office, P.O. Box 119 [101 South 23rd Street], Worland, Wyoming 82401–0119. (307) 347–5100.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Darrell Barnes,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Hollister Resource Management Plan for the Clear Creek Management Area in the Southern Portion of San Benito County and Western Fresno County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an amendment to the Hollister Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Clear Creek Management Area in the southern portion of San Benito County and western Fresno County, CA.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.2(c), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will revise the Clear Creek Management Area Plan, and analyze the effects of amending the Hollister RMP for the Clear Creek Management Area, as amended, 1999. The proposed amendment will establish or revise designations of areas and trails for off-road vehicles (ORV) in accordance with 43 CFR subpart 8342, and delineate the boundaries of the expansion of the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area. The proposals will pertain to public lands addressed by the Clear Creek Management Area RMP Amendment in the Clear Creek Management Area of southern San Benito County and western Fresno County, California. The plan amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria, including an evaluation of the existing RMP in the context of the needs and interests of the public.

DATES: Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below. All public meetings will be announced at least 15 days prior to the event.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Robert Beehler, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Hollister Field Office at the address listed above. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Hollister Field Office during normal working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays), and may be published as part of the EA or other related documents. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this promptly at the beginning of you comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George E. Hill, Assistant Field Manager, at the above address, telephone number (831) 630–5036, or e-mail: *George__Hill@ca.blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public input from previous public meetings and written comments in response to previous designations efforts will be used to define issues. Preliminary issues identified include: Providing for off-highway vehicle use; providing vehicle access for other casual uses; visitor safety; providing protection for listed and sensitive species and habitats; protection and viability of the unique forest and vegetation communities within the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area. Planning criteria will include honoring valid existing rights. The amendments will be consistent with officially approved resource related plans, policies and programs of other Federal agencies, and State and local governments, so long as the guidance and plans are consistent with the purposes, policies and programs of Federal laws and regulations applicable to public lands. The proposed route of travel and barrens designation changes to the Hollister RMP for the Clear Creek Management Area, including designation of the boundaries of the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area, requires a formal plan amendment before the designations can be implemented. The amendment process and ORV trail designations shall be conducted in compliance with the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), planning regulations (43 CFR 1600), ORV trail designation regulations (43 CFR 8340), BLM manual guidance, and all applicable Federal laws affecting BLM land use decisions and ORV designations.

The Bureau intends to rely largely on route inventory data, soil loss surveys, information obtained from coordination with other federal, state, and local agencies, consultation with the Technical Review Team, and public comments.

Dated: February 6, 2003.

Robert E. Beehler,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA 32377]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service proposes to withdraw approximately 2,070 acres of National Forest System lands to protect the unique environmental, biological, geological, hydrological, archaeological, paleontological, cultural, and recreational values of various caves on the Coronado National Forest. This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands will remain open to all other uses which may by law be made of National Forest System land.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverley Everson, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 670–4571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Coronado National Forest

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 18, SW¼;
Sec. 19, NW¼.
T. 20 S., R. 15 E.,
Sec. 1, excepting that portion within MS 3115 (SW¼NW¼SW¼, NW¼SW¼SW¼, E½SW¼SW¼, and SW¼SE¼SW¼).
T. 23 S., R. 20 E.,
Sec. 22, SE¼NW¼, NE¼SW¼, NW¼SE¼, and SW¼NE¼;

Sec. 32, NE¼SE¼, SE¼SE¼, SW¼SE¼, NE¼NW¼SE¼, SE¼NW¼SE¼, SW¼NW¼SE¼, SE¼SE¼NE¼, SW¼SE¼NE¼, SE¼SW¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼SW¼, and SE¼SE¼SW¼, excluding those portions withdrawn by P.L. No. 98–406 within the Miller Peak Wilderness;

Sec. 33, SE¼, SE¼SE¼NE¼, SW¼SE¼NE¼, SE¼SW¼NE¼, SW¼SW¼NE¼, SW¼SW¼NW¼, SW¼SW¼, SE¼SW¼, SE¼NE¼SW¼, SW¼NE¼SW¼, NW¼NW¼SW¼, SW¼NW¼SW¼, and SE¼NW¼SW¼, excluding those portions withdrawn by P.L. No. 98–406 within the Miller Peak Wilderness.

T. 18 S., R. 23 E.,

Sec. 2, SW¼NE¼ and SE¼NW¼.

T. 15 S., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 20, SE¼ SE¼, NE¼SE¼, SW¼SE ¼, NW¼SE¼, SE¼NE¼, NE¼NE¼, and SE¼NW¼NE¼, excepting those portions within HES 283.

T. 18 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 6, SE¼SW¼ and SW¼SW¼.

The areas described aggregate approximately 2,070 acres in Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Steven J. Gobat,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA 32394]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service proposes to withdraw approximately 10 acres of National Forest System land to protect the Dragoon Springs Stage Station Historic Site on the Coronado National Forest. This notice segregates the land for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The land will remain open to all other uses which may by law be made of National Forest System land.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESS: Comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverley Everson, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, 520–670–4571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Coronado National Forest

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 16 S., R., 5 E. (unsurveyed)

Sec. 32, SW¼NW¼NW¼SE¼, SE¼NE¼NE¼SW¼, NE¼SE¼NE¼SW¼, and NW¼SW¼NW¼SE¼.

The area described contains approximately 10 acres in Cochise County.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper having a general circulation in the vicinity of the land at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from April 29, 2003, in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.2(a), the land will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Steven J. Gobat,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

RIN 1010–AB57

Major Portion Prices and Due Dates for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of major portion prices.

SUMMARY: Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published on August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion values and notify industry by publishing the values in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion value. This notice provides the major portion values for the twelve months of 2001. The due date to pay is July 31, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Barder, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, MMS; telephone, (303) 231–3702; FAX, (303) 231–3755; E-mail, *John.Barder@mms.gov;* or David Guzy, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, MMS; telephone, (303) 231–3432; FAX, (303) 231–3755; E-mail, *David.Guzy@mms.gov;* mailing address, Minerals Management Service,

Minerals Revenue Management, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 396B2, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled ''Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases,'' (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases (except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation).

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000 along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii)(2002). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS–2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest under 30 CFR 218.54 (2002) will accrue from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS–2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an Index Zone. The due date is July 31, 2003.

GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES AND DUE DATES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE

MMS-Designated areas	January 2001—(MMBtu)	February 2001—(MMBtu)	March 2001—(MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	$10.49	$6.62	$5.40
Blackfeet Reservation	8.38	6.74	4.65
Fort Belknap	5.57	5.31	4.72
Fort Berthold	4.48	3.07	2.81
Fort Peck Reservation	8.30	4.98	3.89
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	8.63	6.06	4.84
Rocky Boys Reservation	8.25	5.66	4.27
Turtle Mountain Reservation	3.24	1.94	1.52
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	9.40	6.86	5.10
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	9.44	6.86	4.78

MMS-Designated areas	April 2001—(MMBtu)	May 2001—(MMBtu)	June 2001—(MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	$5.68	$5.19	$4.17
Blackfeet Reservation	4.54	4.31	3.28
Fort Belknap	4.71	4.66	4.49
Fort Berthold	2.61	1.94	1.70
Fort Peck Reservation	3.98	3.30	2.48
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	4.65	4.23	3.21
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.38	3.74	2.94
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.56	1.47	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.49	3.92	2.45
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.44	4.07	2.81

MMS-Designated areas	July 2001—(MMBtu)	August 2001—(MMBtu)	September 2001—(MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	$3.52	$3.39	$2.54
Blackfeet Reservation	2.51	2.02	1.84
Fort Belknap	4.36	4.34	4.32
Fort Berthold	1.17	1.27	0.79
Fort Peck Reservation	1.81	2.02	1.62
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	2.33	2.36	2.18
Rocky Boys Reservation	2.35	2.18	1.48
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.48	1.48	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	1.71	1.93	1.77
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	2.62	2.66	2.10

MMS-Designated areas	October 2001—(MMBtu)	November 2001—(MMBtu)	December 2001—(MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	$2.32	$3.26	$2.53
Blackfeet Reservation	1.27	2.11	2.94
Fort Belknap	4.34	4.34	4.34
Fort Berthold	0.98	1.17	0.88
Fort Peck Reservation	1.10	2.47	1.94
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	1.46	2.61	2.09
Rocky Boys Reservation	.98	2.32	1.60

MMS-Designated areas	October 2001—(MMBtu)	November 2001—(MMBtu)	December 2001—(MMBtu)
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.47	1.47	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	0.90	2.32	
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	0.84	2.30	1.78

For information on how to report additional royalties due to major portion prices, please refer to our Dear Payor letter dated December 1, 1999 on the MMS Web site address *@http://www.mrm.mms.gov/TribServ/MonMajPP.htm*.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on February 28, 2003. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Simons, Manager, Water Contracts and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225–0007; telephone 303–445–2902.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the ''Final Revised Public Participation Procedures'' for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. At a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.

The February 28, 2003, notice should be used as a reference point to identify changes. The numbering system in this notice corresponds with the numbering system in the February 28, 2003, notice.

Definitions of Abbreviations Used in This Document

BCP—Boulder Canyon Project
Reclamation—Bureau of Reclamation
CAP—Central Arizona Project
CVP—Central Valley Project
CRSP—Colorado River Storage Project
FR—Federal Register
IDD—Irrigation and Drainage District

ID—Irrigation District
M&I—Municipal and Industrial
O&M—Operation and Maintenance
P-SMBP—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program
PPR—Present Perfected Right
SOD—Safety of Dams
WD—Water District

Pacific Northwest Region: Bureau of Reclamation, 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706–1234, telephone 208–378–5223.

Discontinued contract action:

7. *North Unit ID and/or city of Madras, Deschutes Project, Oregon:* Long-term municipal water service contract for provision of approximately 125 acre-feet annually from the project water supply to the city of Madras. City of Madras and North Unit ID have decided to withdraw their request for a long-term contract at this time.

Mid-Pacific Region: Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825–1898, telephone 916–978–5250.

New contract action:

40. *Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, CVP, California:* Proposed assignment of 27,000 acre-feet of Broadview Water District's entire CVP supply to the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency for M&I use.

Completed contract action:

25. *Friant Water Users Authority and San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, CVP, California:* Amendments to the Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement and Certain Financial and Administrative Activities' Agreements to implement certain changes to the Direct Funding provisions to comply with applicable Federal law. Friant Water Users Authority amendatory contract was executed on February 25, 2003, and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority amendatory contract was executed on February 18, 2003.

Lower Colorado Region: Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 61470 (Nevada Highway and Park Street), Boulder City, NV 89006–1470, telephone 702–293–8536.

New contract actions:

46. *Sunrise Water Company, CAP, Arizona:* Proposed assignment of subcontract for 944 acre-feet of CAP M&I water to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which is exercising its authority as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.

47. *West End Water Company, CAP, Arizona:* Proposed assignment of subcontract for 157 acre-feet of CAP M&I water to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which is exercising its authority as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.

48. *New River Utilities Company, CAP, Arizona:* Proposed assignment of subcontract for 1,885 acre-feet of CAP M&I water to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which is exercising its authority as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.

49. *Cibola Valley IDD, BCP, Arizona:* Contingent upon completion of sale documents, proposed assignment and transfer of a portion of Cibola Valley IDD's right to divert up to 24,120 acre-feet of Colorado River water per year to the Mohave County Water Authority, the Hopi Tribe, and Reclamation.

50. *Metropolitan WD and others, BCP, Arizona and California:* Contract to provide for the recovery by the Metropolitan WD of interstate underground storage credits previously placed in underground storage in Arizona by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District under agreements executed in 1992 and 1994, and to document the Arizona Water Banking Authority's responsibility in agreeing to Arizona's forbearance in the use of Colorado River water to permit the Secretary to release that quantity of water for diversion and use by the Metropolitan WD.

51. *Wellton-Mohawk IDD, BCP, Arizona:* Amend contract No. 1–07–30–W0021 to revise the authority to deliver domestic use water from 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet per calendar year, which is within the District's current overall Colorado River Water Entitlement.

Modified contract actions:

16. *Arizona State Land Department, BCP, Arizona:* Colorado River water delivery contract for 1,534 acre-feet per year for domestic use.

27. *Litchfield Park Service Company, CAP, Arizona:* Proposed partial assignments of subcontract for 5,590 acre-feet of CAP M&I water to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which is exercising its authority as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, and to the cities of Avondale, Carefree, and Goodyear.

32. *Robson Communities, Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act, Arizona:* Contract with Robson Communities for the sale of 3,500 acre-feet of long-term water storage credits accrued in the Tucson area during calendar years 2000–2001.

Upper Colorado Region: Bureau of Reclamation, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1102, telephone 801–524–4419.

New contract actions:

1. (e) *Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* Due to the continued extreme drought conditions in the Upper Gunnison River Basin, the District has requested a temporary 1-year water service contract for up to a maximum of 3,000 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to be resold by the District under temporary, 1-year, third-party contracts to water users located within the District's boundaries.

(f) *Town of Lake City, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* Lake City has requested a 40-year water service contract for an additional 25 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to support its plan of augmentation. Lake City is working with the State of Colorado, Water Division 4 to develop a specific plan for using the augmentation water in accord with Colorado water law. Reclamation and Lake City have an existing 40-year contract, No. 9–07–40–R0790, dated May 5, 1989, for 25 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir.

(g) *Lazear Domestic Water Company, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* Lazear has requested a 40-year water service contract for an additional 44 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to support its plan of augmentation, Case No. 02WC253, District Court, Water Division 4. Reclamation and Lazear have an existing 25-year contract, No. 98–07–40–R5000, dated January 29, 1998, for 44 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir.

(h) *Lamar Northworthy, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* Mr. Northworthy has requested a 40-year water service contract for 2 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to support his plan of augmentation, Case No. 02WC240, District Court, Water Division 4.

(i) *Heatherwood Villas Condominium Association, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* The Association has requested a 40-year water service contract for 2 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to support its plan of augmentation. The Association is in the process of filing a plan of augmentation with the State of Colorado, Water Division 4.

(j) *Riverland Lot Owners Association, Aspinall Storage Unit, CRSP, Colorado:* The Association has requested a 40-year water service contract for 14 acre-feet of water out of Blue Mesa Reservoir to support its plan of augmentation. The Association is in the process of filing a plan of augmentation with the State of Colorado, Water Division 4.

19. *Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, Animas-La Plata*

Project, Colorado and New Mexico: Contract to transfer the operation, maintenance, and replacement responsibilities of most Project facilities to the District, pursuant to Section 6 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, and other Reclamation laws.

20. *South Cache Water Users Association, Hyrum Project, Utah:* Contract to allow the Association to convert up to 1,000 acre-feet of project irrigation water annually for municipal, domestic, and industrial uses.

Discontinued contract actions:

(a) *Russell, Harrison F. and Patricia E.; Aspinall Unit; CRSP; Colorado:* Contract for 1 acre-foot to support an augmentation plan, Case No. 97CW39, Water Division Court No. 4, State of Colorado, to provide for a single-family residential well, including home lawn and livestock watering (non-commercial).

(b) *Stephens, Walter Daniel; Aspinall Unit; CRSP; Colorado:* Contract for 2 acre-feet to support an augmentation plan, Case No. 97CW49, Water Division Court No. 4, State of Colorado, to provide for pond evaporative depletions during the non-irrigation season.

Completed contract action:

9. *Grand Valley Water Users Association, Orchard Mesa ID, and Public Service Company of Colorado, Grand Valley Project, Colorado:* Water service contract for the utilization of project water for cooling purposes for a steam electric generation plant. Contract executed on January 1, 2003.

Great Plains Region: Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 36900, Federal Building, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59107–6900, telephone 406–247–7790.

New contract actions:

44. *Frenchman-Cambridge ID, Frenchman Unit, P–SMBP, Nebraska:* Proposed contract amendment—request for deferment of annual payment due to severe drought.

45. *Frenchman Valley ID, Frenchman Unit, P–SMBP, Nebraska:* Proposed contract amendment—request for deferment of annual payment due to severe drought.

Discontinued contract action:

34. *Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Colorado:* Acting by and through the Pleasant Valley Pipeline Project Water Activity Enterprise, beginning discussions concerning a long-term contract for conveyance of nonproject water through Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities.

Completed contract actions:

6. *Pathfinder ID, North Platte Project, Nebraska:* Negotiation of a contract regarding SOD program modifications of Lake Alice Dam No. 1 Filter/Drain.

8. *Angostura ID, Angostura Unit, P–SMBP, South Dakota:* A 25-year long-term contract was entered into on January 28, 2003, to provide a water supply for the Angostura ID. Reclamation is working to implement the environmental commitments in the Environmental Impact Statement. An agreement on efficiency improvements and use of saved water is being developed.

35. *Miles Land and Livestock Co. (Individual), Alcova Reservoir, Kendrick Project, Wyoming:* Negotiate a long-term contract for annual conveyance of up to 153.27 acre-feet of nonproject water through the Casper Canal, Wyoming.

Dated: March 25, 2003.

Wayne O. Deason,

Acting Director, Program and Policy Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River, Notice of Opportunity for Input Regarding Recommendations and Determinations Authorized by 43 CFR Part 417, Imperial Irrigation District

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The implementation of the Department of the Interior's 43 CFR part 417 2003 calendar year determination with respect to the Imperial Irrigation District dated December 27, 2002 was enjoined by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan on March 18, 2003. Judge Whelan has vacated and remanded this decision to the Department of the Interior by order dated April 16, 2003. Through this notice, the Department of the Interior is initiating action to make recommendations and determinations authorized by 43 CFR part 417 with respect to the Imperial Irrigation District's water order regarding its use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2003. This notice provides addresses where information regarding the Department's analyses of this matter may be submitted, and provides an internet address where relevant information may be found.

DATES: The Regional Director will accept input on the issues addressed by this **Federal Register** notice for a period of 30 days following publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments to the Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: Jayne Harkins, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006–1470. Information on this matter will be posted on the Bureau's Internet site at the following address: *www.lc.usbr.gov/IID417.htm.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By order dated April 16, 2003, entered in *Imperial Irrigation District* v. *The United States of America,* Case No. 03 CV0069 W (JFS), the United States District Court for the Southern District of California has remanded the matter of the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)'s 2003 water order to the Bureau of Reclamation for a *de novo* (or ''a new'') agency determination of IID's estimated water requirements for calendar year 2003 under 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (43 CFR part 417). The Part 417 process will be conducted as follows:

The Regional Director for the Lower Colorado Region (''Regional Director'') of the Bureau of Reclamation (''Reclamation'') will, by letters coincident with this **Federal Register** notice, notify IID and the State of California of the commencement of a *de novo* Part 417 consultation relating to the determination of Imperial Irrigation District's estimated water requirements for calendar year 2003.

Collection of Written Information

The Part 417 consultation will be conducted by the Regional Director through the collection of written information. The Regional Director will consider all materials submitted to the court in *Imperial Irrigation District* v. *The United States of America, supra,* including the Administrative Record and the declarations filed by individuals in that action. It will not be necessary for IID, the State of California or any other interested party to file with Reclamation as part of this Part 417 consultation any material which has been filed or lodged with the court in this case.

The Regional Director will also consider all relevant written information, comments and suggestions received by Reclamation from IID, the State of California or any other interested party within 30 days of the date of this notice. Timely written information, comments and suggestions which relate to the recommendations and determinations required of the Regional Director under 43 CFR 417.2 or

to the factors listed in section 417.3 will be considered relevant.

The Regional Director will also consider all relevant materials within Reclamation's possession relating to IID's estimated water requirements. Reclamation is posting a bibliography of such information on its Web site at *www.lc.usbr.gov/iid417.htm,* and will update this bibliography as appropriate. Reclamation will post on that Web site all written information received or transmitted by the Regional Director or his staff in connection with this part 417 consultation. This information will be retained by Reclamation for use in future years.

Regional Director's Formulation of Recommendations and Determinations

After consideration of all relevant written information, comments and suggestions timely received, the Regional Director will formulate his recommendations and determinations regarding IID's estimated water requirements for 2003 according to the factors in 43 CFR 417.3, to the end that deliveries of Colorado River water to IID will not exceed those reasonably required for beneficial consumptive use. The time taken for this analysis will depend on the issues raised. It is anticipated that this process will conclude approximately 25 days after the close of the time period for receipt of relevant written information, comments and suggestions.

The Regional Director will give IID written notice of his recommendations and determinations by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, as well as by fax, and will post his recommendations and determinations on the *www.lc.usbr.gov/iid417.htm* Web site. If the recommendations and determinations include a reduction in the amount of water to be delivered, as compared to calendar year 2002, the notice shall specify the basis for such reduction and include any pertinent factual determinations.

Opportunity for Any Potential Objections by IID and Potential Request for Further Consultation

The Regional Director's recommendations and determination shall be final unless, within 30 days of the date of receipt of the notice, IID submits its written comments and objections to the Regional Director and requests further consultation.

Potential Reconsideration by Regional Director

The Regional Director will consider any written comments and objections, if any, and conduct further consultation by reviewing and considering any written submissions by IID. On the basis of this review, the Regional Director will determine whether or not to modify his recommendations and determinations. The time for analysis depends on the issues raised. It is anticipated that the analysis would be completed within 15 days.

Notification of Regional Director's Final Determination

The Regional Director will send by fax notification his determination regarding any written comments and objections by IID and will post the determination on the Web site at *www.lc.usbr.gov/iid417.htm.*

Potential Appeal to the Secretary of the Interior

If the Regional Director does not modify his initial decision, or if modifications are made but IID still feels aggrieved, IID may file an appeal with the Secretary of the Interior within 30 days after receipt of the fax notification of the Regional Director's determination.

Final Determination by the Secretary of the Interior

The Secretary of the Interior will make a final determination of any appeal by IID. The time for analysis will depend on the issues raised. It is anticipated that the analysis will be complete within three weeks.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Robert W. Johnson,

Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AAG/A Order No. 013–2003]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), notice is given that the Criminal Division (CRM), Department of Justice, proposes to revise a system of records presently entitled ''Index of Prisoners Transferred Under Prisoner Transfer Treaties,'' Justice/CRM–026, which covers the described records maintained by the International Prisoner Transfer Unit (IPTU), Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division. This system was last published in the **Federal Register** at 52 FR 47203, dated Friday, December 11, 1987.

The purpose of publishing this notice is to rename the system (to now be named the ''International Prisoner Transfer Case Files/International Prisoner Transfer Tracking System''), to update and clarify the scope of the records maintained by the IPTU in this system, to more accurately describe how such records are currently maintained, and to specify the duration for which such records are to be retained. The revised system of records also expands upon the routine uses of records maintained in the system, and adds routine uses lately incorporated into other Department of Justice systems of records pertaining to law enforcement matters.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), the public is given a 30-day period in which to comment; and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibility under the Act, requires a 40-day period in which to conclude its review of the system. Therefore, please submit any comments by May 29, 2003. The public, OMB, and the Congress are invited to submit any comments to Mary E. Cahill, Management and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 20530 (Room 1400, National Place Building).

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), the Department has provided a report to OMB and the Congress.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

Paul R. Corts,

Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

Justice/CRM—026

SYSTEM NAME:

International Prisoner Transfer Case Files/International Prisoner Transfer Tracking System.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Enforcement Operations, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20530.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Prisoners transferred to or from prisons in the United States under international prisoner transfer treaties between the United States and foreign nations. Please note that prisoners being transferred from prisons in the United States pursuant to international prisoner transfer treaties are primarily foreign nationals who are generally not protected by the Privacy Act. In rare cases, such individuals may hold dual citizenship or may be lawful permanent residents of the United States. Accordingly, the purpose of this notice

is to cover only United States Citizens and lawful permanent residents who are included in this information system.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Paper Files: The system contains the individual case files of prisoners who have applied for or been granted transfers to serve the balance of their sentences in their native countries. This includes both United States citizens who have applied to return to the United States and foreign nationals who have applied to be transferred to foreign countries. The system may include, but is not limited to, the following information: The application for transfer; investigatory material; court-related documents; prison progress reports; media reports; official and other correspondence; and interagency and intra-agency reports and recommendations and decisional documents relating to individual transfer matters.

Computerized Records: The system also includes an automated database for tracking the handling of prisoner transfer cases from application to final action. Information used to track such progress may include, but is not limited to, the prisoner's name, social security number, birth date, place of birth, offenses and sentencing information and other case-related information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The system is maintained to implement the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 4100 *et. seq.* The records maintained in the system are used to evaluate international prisoner transfer applications to determine whether a particular application should be granted or denied, to respond to inquiries regarding transfer applications and determinations, to respond to subsequent litigation relating to prisoner transfer determinations and/or the validity of prisoner consent, and to permit periodic reports to Congress and others on matters relating to international prisoner transfers.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Records, or information derived therefrom, in this system of records may be disclosed to the following:

(a) In appropriate proceedings before a court, grand jury, or administrative or regulatory body when records are determined by the Department of Justice, or the adjudicator, to be arguably relevant to the proceeding.

(b) A State, territorial, local or foreign government, at its request, when the record relates to one of its past or present prisoners.

(c) Such recipients and under such circumstances and procedures as are authorized by Federal statute or treaty.

(d) An appropriate Federal, State, territorial, local, foreign, or tribal law enforcement authority or other appropriate agency charged with the responsibility for investigating or prosecuting a violation or potential violation of law (whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature).

(e) A Federal, State, territorial, local, foreign or tribal agency, including prosecution, corrections, sentencing, or parole authorities, in order to assist in the execution of appropriate actions necessary to implement an international prisoner transfer decision, or in the performance of its official duties.

(f) Any Federal government agency for all purposes relating to the monitoring and control of entry of individuals into the United States.

(g) The news media and the public pursuant to 28 CFR 50.2, unless it is determined that release of the specific information in the context of a particular case would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(h) A Member of Congress or staff acting upon the Member's behalf when the Member or staff requests the information on behalf of and at the request of the individual who is the subject of the record.

(i) The National Archives and Records Administration and the General Services Administration for records management inspections conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

(j) Current and former government employees, including law enforcement and judicial authorities, whose comments on a particular prisoner transfer matter are solicited by the International Prisoner Transfer Unit in connection with its investigation and review of such a case, in order to enable such persons to formulate a response to the request.

(k) Contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, students and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant cooperative agreement or other assignment for the Federal government, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records.

(l) Former employees of the Department of Justice for purposes of responding to an official inquiry by a Federal, State or local government entity or professional licensing authority, in accordance with applicable Department regulations; or facilitating communications with a former employee that may be necessary for personnel-related or other official purposes where the Department requires information and/or consultation assistance from the former employee regarding a matter within that person's former area of responsibility.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic data is stored in electronic media via a configuration of client/server and personal computer. Computerized records are stored on hard disk, floppy diskettes, or compact disks. Paper records and electronic media recordings of prisoner transfer consent verification hearings are stored in individual file folders and file cabinets with controlled access, and/or other appropriate GSA approved security containers.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Individual case files are retrieved by a file number assigned to each individual who applies for or is granted a transfer. Information stored in the computerized case tracking system is retrieved primarily by searching under the name and/or Federal Bureau of Prisons' register number, or other inmate number, assigned to the person who applied for or was granted a transfer.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are secured through the use of safes and/or restricted access to the space in which files are located. Electronic records are safeguarded in accordance with DOJ rules and policies governing automated systems security and access, including the maintenance of technical equipment in restricted areas and the required use of individual passwords and user identification codes to access the system.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Individual case files are stored in the International Prisoner Transfer Unit's work area while the prisoner transfer request is pending, and generally for up to three years after the date of closing. Cases are closed upon completion of prisoner transfer, denial of transfer, or prisoner withdrawal of request to transfer. Thereafter, files are transferred to the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland or other designated records center. In accordance with Records Disposition Authority N1–60–93–16, all case files are retained for not less than thirty years after being closed. Thereafter, files may be destroyed, except that specific files, designated as significant because of

widespread public interest, are transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for permanent retention.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, FOIA/PA Unit, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiry concerning this system should be in writing and made to the system manager listed above.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

A request for access to a record contained in this system shall be made in writing to the system manager, with the envelope and letter clearly marked ''Privacy Act Request.'' The request shall include the name of the individual involved, his birth date and place, or any other identifying number or information which may be of assistance in locating the record, and the name of the case or matter involved. The requester shall also provide a signature (which must be either notarized or submitted under penalty of perjury) and a return address for transmitting the information.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their request to the system manager listed above, stating clearly and concisely what information is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the information.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Court records, prisoner statements, and communications with other components and agencies of the United States and foreign governments.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AAG/A Order No. 014–2003]

Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

The Department of Justice proposes to modify the Office of the Inspector General Investigative Records System, Justice/OIG–001, last published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 1992 (57 FR 8476), and amended in 2000 (65 FR 32126). The primary purpose of the system is to enable the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to conduct its responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended by the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, 5 U.S.C. App. 3, including its responsibility to conduct and supervise investigations relating to programs and operations of the Department. The Department now proposes to modify the system by deleting existing routine use (d) and substituting three new routine uses in its place, by adding four additional routine uses, and by republishing existing routine use (a) to correct two typographical errors.

The OIG proposes to delete existing routine use (d) and to substitute the following three routine uses in its place. New routine use (d) will permit the OIG to share information with other Federal agencies when that information is relevant and necessary to the agency's hiring, security clearance, or similar decision. The existing provision limits disclosures to information that is ''sufficiently reliable to support a referral to another [government agency] for criminal, civil, administrative, personnel, or regulatory action.'' The proposed modification would permit the OIG to release information that may not qualify for such referral but is nevertheless relevant to a Federal agency's hiring, security clearance, or similar decision. In addition, the OIG is adding new routine uses (j) and (k), which permit the sharing of information with government agencies and professional licensing organizations in connection with their decisions regarding the suitability or eligibility of an individual for a license or permit and with State or local law enforcement agencies in connection with the hiring or continued employment of law enforcement officers.

Pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107–296, 116 Stat. 2135, the OIG, together with the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and the Inspector Generals (IG) of certain other agencies, will establish an ''external review process for ensuring that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures continue to exist within [the OIG offices affected by the Act].'' This process will require the OIG to share information from its investigative files with the PCIE and with other IG offices, who on a periodic basis will conduct a peer review of OIG investigative files and practices. Accordingly, the Department is modifying Justice/OIG–001 to allow the disclosure of information to authorized officials within the PCIE and other IG offices for the purpose of conducting the required peer reviews.

Also in connection with the Homeland Security Act, certain Department of Justice functions and employees have been transferred to the newly created Department of Homeland Security. Accordingly, certain information maintained by the DOJ OIG in connection with these functions and employees will be transferred to the Office of the Inspector General for that Department. The OIG is adding a routine use to cover these transfers.

Finally, the OIG is adding two additional routine uses: one that permits disclosure to contractors when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to OIG–001 and one that allows the OIG to share information with former employees for the purposes of responding to certain official inquiries and for facilitating communications that may be necessary for personnel-related or other official purposes.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), the public is given a 30 day period in which to comment; and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibility under the Act, requires a 40-day period in which to conclude its review of the system. Any comments must be submitted in writing to Mary Cahill, Management Analyst, Management and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 by May 29, 2003. As required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing regulations, the Department of Justice has provided a report on the proposed changes to OMB and the Congress.

A modified system description is set forth below.

Paul R. Corts,

Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

JUSTICE/OIG–001

SYSTEM NAME:

Office of the Inspector General Investigative Records.

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(a) In the event that a record, either by itself or in combination with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by rule, regulation, or order pursuant thereto, or

a violation or potential violation of a contract, the relevant record may be disclosed to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local, foreign, or international, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation, enforcing or implementing such statute, rule, regulation, or order, or with enforcing such contract.

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(d) A record may be disclosed to appropriate officials and employees of a Federal agency or entity in connection with the assignment, hiring, or retention of an individual; the issuance, renewal, suspension, or revocation of a security clearance; the execution of a security or suitability investigation; the letting of a contract, or the issuance or revocation of a grant or benefit by such an entity, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to that entity's decision on the matter.

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(j) A record may be disclosed to any Federal, State, local, tribal, foreign, international, or professional licensing agency or association in connection with that entity's decision regarding the suitability or eligibility of an individual for a license or permit.

(k) A record may be disclosed to appropriate officers and employees of State or local (including the District of Columbia) law enforcement or detention agencies in connection with the hiring or continued employment of an employee or contractor where the employee or contractor would occupy or occupies a position of public trust as a law enforcement officer or detention officer having direct contact with the public or with prisoners or detainees, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the recipient agency's decision.

(l) A record may be disclosed to the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security when necessitated by the transfer of Department of Justice functions and employees to the Department of Homeland Security.

(m) Information may be disclosed to other Federal Offices of Inspector General and/or to the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency for purposes of conducting the external review process required by the Homeland Security Act.

(n) Relevant records may be disclosed to contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, students, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for the Federal government, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records.

(o) Relevant and necessary information may be disclosed to a former employee of the Department for purposes of: responding to an official inquiry by a Federal, State, or local government entity or professional licensing authority, in accordance with applicable Department regulations; or facilitating communications with a former employee that may be necessary for personnel-related or other official purposes where the Department requires information and/or consultation assistance from the former employee regarding a matter within that person's former area of responsibility.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Schneider, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606–8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606–8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* May 9, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the April 7, 2003 deadline.

Daniel Schneider,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act; Meeting

TIME AND PLACE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

52991: Most Wanted Safety Recommendations Program—2003 Update.

News Media Contact: Telephone: (202) 314–6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Ms. Carolyn Dargan at (202) 314–6305 by Friday, May 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314–6410.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

Vicky D'Onofrio,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–272 AND 50–311]

PSEG Nuclear, LLC, Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10

CFR) part 50, Appendix R, sections III.G.3 and III.L.3, for Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR–70 and DPR–75, issued to PSEG Nuclear, LLC (the licensee), for operation of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem), Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Salem County, New Jersey. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would grant an exemption from: (1) The requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, section III.G.3, ''Fire protection of safe shutdown capability,'' to the extent that a fixed suppression system must be installed in an area where alternative shutdown capability is provided for Fire Areas 1(2)–FA–AB–64B and 1(2)–FA–AB–84C; (2) the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, section III.L.3, ''Alternative and dedicated shutdown capability,'' to the extent that alternative shutdown capability must accommodate conditions where offsite power is not available for 72 hours in Fire Areas 1(2)–FA–AB–64B and 1(2)–FA–AB–84B; and (3) the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, section III.L.3, relating to the use of separation in an alternate shutdown area for Fire Area 1(2)–FA–AB–84B.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated May 1, 2002, as supplemented on August 15, 2002.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption from sections III.G.3 and III.L.3 of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, is needed to resolve issues relating to an October 8, 1997, notice of violation whereby PSEG failed to adequately qualify the Kaowool, FS–195 and Interam E–50 electrical raceway fire barrier systems (ERFBSs) installed at Salem. Resolution of these issues include: (1) A re-analysis of post-fire safe shutdown capability; (2) plant modifications to provide alternative safe shutdown capability through cross-tie connections between the Salem, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Chemical and Volume Control Systems; and (3) superceding current exemptions applicable to Fire Areas 1(2)–FA–AB–64B, 1(2)–FA–AB–84B and 1(2)–FA–AB–84C with the proposed exemptions.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption does not involve radioactive wastes, release of radioactive material into the atmosphere, solid radioactive waste, or liquid effluents released to the environment.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the ''no-action'' alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to operation of Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, dated April 1973.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On March 26, 2003, the staff consulted with the New Jersey State official, Mr. Dennis Zannoni of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated May 1, 2002, and supplement dated August 15, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html*. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 1–800–397–4209 or 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov*.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of April, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Clifford,

Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2003.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 28, 2003

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 28, 2003

Week of May 5, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 5, 2003

Week of May 12, 2003—Tentative

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Thursday, May 15, 2003

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Results of Agency Action Review Meeting (Public Meeting) (Contact: Robert Pascarelli, 301–415–1245). Morning session.

12:30 p.m. Briefing on Results of

Agency Action Review Meeting (Public Meeting) (Contact: Robert Pascarelli, 301–415–1245). Afternoon session.

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*http://www.nrc.gov*

Week of May 19, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 19, 2003

Week of May 26, 2003—Tentative

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Angela Williamson, 301–415–5030)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*http://www.nrc.gov*

2:45 p.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)

Thursday, May 29, 2003

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Revisions to the Regulatory Framework for Steam Generator Tube Integrity (Public Meeting) (Contact: Louise Lund, 301–415–3248)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—*http://www.nrc.gov*

2 p.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Corenthis Kelley, 301–415–7380)

Week of June 2, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of June 2, 2003.

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415–1651.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: *http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html*

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301–415–1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to *dkw@nrc.gov.*

Dated: April 24, 2003.

D.L. Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97–415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97–415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from April 18, 2003, through May 1, 2003. The last biweekly notice was published on April 15, 2003, (68 FR 18269).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By May 29, 2003, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's ''Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings'' in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714, which is available at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/*. If a request for a hearing or petition for

leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301–415–1101 or by e-mail to *hearingdocket@nrc.gov.* A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301–415–3725 or by e-mail to *OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.* A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the attorney for the licensee.

Non-timely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)–(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov.*

Duke Energy Corporation, Docket Nos. 50–269, 50–270, and 50–287, Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Oconee County, South Carolina

Date of amendment request: March 20, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendments would revise the Technical Specifications (TS) and the licensing basis in the Updated Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to support installation of a passive low-pressure injection (LPI) cross connect inside containment. The proposed changes to the TS would add requirements for the passive LPI cross connect and eliminate requirements associated with the capability to cross connect by manual operator action the trains outside containment. The proposed changes to the UFSAR would revise the licensing basis for a portion of the core flood and LPI/Decay Heat Removal (DHR) piping to allow the exclusion of dynamic effects associated with postulated pipe rupture of that piping by application of leak-before-break technology for Unit 1. The proposed changes to the UFSAR would also revise the licensing basis for selected portions of the LPI/DHR piping to adopt the design requirements of Standard Review Plan Section 3.6.2, Branch Technical Position MEB 3–1.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards

consideration, which is presented below: Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91, Duke Power Company (Duke) has made the determination that this amendment request involves a No Significant Hazards Consideration by applying the standards established by the NRC regulations in 10 CFR 50.92. This ensures that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated: The proposed LAR [Licence Amendment Request] modifies the Technical Specifications [(TS)] to incorporate new TS requirements associated with the new Low Pressure Injection (LPI) System configuration and eliminate TS requirements associated with the old LPI configuration. The proposed LAR also modifies the licensing basis to adopt Standard Review Plan (SRP) 3.6.2 Branch Technical Position (BTP) MEB 3–1 requirements for selected portions of LPI piping and to credit Leak-Before-Break (LBB) to allow the dynamic effects associated with postulated pipe rupture of selected portions of the LPI/Core Flood (CF) piping to be excluded from the design basis. The proposed design allowances for these selected portions of piping continue to allow the LPI system design to meet GDC [General Design Criterion] 4 requirements related to environmental and dynamic effects. The proposed LAR will continue to ensure that ONS [Oconee Nuclear Station] can meet design basis requirements associated with the LPI safety function. The LPI System provides a means for delivering a large volume of borated water to the reactor core following postulated large pipe breaks in the Reactor Coolant System. The planned modification adds a passive crossover connection between the two LPI injection lines inside containment, along with necessary check valves and flow orifices that will eliminate the need for time-critical operator actions to manually open the LPI discharge header outside containment. The new components will have the same pressure, seismic, and quality group qualifications as the existing components in the LPI system. The addition of the crossover line will enhance the ability of the control room operator to mitigate the consequences of specific events for which LPI is credited. Therefore, the proposed LAR does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The LPI system is also relied on to cool the reactor core during unit shutdown. Hydraulic analyses have demonstrated that adequate LPI flow is available for normal shutdown cooling with the new LPI piping configuration.

2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any kind of accident previously evaluated: The proposed LAR modifies the Technical Specification to incorporate new TS requirements associated with the new LPI System configuration and eliminate TS requirements associated with the old LPI System configuration. The proposed LAR also modifies the licensing basis to adopt MEB 3–1 requirement for selected portions of LPI piping and to credit LBB to allow the dynamic effects associated with postulated pipe rupture of selected portions of the LPI/Core Flood (CF) piping to be excluded from the design basis. The proposed design allowances for these selected portions of piping continue to allow the LPI system design to meet GDC 4 requirements related to environmental and dynamic effects. The LPI and Core Flood systems affected by implementing the proposed changes to the TS are not assumed to initiate design basis accidents. The systems affected by the changes are used to mitigate the consequences of an accident that has already occurred. The proposed TS and licensing basis changes do not affect the mitigating function of these systems. Consequently, these changes do not alter the nature of events postulated in the Safety Analysis Report nor do they introduce any unique precursor mechanisms. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed TS and licensing basis changes do not unfavorably affect any plant safety limits, set points, or design parameters. The changes also do not unfavorably affect the fuel, fuel cladding, RCS, or containment integrity. Therefore, the proposed TS and licensing basis changes, which adds TS requirements and adopts new design allowances associated with the passive LPI cross connect modification, do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Anne W. Cottington, Winston and Strawn, 1200 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

NRC Section Chief: John A. Nakoski.

Entergy Gulf States, Inc., and Entergy Operations, Inc., Docket No. 50–458, River Bend Station, Unit 1, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

Date of amendment request: March 19, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment deletes requirements from the technical specifications (TS) and other elements of the licensing bases to maintain a Post Accident Sampling System (PASS). Licensees were generally required to implement PASS upgrades as described in NUREG–0737, ''Clarification of TMI [Three Mile Island Nuclear Station] Action Plan Requirements,'' and Regulatory Guide 1.97, ''Instrumentation for Light-Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants to Assess Plant and Environs Conditions During and Following an Accident.'' Implementation of these upgrades was an outcome of the lessons learned from the accident that occurred at TMI, Unit 2 (TMI–2). Requirements related to PASS were imposed by Order for many facilities and were added to or included in the TS for nuclear power reactors currently licensed to operate. Lessons learned and improvements implemented over the last 20 years have shown that the information obtained from PASS can be readily obtained through other means or is of little use in the assessment and mitigation of accident conditions.

The changes are based on NRC-approved Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Standard Technical Specification Change Traveler, TSTF–413, ''Elimination of Requirements for a Post Accident Sampling System (PASS).'' The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued a notice of opportunity for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2001 (66 FR 66949), on possible amendments concerning TSTF–413, including a model safety evaluation and model no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination, using the consolidated line item improvement process. The NRC staff subsequently issued a notice of availability of the models for referencing in license amendment applications in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2002 (67 FR 13027). The licensee affirmed the applicability of the following NSHC determination in its application dated March 19, 2003.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), an

analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration is presented below: Criterion 1—The Proposed Change Does Not Involve a Significant Increase in the Probability or Consequences of an Accident Previously Evaluated.

The PASS was originally designed to perform many sampling and analysis functions. These functions were designed and intended to be used in post accident situations and were put into place as a result of the TMI–2 accident. The specific intent of the PASS was to provide a system that has the capability to obtain and analyze samples of plant fluids containing potentially high levels of radioactivity, without exceeding plant personnel radiation exposure limits. Analytical results of these samples would be used largely for verification purposes in aiding the plant staff in assessing the extent of core damage and subsequent offsite radiological dose projections. The system was not intended to and does not serve a function for preventing accidents and its elimination would not affect the probability of accidents previously evaluated.

In the 20 years since the TMI–2 accident and the consequential promulgation of post accident sampling requirements, operating experience has demonstrated that a PASS provides little actual benefit to post accident mitigation. Past experience has indicated that there exists in-plant instrumentation and methodologies available in lieu of a PASS for collecting and assimilating information needed to assess core damage following an accident. Furthermore, the implementation of Severe Accident Management Guidance (SAMG) emphasizes accident management strategies based on in-plant instruments. These strategies provide guidance to the plant staff for mitigation and recovery from a severe accident. Based on current severe accident management strategies and guidelines, it is determined that the PASS provides little benefit to the plant staff in coping with an accident.

The regulatory requirements for the PASS can be eliminated without degrading the plant emergency response. The emergency response, in this sense, refers to the methodologies used in ascertaining the condition of the reactor core, mitigating the consequences of an accident, assessing and projecting offsite releases of radioactivity, and establishing protective action recommendations to be communicated to offsite authorities. The elimination of the PASS will not prevent an accident management strategy that meets the initial intent of the post-TMI–2 accident guidance through the use of the SAMGs, the emergency plan (EP), the emergency operating procedures (EOP), and site survey monitoring that support modification of emergency plan protective action recommendations (PARs).

Therefore, the elimination of PASS requirements from Technical Specifications (TS) (and other elements of the licensing bases) does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

Criterion 2—The Proposed Change Does Not Create the Possibility of a New or Different Kind of Accident from Any Previously Evaluated

The elimination of PASS related requirements will not result in any failure mode not previously analyzed. The PASS was intended to allow for verification of the extent of reactor core damage and also to provide an input to offsite dose projection calculations. The PASS is not considered an accident precursor, nor does its existence or elimination have any adverse impact on the pre-accident state of the reactor core or post accident confinement of radioisotopes within the containment building.

Therefore, this change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

Criterion 3—The Proposed Change Does Not Involve a Significant Reduction in the Margin of Safety

The elimination of the PASS, in light of existing plant equipment, instrumentation, procedures, and programs that provide effective mitigation of and recovery from reactor accidents, results in a neutral impact to the margin of safety. Methodologies that are not reliant on PASS are designed to provide rapid assessment of current reactor core conditions and the direction of degradation while effectively responding to the event in order to mitigate the consequences of the accident. The use of a PASS is redundant and does not provide quick recognition of core events or rapid response to events in progress. The intent of the requirements established as a result of the TMI–2 accident can be adequately met without reliance on a PASS.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Mark Wetterhahn, Esq., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

NRC Section Chief: Robert A. Gramm.

Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Docket No. 50–271, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont *Date of amendment request:* March 26, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The amendment request proposes to adopt the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project integrated surveillance program (BWRVIP ISP) as the basis for demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Appendix H to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50 (10 CFR 50), ''Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program Requirements'' and delete Technical Specification (TS) 4.6.A.5. The licensee also proposes to update the pressure-temperature (P–T) curves through the end of the current operating license by revising TS Figures 3.6.1, 3.6.2, and 3.6.3.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff's review is presented below:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Brittle fracture of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) is not a postulated or evaluated design basis accident. No evaluations of other postulated accidents are affected by this proposed change. Because the applicable regulatory requirements continue to be met, the change does not significantly increase the probability of any accident previously evaluated.

Also, the change will not alter any assumptions previously made in evaluating the radiological consequences of accidents.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Create the possibility for a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

The proposed change does not involve a modification of the design of plant structures, systems, or components. The change will not impact the manner in which the plant is operated and will not degrade the reliability of structures, systems, or components important to safety as equipment protection features will not be deleted or modified, equipment redundancy or independence will not

be reduced, supporting system performance will not be affected, and no severe testing of equipment will be imposed. No new failure modes or mechanisms will be introduced as a result of this proposed change.

Therefore, the changes to the material surveillance program and pressure-temperature limits that compose this proposed change do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident than those previously evaluated.

3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed change does not alter the manner in which safety limits, limiting safety system settings, or limiting conditions for operation are determined. There is no change or impact on any safety analysis assumption or in any other parameter affecting the course of an accident analysis supporting the Bases of any Technical Specification. The proposed change does not involve any increase in calculated off-site dose consequences.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC, Docket No. 50–443, Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1, Rockingham County, New Hampshire

Date of amendment request: February 3, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.7.1.4, ''Turbine Cycle—Specific Activity,'' and its associated bases. With the exception of TS 4.0.4, wording similar to that presented in the improved Standard Technical Specifications will be adopted. The amendment request proposes an exception to the requirements of TS 4.0.4 when entering MODE 4, along with conditions for when the surveillance requirement must be satisfied in MODE 4. Additionally there are editorial changes to the TS Index reflecting the proposed revision.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes, in part, modify the modes of applicability by stating that TS 4.0.4 is not applicable for Mode 4 entry. For the surveillance requirement, the change specifies the conditions in Mode 4 that are necessary to obtain a representative sample from the steam generators. Analyzed events are assumed to be initiated by the failure of plant structures, systems or components. The level of specific activity contained in the reactor coolant is germane to the consequences of an accident and is not related in any way to the probability of failure of a plant structure, system or component which would result in the occurrence of an unanalyzed event. Because the probability of failure of plant equipment is not affected, there is no impact on the probability of occurrence of a previously analyzed accident.

The consequences of a previously analyzed event are dependent on the initial conditions assumed for the analysis, and the availability and successful functioning of the equipment assumed to operate in response to the analyzed event. The proposed changes do not alter the initial conditions assumed in the analysis of interest. The plant parameters assumed for the analyses are maintained within assumed limits through compliance with the Technical Specifications and plant procedures. Additionally, the proposed changes do not impose any new safety analyses limits. Any deviation from the allowable activity limits will require the plant to be placed in a condition where the specification does not apply. Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

The proposed changes do not involve a physical alteration of the plant. No new equipment is being introduced, and installed equipment is not being operated in a new or different manner. There is no change being made to the parameters within which the plant is operated, or to the setpoints at which protective or mitigative actions are initiated. No alteration in the procedures that ensure the plant remains within analyzed limits is being proposed, and no change is being made to the procedures relied upon to respond to an off-normal event. As such, no new failure modes are being introduced. These changes have no physical effect on any plant equipment. Therefore, the changes do not create the possibility of a new of different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

3. The proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The margin of safety is established through equipment design, limitations on operating parameters, and the setpoints at which automatic actions are initiated. No equipment design features are impacted by these changes, no operating parameters are revised, and no changes are proposed to the actuation setpoints. The limit on secondary coolant Dose Equivalent Iodine remains at the current value of 0.1 microcuries per gram. Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis, and based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, LLC, Docket No. 50–220, Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (NMP1), Oswego County, New York

Date of amendment request: October 7, 2002, as supplemented on March 24, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The licensee's October 7, 2002, application proposed to add Specification 4.0.3 to address missed surveillances to the Technical Specifications (TSs). This new specification specifies an initial 24-hour delay period for performing a missed surveillance prescribed by Specification 3.0.3. Specification 4.0.3 will also require: ''A risk evaluation shall be performed for any surveillance delayed greater than 24 hours and the risk impact shall be managed.'' In addition, the licensee proposed to add wording to each of the following existing specifications such that the new Specification 4.0.3 would apply to them: Specification 6.16, 6.17, 6.18, and 6.19. On November 12, 2002, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff published a proposed no significant hazards consideration determination and opportunity for a

hearing (67 FR 68739) for the October 7, 2002, application.

As a result of the NRC staff comments, the licensee supplemented the application by a letter dated March 24, 2003. The supplement adds new requirements related to the use and application of the surveillance requirements (SRs) currently included in the TSs.

These new explicit SR applicability requirements would supersede the more general current requirements. The proposed new requirements reflect the current practices at NMP1, and as such, do not change any existing method of plant operation.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration for the March 24, 2003, supplement, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

Adoption of new administrative requirements related to the proper use of the surveillance requirements currently included in the NMP1 TSs do not affect any accident initiator, and as such, will have no effect on the probability of an accident. The proposed changes do not involve physical changes to the plant or introduce any new modes of operation. Accordingly, continued assurance is provided that the process variables, structures, systems, and components are maintained such that there will be no degradation of any fission product barrier which could increase the radiological consequences of an accident. Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

Adoption of new administrative requirements related to the proper use of the surveillance requirements currently included in the NMP1 TSs will have no adverse effect on the design or assumed accident performance of any structure, system, or component, or introduce any new modes of system operation or failure modes. Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The proposed changes add new administrative requirements related to the proper use of the surveillance requirements currently included in the NMP1 TSs. The addition of requirements will make application of the surveillance requirements more restrictive than currently required by the TSs. Accordingly, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the supplement of March 24, 2003, involves no significant hazards consideration.

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Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Docket Nos. 50–266 and 50–301, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin

Date of amendment request: March 27, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.1.4.1, ''Rod Group Alignment Limits, to change the allowable alignment limits of individual rods in Mode 1 when greater than 85-percent power.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration which is presented below:

1. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments does not result in a significant increase in the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

This proposed change does not cause an increase in the probabilities of any accidents previously evaluated because the change will not cause an increase in the probability of any initiating events for accidents previously evaluated.

The consequences of the accidents previously evaluated in the PBNP [Point Beach Nuclear Plant] Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) are determined by the results of analyses that are based on initial conditions of the plant, the type of accident, transient response of the plant, and the operation and failure of equipment and systems.

Based on the analyses documented in WCAP–15432, Revision 2 [''Conditional Extension of the Rod Misalignment Technical Specification for Point Beach Units 1 and 2, (proprietary)'' dated April 2001], all pertinent licensing-basis acceptance criteria have been met and the margin of safety, as defined in the Technical Specification Bases, is not significantly reduced in any of the Point Beach licensing basis accident analyses due to the subject change. Therefore, the probability of an accident previously evaluated has not significantly increased. Because design limitations continue to be met and the integrity of the reactor coolant system pressure boundary is not challenged, the assumptions employed in the calculation of the offsite radiological doses remain valid. Neither rod position indication nor the limits on allowed rod position deviation is an accident initiator or precursor. Therefore, the consequences of an accident previously evaluated will not be significantly increased.

2. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments does not result in a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The changes described in the proposed amendment are supported by the analyses provided in the submittal [the March 27, 2003, application]. The evaluation of the effects of the proposed changes indicates that all design standards and applicable safety criteria limits are met. These changes therefore do not cause the initiation of any new or different accident nor create any new failure mechanisms.

Equipment important to safety will continue to operate as designed. The proposed change does not result in any event previously deemed incredible being made credible. The change does not result in more adverse conditions or result in any increase in the challenges to safety systems. Therefore, operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different type of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments does not result in a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Based on the analyses documented in WCAP–15432, Revision 2, all pertinent licensing-basis acceptance criteria have been met and the margin of safety, as defined in the Technical Specification

Bases, is not significantly reduced in any of the Point Beach licensing basis accident analyses based on the subject changes to safety analyses input parameter values. There are no new or significant changes to the initial conditions contributing to accident severity or consequences. Since the analyses in the accompanying submittals [March 27, 2003, application and WCAP–15432] demonstrate that all applicable acceptance criteria continue to be met, the subject operating conditions will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety at Point Beach.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Docket Nos. 50–282 and 50–306, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, Goodhue County, Minnesota

Date of amendment request: March 25, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification (TS) 3.2.1 and TS 3.2.3 for implementation of relaxed axial offset control of the reactor cores, relocate selected operating parameters from TS 2.0 and TS 3.3.1 to the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR), revise the Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value, and revise the appropriate references in TS 5.6.5 to the NRC-approved methodologies which support relocation of operating parameters to the COLR.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

Group 1—Implementation of Relaxed Axial Offset Control

A. TS 3.2.1, Heat Flux Hot Channel Factor—$F_Q(Z)$ and Bases: Modification of Required Actions and Completion Time if $FW_Q(Z)$ is not within its limit and update Bases.

B. TS 3.2.3, Axial Flux Difference (AFD) and Bases: Modification of Limiting Conditions for Operation, Actions and Surveillance Requirements and revision of the Bases.

This license amendment request proposes to revise the Technical Specifications to implement the relaxed axial offset control methodology to address the heat flux hot channel factor and axial flux difference limits.

1. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This license amendment request proposes to revise the Technical Specifications to implement the relaxed axial offset control methodology to address the heat flux hot channel factor and axial flux difference limits. The revised Technical Specifications and parameter changes associated with relaxed axial offset control assure that the limiting safety analysis inputs (such as, heat flux hot channel factor and axial flux difference limits) are not exceeded. The bounding power distribution transient factor values, W(Z), and the axial flux difference limits that are documented in the Core Operating Limits Report will be determined by NRC approved analytical methods and will be validated as part of the cycle specific reload evaluation process.

Heat flux hot channel factors and axial flux difference limits are not assumed accident initiators. Therefore, the relaxed axial offset control related Technical Specification changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability of an accident.

Likewise, operation of the plant within the proposed Technical Specification controls and limits assures that safety analysis assumptions are met, thus, if an accident were to occur, the consequences would continue to be bounded by the accident analyses. Therefore, the relaxed axial offset control related technical specification changes do not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident.

The relaxed axial offset control related technical specification changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

This proposed change does not involve a physical alteration of the plant; that is, no new or different type of equipment will be installed. This proposed change does not introduce any new mode of plant operation or change the methods governing normal plant operation. No new failure mode has been created and no new equipment performance burdens are imposed. Therefore the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from those previously analyzed has not been created.

3. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

This license amendment request proposes to revise the Technical Specifications to implement the relaxed axial offset control methodology to address the heat flux hot channel factor and axial flux difference limits. The supporting Technical Specification limits are defined by NRC approved analytical methods which are performed to conservatively bound the operating conditions defined by the Technical Specifications and to demonstrate meeting the regulatory acceptance limits. The heat flux hot channel factor licensed safety margins are maintained. The heat flux hot channel factor conforms to plant design bases and limits actual plant operation within analyzed and licensed boundaries. The relaxed axial offset control methodology has been demonstrated to ensure that core heat flux hot channel factors will remain below accident analysis limits. The margin of safety provided by the analyses in accordance with the acceptance limits is maintained and not reduced. Thus, the implementation of relaxed axial offset control at Prairie Island does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Group 2—Relocation of Technical Specifications Safety Limits Figure and Overtemperature Delta-T and Overpower Delta-T Parameter Values to the Core Operating Limits Report, and Miscellaneous Administrative Changes

A. TS 2.1.1, ''Reactor Core SLs [Safety Limits]'' and Bases: Relocate the safety limits Figure to the Core Operating Limits Report, update TS 2.1.1 and Bases.

B. TS 3.3.1, Table 3.3.1–1 (Pages 2, 7 and 8), ''Reactor Trip System Instrumentation'', Overpower Delta-T Trip Function, and Overtemperature Delta-T and Overpower Delta–T parameter values: Delete SR [Surveillance Requirement] 3.3.1.3, SR 3.3.1.6, and remove f(DI) from Overpower Delta-T Trip Function, relocate overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values and revise the Bases.

C. TS 5.6.5, Core Operating Limits Report (COLR): Additions to document Technical Specifications with limits in the Core Operating Limits Report and the analytical methods used to determine the values for relocated safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameters and miscellaneous administrative changes.

This license amendment request proposes to relocate the safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values to the Core Operating Limits Report. Relocation of these limits and parameter values to the Core Operating Limits Report allows them to be changed under licensee controls. This license amendment also proposes to include, in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section, the appropriate references to the NRC approved methodologies which will be used to determine the safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values. These changes are acceptable because the values used to operate the Prairie Island plant will be determined using NRC approved methods and these changes are consistent with the guidance of the industry standard Technical Specifications, NUREG–1431, Revision 2, ''Standard Technical Specifications Westinghouse Plants''. This license amendment request also proposes to delete references to an NRC Safety Evaluation and make some editorial corrections in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section. These changes are

acceptable since they are administrative and do not affect plant operation.

1. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This license amendment request proposes to relocate the safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values to the Core Operating Limits Report and to include, in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section, the appropriate references to the NRC approved methodologies which support determination of these limits and parameter values. The safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values that are documented in the Core Operating Limits Report will be determined by NRC approved analytical methods and will be validated as part of the cycle specific reload evaluation process.

Safety limits are not assumed accident initiators. Thus relocation of the safety limits does not involve a significant increase in the probability of an accident. Overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values are inputs to the reactor trip system which is provided to mitigate the consequences of an accident. The reactor trip system is not an accident initiator and therefore, changes to input values do not increase the probability of an accident.

Safety limits define bounding values within which plant operation will not initiate an accident condition. Safety limits relocated to the Core Operating Limits Report and determined by use of NRC approved methodologies will continue to determine the safe limits of plant operation, thus this change does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident. The reactor trip system, with inputs from the overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trip functions, mitigates the consequences of accidents.

The overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trip parameter values are determined to assure that the design limit departure from nucleate boiling ratio is met and fuel integrity is maintained. Overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trip parameters relocated to the Core Operating Limits Report and values determined by use of NRC approved methodologies will continue to determine the inputs for these trip functions which mitigate the design basis accident consequences, thus this change does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident.

Addition of references to NRC approved methodologies in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section is an administrative change which does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed miscellaneous administrative changes in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section do not affect plant operation and therefore do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

As discussed above, these proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

The malfunction of safety related equipment, assumed to be operable in the accident analyses, would not be impacted as a result of the proposed technical specification changes. No new failure mode has been created and no new equipment performance burdens are imposed. Therefore the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from those previously analyzed has not been created. The proposed administrative changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from those previously analyzed.

3. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

This license amendment request proposes to relocate the safety limits and overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T parameter values to the Core Operating Limits Report and to include, in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section, the appropriate references to the NRC approved methodologies which support determination of these limits and parameter values. This proposed change also allows these relocated limits and parameter values to be changed under licensee controls. Safety limits in the Core Operating Limits Report will be determined by use of NRC approved methodologies and will continue to determine the safe limits of plant operation. Overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trip parameter values in the Core Operating Limits Report will be determined by use of NRC approved methodologies and will continue to determine the inputs for these trip functions which mitigate design basis accidents. The Safety Limits licensed safety margins are maintained. The Safety Limits conform to plant design bases and limit actual plant operation within analyzed and licensed boundaries. The methodology described in WCAP–8745, along with the low pressurizer pressure allowable value, ensures that the overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trips will protect against fuel centerline melting and departure from nucleate boiling during Condition II events. Thus, these changes do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

This license amendment request proposes to delete references to an NRC Safety Evaluation and make some editorial corrections in the Technical Specifications administrative controls section. These changes are administrative and thus do not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Group 3—Revision of Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip Allowable Value

TS 3.3.1, Table 3.3.1–1 (Page 2), ''Reactor Trip System Instrumentation'', Function 8.a, Pressurizer Pressure-Low: Increase Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value.

This license amendment request proposes to increase the Allowable Value defined in Table 3.3.1–1 for the Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip.

1. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This license amendment request proposes to increase the Allowable Value defined in Table 3.3.1–1 for the Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip. Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip is an input to the reactor trip system which is provided to mitigate the consequences of an accident. The reactor trip system is not an accident initiator and therefore, changes to the Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value do not involve an increase in the probability of an accident.

The Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value is being increased which is a conservative change. The increase in the Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip Allowable Value will assure that the overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T reactor trip functions, with values determined in accordance with NRC approved methodologies, provide protection against fuel centerline melting and departure from nucleate boiling for overpower and overtemperature events. Therefore, this change does not involve an increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

This proposed change does not involve a physical alteration of the plant; that is, no new or different type of equipment will be installed. This proposed change does not introduce any new mode of plant operation or change the methods governing normal plant operation. No new failure mode has been created and no new equipment performance burdens are imposed. Therefore the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from those previously analyzed has not been created.

3. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

This license amendment request proposes to increase the Allowable Value defined in Table 3.3.1–1 for the Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip. The Allowable Value is determined in accordance with an NRC accepted setpoint methodology with input from NRC approved analytical methods. These determinations are performed to conservatively bound the operating conditions defined by the Technical Specifications and to demonstrate meeting the regulatory acceptance limits.

Performance of analyses and evaluations for the cycle specific reload evaluation process will confirm that the operating envelope defined by the Technical Specifications continues to be bounded by the analytical basis and in no case exceeds the acceptance limits. The proposed Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value along with the overtemperature delta-T and overpower delta-T trips will protect against fuel centerline melting and departure from nucleate boiling during Condition II events. The proposed Allowable Value conforms to plant design bases and limits actual plant

operation within analyzed and licensed boundaries. The margin of safety provided by the proposed Pressurizer Pressure-Low Allowable Value is maintained and not reduced. Thus, the increase in the Pressurizer Pressure-Low reactor trip Allowable Value does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration.

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PPL Susquehanna, LLC, Docket Nos. 50–387 and 50–388, Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Date of amendment request: March 3, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendments would delete requirements from the technical specifications (TS) and other elements of the licensing bases to maintain a Post-Accident Sampling System (PASS). Licensees were generally required to implement PASS upgrades as described in NUREG–0737, ''Clarification of TMI [Three Mile Island] Action Plan Requirements,'' and Regulatory Guide 1.97, ''Instrumentation for Light-Water-Cooled Nuclear Power Plants to Assess Plant and Environs Conditions During and Following an Accident.'' Implementation of these upgrades was an outcome of the lessons learned from the accident that occurred at TMI Unit 2. Requirements related to PASS were imposed by Order for many facilities and were added to or included in the TSs for nuclear power reactors currently licensed to operate. Lessons learned and improvements implemented over the last 20 years have shown that the information obtained from PASS can be readily obtained through other means or is of little use in the assessment and mitigation of accident conditions.

The proposed changes are based on NRC-approved Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF) Standard Technical Specification Change Traveler, TSTF–413, ''Elimination of Requirements for a Post-Accident Sampling System (PASS).'' The NRC staff issued a notice of opportunity for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2001 (66 FR 66949), on possible amendments concerning TSTF–413, including a model safety evaluation and model no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination, using the consolidated line item improvement process. The NRC staff subsequently issued a notice of availability of the models for referencing in license amendment applications in the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2002 (67 FR 13027). The licensee affirmed the applicability of the following NSHC determination in its application dated March 3, 2003.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), an analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration is presented below:

Criterion 1—The Proposed Change Does Not Involve a Significant Increase in the Probability or Consequences of an Accident Previously Evaluated

The PASS was originally designed to perform many sampling and analysis functions. These functions were designed and intended to be used in post accident situations and were put into place as a result of the TMI–2 accident. The specific intent of the PASS was to provide a system that has the capability to obtain and analyze samples of plant fluids containing potentially high levels of radioactivity, without exceeding plant personnel radiation exposure limits. Analytical results of these samples would be used largely for verification purposes in aiding the plant staff in assessing the extent of core damage and subsequent offsite radiological dose projections. The system was not intended to and does not serve a function for preventing accidents and its elimination would not affect the probability of accidents previously evaluated.

In the 20 years since the TMI–2 accident and the consequential promulgation of post accident sampling requirements, operating experience has demonstrated that a PASS provides little actual benefit to post accident mitigation. Past experience has indicated that there exists in-plant instrumentation and methodologies available in lieu of a PASS for collecting and assimilating information needed to assess core damage following an accident. Furthermore, the implementation of Severe Accident Management Guidance (SAMG) emphasizes accident management strategies based on in-plant instruments. These strategies provide guidance to the plant staff for mitigation and recovery from a severe accident. Based on current severe accident management strategies and guidelines, it is determined that the PASS provides little benefit to the plant staff in coping with an accident.

The regulatory requirements for the PASS can be eliminated without degrading the plant emergency response. The emergency response, in this sense, refers to the methodologies used in ascertaining the condition of the reactor core, mitigating the consequences of an accident, assessing and projecting offsite releases of radioactivity, and establishing protective action recommendations to be communicated to offsite authorities. The elimination of the PASS will not prevent an accident management strategy that meets the initial intent of the post-TMI–2 accident guidance through the use of the SAMGs, the emergency plan (EP), the emergency operating procedures (EOP), and site survey monitoring that support modification of emergency plan protective action recommendations (PARs).

Therefore, the elimination of PASS requirements from Technical Specifications (TS) (and other elements of the licensing bases) does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

Criterion 2—The Proposed Change Does Not Create the Possibility of a New or Different Kind of Accident from any Previously Evaluated

The elimination of PASS related requirements will not result in any failure mode not previously analyzed. The PASS was intended to allow for verification of the extent of reactor core damage and also to provide an input to offsite dose projection calculations. The PASS is not considered an accident precursor, nor does its existence or elimination have any adverse impact on the pre-accident state of the reactor core or post accident confinement of radioisotopes within the containment building.

Therefore, this change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

Criterion 3—The Proposed Change Does Not Involve a Significant Reduction in the Margin of Safety

The elimination of the PASS, in light of existing plant equipment, instrumentation, procedures, and programs that provide effective mitigation of and recovery from reactor accidents, results in a neutral impact to the margin of safety. Methodologies that are not reliant on PASS are designed to provide rapid assessment of current reactor core conditions and the direction of degradation while effectively responding to the event in order to mitigate the consequences of the accident. The use of a PASS is redundant and does not provide quick recognition of core events or rapid response to events in progress. The intent of the requirements established as a result of the TMI–2 accident can be adequately met without reliance on a PASS.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket No. 50–354, Hope Creek Generating Station, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of amendment request: December 23, 2002.

Description of amendment request: The amendment would change the Hope

Creek Generating Station (HCGS) reactor vessel material surveillance program required by Appendix H to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50. This change would incorporate the Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP) into the HCGS licensing basis.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously analyzed?

Response: No.

The proposed change implements an integrated surveillance program that has been evaluated by the NRC staff as meeting the requirements of paragraph Ill.C of Appendix H to 10 CFR 50. Consequently, the proposed change does not significantly increase the probability of any accident previously evaluated. The proposed change provides the same assurance of RPV [reactor pressure vessel] integrity. As a result, the consequences of any accident previously evaluated are not significantly increased.

Therefore, this proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability of occurrence or consequences of an accident previously analyzed.

2. Does the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed?

Response: No.

The proposed change revises the HCGS licensing basis to reflect participation in the ISP. The proposed change does not involve a modification of the design of plant structures, systems or components (SSC). Also, the proposed change will not degrade the reliability of SSCs important to safety since protective features will not be deleted or modified. The proposed change will not impact the manner in which the plant is normally operated. The proposed change maintains an equivalent level of RPV material surveillance and does not introduce any new accident initiators. Therefore, this proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously analyzed.

3. Does the change involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety?

Response: No.

The proposed change has been evaluated as providing an acceptable alternative to the plant-specific RPV material surveillance program that meets the requirements of the regulations for RPV material surveillance. Therefore, these changes do not involve a significant reduction in margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Jeffrie J. Keenan, Esquire, Nuclear Business Unit—N21, PO Box 236, Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038.

NRC Section Chief: James W. Clifford.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket Nos. 50–272 and 50–311, Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of amendment request: September 20, 2002, as revised on February 14, 2003. This notice supercedes a previous notice (67 FR 75884) published on December 10, 2002, which was based on the licensee's application dated September 20, 2002.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment will: (1) Add a new limiting condition for operation (LCO) for spent fuel pool (SFP) boron concentration; (2) relocate requirements from Technical Specification (TS) Section 5.0, ''Design Features,'' to a new LCO in TS Section 3/4.7; and (3) revise existing TS 3/4.9.1 for refueling operations by relocating requirements for boron concentration to the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) described in TS 6.9.1.9. The licensee also proposed related changes to the TS Bases. By letter dated February 14, 2003, PSEG revised its request, including lowering the minimum SFP boron concentration from 2300 parts per million (ppm) to 800 ppm.

Therefore, this notice supercedes a previous notice published on December 10, 2002, to reflect this change.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.91(a), the licensee has provided a revised analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis against the standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c). The NRC staff's review is presented below:

1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

The licensee proposed to change the Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem) TSs by: (1) adding a new LCO for SFP boron concentration; (2) relocating requirements from TS Section 5.0, ''Design Features,'' to a new LCO in TS Section 3/4.7; and (3) revising existing TS 3/4.9.1 for refueling operations by relocating requirements for boron concentration to the COLR. These changes are consistent with applicable LCOs in NUREG–1431, Revision 2, ''Improved Standard Technical Specifications, Westinghouse Plants,'' and will continue to provide administrative controls to ensure that a proper boron concentration is maintained in accordance with Salem's accident analyses. Because there are no changes to any of the input assumptions associated with postulated accidents involving refueling operations and the SFP, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability of occurrence or consequences of an accident previously analyzed.

2. Does the proposed change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed?

Adding new LCOs for boron concentration in the SFP and relocating boron concentration requirements to the COLR will not change the conduct of operations in the SFP, refueling cavity and fuel transfer tube at Salem. Therefore, because plant operations will not change, the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously analyzed.

3. Does the proposed change involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety?

Refueling operations and SFP boron concentration limits will be based on approved methodologies and accident analyses that are unchanged as a result of the proposed TS amendments. Therefore, because existing margins of safety will be maintained, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Jeffrie J. Keenan, Esquire, Nuclear Business Unit—N21, PO Box 236, Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038.

NRC Section Chief: James W. Clifford.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Docket Nos. 50–275 and 50–323, Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, San Luis Obispo County, California

Date of amendment requests: February 28, 2003.

Description of amendment requests: The proposed license amendments would revise Action A of Technical Specification (TS) 3.5.2, ''ECCS—Operating,'' to change the completion time for restoring centrifugal charging pump (CCP) 1–1 to operable status during Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Unit 1 Cycle 12, from 72 hours to 7 days. The 72-hour allowed completion time is not sufficient to

accomplish such emergent repairs on an inoperable CCP. This license amendment request also removes a similar one-time change for DCPP Unit 2 CCP 2–1 which has expired.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The emergency core cooling system (ECCS) and the centrifugal charging pumps (CCPs) are designed to respond to mitigate the consequences of an accident. They are not an accident initiator, and as such cannot increase the probability of an accident.

The loss of both CCPs, due to an inoperable CCP 1–1 and a single failure of CCP 1–2, could increase the consequences of an accident. A probabilistic risk assessment was performed to evaluate the increased consequences. The worst case risk increment due to the increased completion time for CCP 1–1 and the maximum allowed results in only a small quantitative impact on plant risk.

Allowing 7 days to complete the seal replacement and post-maintenance testing of CCP 1–1 is acceptable since the ECCS system remains capable of performing its intended function of providing at least the minimum flow assumed in the accident analyses. During the extended maintenance and test period, appropriate compensatory measures will be implemented to restrict high risk activity. The consequences of accidents, which rely on the ECCS system, will not be significantly affected.

Therefore, the proposed changes will not result in a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

There are no new failure modes or mechanisms created due to plant operation for an extended period to perform repairs and post-maintenance testing of CCP 1–1. Extended operation with an inoperable CCP does not involve any modification in the operational limits or physical design of the systems. There are no new accident precursors generated due to the extended allowed completion time.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. The proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Plant operation for seven days with an inoperable CCP 1–1 does not adversely affect the margin of safety. During the extended allowable completion time the ECCS system maintains the ability to perform its safety function of providing at least the minimum flow assumed in the accident analyses. During the extended maintenance and test period, appropriate compensatory measures will be implemented to restrict high-risk activity.

Therefore, the change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety as defined in the basis for any Technical Specification.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration.

Attorney for licensee: Christopher J. Warner, Esq., Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PO Box 7442, San Francisco, California 94120.

NRC Section Chief: Stephen Dembek.

Previously Published Notices of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed no Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The following notices were previously published as separate individual notices. The notice content was the same as above. They were published as individual notices either because time did not allow the Commission to wait for this biweekly notice or because the action involved exigent circumstances. They are repeated here because the biweekly notice lists all amendments issued or proposed to be issued involving no significant hazards consideration.

For details, *see* the individual notice in the **Federal Register** on the day and page cited. This notice does not extend the notice period of the original notice.

Florida Power & Light Company, et al. (FPL's), Docket Nos. 50–335, and 50–389, St. Lucie Plant, Unit No. 1, and Unit No. 2, St. Lucie County, Florida

Date of amendment request: October 23, 2002.

Description of amendment request: The proposed license amendments would revise the Technical Specifications to include the design of a new cask pit spent fuel storage rack for each unit to increase the allowable spent fuel wet storage capacity at both units and include the description of Boral ™ as the neutron absorbing material used in the new cask pit storage racks. The proposal would also revise the spent fuel pool thermal-hydraulic analyses for core offload times and include a change in FPL's commitments regarding the Unit 2 spent fuel cooling system design basis described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report.

Date of publication of individual notice in the ***Federal Register:*** January 28, 2003 (68 FR 4244), as corrected March 31, 2003 (64 FR 15487).

Expiration date of individual notice: February 27, 2003.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket No. 50–327, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Date of application for amendments: February 14, 2003.

Description of amendments request: Revise the Updated Final Analysis Report to change the methodology using a through-bolted connection frame that is different than the original design and construction of the steam generator roof compartment.

Date of publication of individual notice in the ***Federal Register:*** March 14, 2003 (68 FR 12382).

Expiration date of individual notice: April 14, 2003.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket No. 50–327, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Date of application for amendments: March 18, 2003.

Description of amendments request: Revise the Updated Final Analysis Report to provide an alternative methodology using a Bar-Lock mechanical splice in lieu of the Cadweld splice used in the original design and construction of the concrete shield building dome.

Date of publication of individual notice in the ***Federal Register:*** March 17, 2003 (68 FR 12718).

Expiration date of individual notice: April 16, 2003.

Notice of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

During the period since publication of the last biweekly notice, the Commission has issued the following amendments. The Commission has determined for each of these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for A Hearing in connection with these actions was

published in the **Federal Register** as indicated.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments. If the Commission has prepared an environmental assessment under the special circumstances provision in 10 CFR 51.12(b) and has made a determination based on that assessment, it is so indicated.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) The applications for amendment, (2) the amendment, and (3) the Commission's related letter, Safety Evaluation and/or Environmental Assessment as indicated. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov.*

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC, et al., Docket No. 50–219, Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Ocean County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendment: November 27, 2002.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment deleted Section 6.17, ''Post Accident Sampling,'' and thereby eliminating the requirements to have and maintain the subject system. The subject requirements were imposed by a July 7, 1981, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Confirmatory Order.

Date of Issuance: April 4, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 180 days.

Amendment No.: 237.

Facility Operating License No. DPR–16: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** January 21, 2003 (68 FR 2798).

The Commission's related evaluation of this amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 4, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc., Docket Nos. 50–317 and 50–318, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Calvert County, Maryland

Date of application for amendments: June 11, 2002, as supplemented January 22, 2003.

Brief description of amendments: The amendment changes Technical Specifications 3.7.11 related to the operation of the spent fuel pool exhaust ventilation system during the movement of irradiated fuel assemblies.

Date of issuance: April 7, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance to be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment Nos.: 234, 257.

Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–53 and DPR–69: Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** October 15, 2002 (67 FR 63689).

The January 22, 2003, supplemental letter provided clarifying information that did not enlarge the scope of the amendments as noticed in the original **Federal Register** notice or change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination. The Commission's related evaluation of these amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 7, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc., Docket Nos. 50–317 and 50–318, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Calvert County, Maryland

Date of application for amendments: July 17 and August 6, 2002.

Brief description of amendments: These amendments permit operation of Calvert Cliffs Unit 2 with a core containing up to eight lead fuel assemblies with fuel rods clad with an advanced zirconium-based alloy.

Date of issuance: April 14, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance to be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment Nos.: 258 and 235.

Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–53 and DPR–69: Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** September 17, 2002 (67 FR 58637).

The Commission's related evaluation of these amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 14, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Docket No. 50–293, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

Date of application for amendment: October 10, 2002, as supplemented on November 22, 2002, and January 28, 2003. The October 10, 2002, application replaced the original application dated December 12, 2001.

Brief description of amendment: This amendment changes Technical Specification (TS) Tables 3.2.A, 3.2.B, 4.2.A, and 4.2.B. The proposed changes affect various instrument trip level settings and decrease calibration frequencies for a variety of instruments. The proposed changes identify that the Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) system requires one channel in each of the two trip systems for each location. The proposed changes also clarify the titles of certain trip systems, move note numbers to their proper location, and correct a mis-referenced figure in a table note. Appropriate Bases pages were also changed to reflect the TS changes.

Date of issuance: April 17, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 90 days.

Amendment No.: 198.

Facility Operating License No. DPR–35: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** February 18, 2003, (68 FR 7815).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 17, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Docket Nos. STN 50–454 and STN 50–455, Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Ogle County, Illinois

Date of application for amendments: September 27, 2002.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise Appendix B, ''Environmental Protection Plan (Non-Radiological),'' of the licenses to remove a parenthetical reference to a superseded section of 10 CFR part 51.

Date of issuance: April 4, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment Nos.: 132/132.

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–37 and NPF–66: The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** October 29, 2002 (67 FR 66009).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 4, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Docket No. 50–346, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, Ottawa County, Ohio

Date of application for amendment: June 4, 2002, as supplemented by letter dated February 19, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: This amendment revises Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.0.3 to extend the delay period, before entering a Limiting Condition for Operation, following a missed surveillance to ''* * * up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified frequency, whichever is greater.'' In addition, the amendment adds requirements to SR 4.0.3 to perform a risk evaluation for any Surveillance delayed greater than 24 hours and manage the risk impact, and specifies actions to be taken when a delayed surveillance is not performed or not met. The amendment is consistent with TS Task Force traveler TSTF–358, which has been approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for incorporation into standard technical specifications in NUREG–1430. The TS Bases will be revised under the licensee's existing TS Bases control program to be consistent with the bases for TSTF–358.

Date of issuance: April 11, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 120 days.

Amendment No.: 254.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–3: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** January 7, 2003 (68 FR 804).

The supplemental information contained clarifying information and did not change the initial no significant hazards consideration determination and did not expand the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 11, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Docket No. 50–440, Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, Lake County, Ohio

Date of application for amendment: June 10, 2002.

Brief description of amendment: This amendment revises Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.0.3 to extend the delay period, before entering a Limiting Condition for Operation, following a missed surveillance. The delay period is extended from the current limit of ''* * * up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified Frequency, whichever is less'' to ''* * * up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified Frequency, whichever is greater.'' In addition, the following requirement is added to SR 3.0.3: ''A risk evaluation shall be performed for any Surveillance delayed greater than 24 hours and the risk impact shall be managed.''

Date of issuance: April 17, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 90 days.

Amendment No.: 125.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–58: This amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** March 18, 2003 (68 FR 12954).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 17, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Docket No. 50–440, Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, Lake County, Ohio

Date of application for amendment: March 14, 2002, as supplemented by letter dated January 20, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: This amendment revised technical specification (TS) 5.5.12, ''Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program,'' to allow a one-time exception to Nuclear Energy Institute 94–01, ''Industry Guidance for Implementing Performance-Based Option of 10 CFR part 50 Appendix J,'' that extends the test interval of the containment integrated leak rate test from 10 to 15 years.

Date of issuance: April 8, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 90 days.

Amendment No.: 126.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–58: This amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** February 4, 2003 (68 FR 5676).

The supplemental information contained clarifying information and did not change the initial no significant hazards consideration determination and did not expand the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 8, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Florida Power and Light Company, et al., Docket Nos. 50–335 and 50–389, St. Lucie Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, St. Lucie County, Florida

Date of application for amendments: August 15, 2002, as supplemented December 13, 2002.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise Technical Specifications Section 6.8.4.h, Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program, to allow a one-time 5-year extension to the current 10-year test interval for the containment integrated leak rate test (ILRT). The changes were submitted on a risk-informed basis as described in Regulatory Guide 1.174, An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis. The risk-informed analysis supporting the changes indicates that the increase in risk from extending the ILRT test interval from 10 to 15 years is insignificant.

Date of Issuance: April 10, 2003.

Effective Date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 187 & 130.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–67 and NPF–16: Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in ***Federal Register:*** September 17, 2002 (67 FR 58647).

The supplement dated December 13, 2002, provided clarifying information that did not change the scope of the August 15, 2002, application nor the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 10, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket No. 50–354, Hope Creek Generating Station, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendment: June 28, 2002, as supplemented December 18, 2002, January 18, 2003, and February 25, 2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment relaxes certain Technical Specifications (TSs) requirements for containment isolation and removes references to the Filtration Recirculation and Ventilation System charcoal filters.

Date of issuance: April 15, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance to be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment No.: 146.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–57: This amendment revised the TSs.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register:*** February 18, 2003 (68 FR 7818).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 15, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket No. 50–354, Hope Creek Generating Station, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendment: October 9, 2002, as supplemented November 22, 2002, and December 6, 2002.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment grants, on a one-time basis, an extension of the Type A Integrated Leak Rate Test interval from 10 years to 15 years.

Date of issuance: April 16, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment No.: 147.

Facility Operating License No. NPF–57: This amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register***: February 18, 2003 (68 FR 7819).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 16, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket Nos. 50–272 and 50–311, Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendments: October 23, 2002.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Technical Specification (TS) 6.12, ''High Radiation Area'' to be consistent with the Standard TSs for Westinghouse Plants (NUREG–1431, Revision 2) by updating the current reference to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 20.203 with the corresponding reference to 10 CFR 20.1601.

Date of issuance: April 10, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment Nos.: 255 and 236.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–70 and DPR–75: The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register***: February 4, 2002 (68 FR 5681).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 10, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

PSEG Nuclear LLC, Docket Nos. 50–272 and 50–311, Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Salem County, New Jersey

Date of application for amendments: July 25, 2002, as supplemented October 21, 2002.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise Technical Specifications (TSs) Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.0.3 to extend the delay period, before entering a Limiting Condition for Operation, following a missed surveillance. The delay period is extended from the current limit of up to 24 hours to ''* * * up to 24 hours or up to the limit of the specified frequency, whichever is greater.'' In addition, the following requirement is added to SR 4.0.3: ''A risk evaluation shall be performed for any surveillance delayed greater than 24 hours and the risk impact shall be managed.'' The amendments also add a requirement for a TS Bases Control Program to the administrative controls section of TSs and makes administrative changes to SRs 4.0.1 and 4.0.3 to be consistent with NUREG–1431, Revision 2, ''Standard Technical Specifications Westinghouse Plants.''

Date of issuance: April 16, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment Nos.: 256 and 237.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–70 and DPR–75: The amendments revised the TSs.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register***: February 18, 2003 (68 FR 7820).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 16, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 50–259, 50–260, and 50–296, Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant , Units 1, 2, and 3, Limestone County, Alabama

Date of application for amendments: August 1, 2002.

Description of amendments request: The amendments revised the Updated Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to eliminate consideration of a pressure regulator downscale failure as an abnormal operational transient.

Date of issuance: April 4, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, to be incorporated into the UFSAR at the time of its next update.

Amendment Nos.: 244, 281 and 239.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–33, DPR–52, and DPR–68: Amendments revised the UFSAR.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register***: October 15, 2002 (67 FR 63697).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 4, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Notice of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Final Determination of no Significant Hazards Consideration and Opportunity for a Hearing (Exigent Public Announcement or Emergency Circumstances)

During the period since publication of the last biweekly notice, the Commission has issued the following amendments. The Commission has determined for each of these amendments that the application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Because of exigent or emergency circumstances associated with the date the amendment was needed, there was not time for the Commission to publish, for public comment before issuance, its usual 30-day Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing.

For exigent circumstances, the Commission has either issued a Federal Register notice providing opportunity for public comment or has used local media to provide notice to the public in the area surrounding a licensee's facility of the licensee's application and of the Commission's proposed determination of no significant hazards consideration. The Commission has provided a reasonable opportunity for the public to comment, using its best efforts to make available to the public means of communication for the public to respond quickly, and in the case of telephone comments, the comments have been recorded or transcribed as appropriate and the licensee has been informed of the public comments.

In circumstances where failure to act in a timely way would have resulted, for example, in derating or shutdown of a

nuclear power plant or in prevention of either resumption of operation or of increase in power output up to the plant's licensed power level, the Commission may not have had an opportunity to provide for public comment on its no significant hazards consideration determination. In such case, the license amendment has been issued without opportunity for comment. If there has been some time for public comment but less than 30 days, the Commission may provide an opportunity for public comment. If comments have been requested, it is so stated. In either event, the State has been consulted by telephone whenever possible.

Under its regulations, the Commission may issue and make an amendment immediately effective, notwithstanding the pendency before it of a request for a hearing from any person, in advance of the holding and completion of any required hearing, where it has determined that no significant hazards consideration is involved.

The Commission has applied the standards of 10 CFR 50.92 and has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The basis for this determination is contained in the documents related to this action. Accordingly, the amendments have been issued and made effective as indicated.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments. If the Commission has prepared an environmental assessment under the special circumstances provision in 10 CFR 51.12(b) and has made a determination based on that assessment, it is so indicated.

For further details with respect to the action *see* (1) the application for amendment, (2) the amendment to Facility Operating License, and (3) the Commission's related letter, Safety Evaluation and/or Environmental Assessment, as indicated. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Assess and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov.*

The Commission is also offering an opportunity for a hearing with respect to the issuance of the amendment. By May 16, 2003, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's ''Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings'' in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714, which is available at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and electronically on the Internet at the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/.* If there are problems in accessing the document, contact the PDR Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov.* If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Since the Commission has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, if a hearing is requested, it will not stay the effectiveness of the amendment. Any hearing held would take place while the amendment is in effect.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland,

by the above date. Because of the continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415–1101 or by e-mail to *hearingdocket@nrc.gov.* A copy of the petition for leave to intervene and request for hearing should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415–3725 or by e-mail to *OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov.* A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)–(v) and 2.714(d).

Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Docket No. 50–331, Duane Arnold Energy Center, Linn County, Iowa

Date of amendment request: April 14, 2003, as supplemented by letter dated April 15, 2003.

Description of amendment request: The amendment revises Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) 3.7.5, ''Control Building Chiller (CBC) System,'' Required Action A.1 to add a provision that temporarily removes the restrictions of LCO 3.0.4 until May 16, 2003. This amendment allows entry into LCO 3.7.5 with an inoperable CBC subsystem.

Date of issuance: April 16, 2003.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented immediately.

Amendment No.: 250.

Facility Operating License No. DPR–49: Amendment revises the technical specifications.

Public comments requested as to proposed no significant hazards consideration (NSHC): No.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of emergency circumstances, state consultation, and final NSHC determination are contained in a safety evaluation dated April 16, 2003.

Attorney for licensee: Mr. Alvin Gutterman, Morgan Lewis, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004

NRC Section Chief: L. Raghavan.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

John A. Zwolinski,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

State of Wisconsin: NRC Staff Draft Assessment of a Proposed Agreement Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Wisconsin

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a proposed agreement with the state of Wisconsin.

SUMMARY: By letter dated August 21, 2002, former Governor Scott McCallum of Wisconsin requested that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) enter into an Agreement with the State as authorized by Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act).

Under the proposed Agreement, the Commission would relinquish, and Wisconsin would assume, portions of the Commission's regulatory authority exercised within the State. As required by the Act, NRC is publishing the proposed Agreement for public comment. NRC is also publishing the summary of a draft assessment by the NRC staff of the Wisconsin regulatory program. Comments are requested on the proposed Agreement and the staff's draft assessment which finds the Program adequate to protect public health and safety and compatible with NRC's program for regulation of Agreement material.

The proposed Agreement would release (exempt) persons who possess or use certain radioactive materials in Wisconsin from portions of the Commission's regulatory authority. The Act requires that NRC publish those exemptions. Notice is hereby given that the pertinent exemptions have been previously published in the **Federal Register** and are codified in the Commission's regulations as 10 CFR part 150.

DATES: The comment period expires May 8, 2003. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission cannot assure consideration of comments received after the expiration date.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Comments may be submitted electronically at *nrcrep@nrc.gov*.

The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at *http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html*. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to *pdr@nrc.gov*.

Copies of comments received by NRC may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Public File Area O–1–F21, Rockville, Maryland. Copies of the request for an Agreement by the Governor of Wisconsin including all information and documentation submitted in support of the request, and copies of the full text of the NRC Staff Draft Assessment are also available for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room—ADAMS Accession Numbers: ML030160104 and ML030900662.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lloyd A. Bolling, Office of State and Tribal Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. Telephone (301) 415–2327 or e-mail *LAB@nrc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since section 274 of the Act was added in 1959, the Commission has entered into Agreements with 32 States. The Agreement States currently regulate approximately 16,250 agreement material licenses, while NRC regulates approximately 4,900 licenses. Under the proposed Agreement, approximately 260 NRC licenses will transfer to Wisconsin. NRC periodically reviews the performance of the Agreement States to assure compliance with the provisions of section 274.

Section 274e requires that the terms of the proposed Agreement be published in the **Federal Register** for public

comment once each week for four consecutive weeks. This Notice is being published in fulfillment of the requirement.

I. Background

(a) Section 274d of the Act provides the mechanism for a State to assume regulatory authority, from the NRC, over certain radioactive materials [1] and activities that involve use of the materials.

In a letter dated August 21, 2002, former Governor McCallum certified that the State of Wisconsin has a program for the control of radiation hazards that is adequate to protect public health and safety within Wisconsin for the materials and activities specified in the proposed Agreement, and that the State desires to assume regulatory responsibility for these materials and activities. Included with the letter was the text of the proposed Agreement, which is shown in Appendix A to this Notice.

The radioactive materials and activities (which together are usually referred to as the ''categories of materials'') which the State of Wisconsin requests authority over are: (1) The possession and use of byproduct materials as defined in Section 11e.(1) of the Act; (2) the possession and use of source materials; and (3) the possession and use of special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass, as provided for in regulations or orders of the Commission.

(b) The proposed Agreement contains articles that:

—Specify the materials and activities over which authority is transferred;

—Specify the activities over which the Commission will retain regulatory authority;

—Continue the authority of the Commission to safeguard nuclear materials and restricted data;

—Commit the State of Wisconsin and NRC to exchange information as necessary to maintain coordinated and compatible programs;

—Provide for the reciprocal recognition of licenses;

—Provide for the suspension or termination of the Agreement; and

—Specify the effective date of the proposed Agreement.

The Commission reserves the option to modify the terms of the proposed Agreement in response to comments, to correct errors, and to make editorial changes. The final text of the Agreement, with the effective date, will be published after the Agreement is approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman of the Commission and the Governor of Wisconsin.

(c) Wisconsin currently registers users of naturally-occurring and accelerator-produced radioactive materials. The regulatory program is authorized by law in section 3145, Subsection 254.34 of the revised Wisconsin Statutes. Subsection 254.335(1) provides the authority for the Governor to enter into an Agreement with the Commission. Wisconsin law (Subsection 254.335(2)) contains provisions for the orderly transfer of regulatory authority over affected licensees from NRC to the State. After the effective date of the Agreement, licenses issued by NRC would continue in effect as Wisconsin licenses until the licenses expire or are replaced by State-issued licenses.

(d) The NRC staff draft assessment finds that the Wisconsin program is adequate to protect public health and safety, and is compatible with the NRC program for the regulation of agreement materials.

II. Summary of the NRC Staff Draft Assessment of the Wisconsin Program for the Control of Agreement Materials

NRC staff has examined the Wisconsin request for an Agreement with respect to the ability of the Wisconsin radiation control program to regulate agreement materials. The examination was based on the Commission's policy statement ''Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement'' (referred to herein as the ''NRC criteria''), (46 FR 7540; January 23, 1981, as amended by policy statements published at 46 FR 36969; July 16, 1981 and at 48 FR 33376; July 21, 1983).

(a) *Organization and Personnel.* The agreement materials program will be located within the existing Radiation Protection Section (Program) of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The Program will be responsible for all regulatory activities related to the proposed Agreement.

The educational requirements for the Program staff members are specified in the Wisconsin State personnel position descriptions, and meet the NRC criteria with respect to formal education or combined education and experience requirements. All current staff members hold at least bachelor's degrees in physical or life sciences, or have a combination of education and experience at least equivalent to a bachelor's degree. Several staff members hold advanced degrees, and all staff members have had additional training plus working experience in radiation protection. Supervisory level staff have more than ten years working experience each, in radiation protection.

The Program currently has one staff vacancy, which they are actively recruiting to fill. The Program performed, and NRC staff reviewed, an analysis of the expected Program workload under the proposed Agreement. Based on the NRC staff review of the State's staff analysis, Wisconsin has an adequate number of staff to regulate radioactive materials under the terms of the Agreement. The Program will employ a staff of 9.5 full-time professional/technical and administrative employees for the agreement materials program. The distribution of the qualifications of the individual staff members will be balanced to the distribution of categories of licensees transferred from NRC. Each individual on the staff is qualified in accordance with the Program's training and qualification procedure to function in the areas of responsibility to which the individual is assigned.

(b) *Legislation and Regulations.* The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) is designated by law in Chapter 254 of the Wisconsin Revised Statutes to be the radiation control agency. The law provides the DHFS the authority to issue licenses, issue orders, conduct inspections, and to enforce compliance with regulations, license conditions, and orders. Licensees are required to provide access to inspectors. The DHFS is authorized to promulgate regulations.

The law requires the DHFS to adopt rules that are compatible with equivalent NRC regulations and that are equally stringent to the equivalent NRC regulations. Wisconsin has adopted HFS 157 Radiation Protection Code effective August 1, 2002. The NRC staff reviewed and forwarded comments on these regulations to the Wisconsin staff. The NRC staff review verified that, with the comments incorporated, the Wisconsin rules (and legally binding requirements) contain all of the provisions that are necessary in order to be compatible with the regulations of the NRC on the effective date of the Agreement between the State and the Commission. The DHFS has extended the effect of the rules, where appropriate, to apply to naturally occurring radioactive materials and to radioactive materials produced in particle accelerators, in

[1] The radioactive materials are: (a) Byproduct materials as defined in section 11e.(1) of the Act; (b) byproduct materials as defined in section 11e.(2) of the Act; (c) source materials as defined in section 11z. of the Act; and (d) special nuclear materials as defined in section 11aa. of the Act, restricted to quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

addition to agreement materials. The NRC staff also concludes that Wisconsin will not attempt to enforce regulatory matters reserved to the Commission.

Wisconsin regulations are different from the NRC regulations with respect to the termination of the license. Current NRC regulations permit a license to be terminated when the facility has been decommissioned, *i.e.*, cleaned of radioactive contamination, such that the residual radiation will not cause a total effective dose equivalent greater than 25 millirem per year to an average member of the group of individuals reasonably expected to receive the greatest exposure. Normally, the NRC regulations require that the 25 millirem dose constraint be met without imposing any restrictions regarding the future use of the land or buildings of the facility (''unrestricted release''). Under certain circumstances, NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 20, Subpart E, allow a license to be terminated if the 25 millirem dose constraint is met with restrictions on the future use (''restricted release''). Wisconsin law does not allow a license to be terminated under restricted release conditions. Wisconsin will instead issue a special ''decommissioning-possession only'' license as an alternate to license termination under restricted release. NRC staff has concluded that this approach is compatible with NRC regulations.

(c) *Storage and Disposal.* Wisconsin has also adopted NRC compatible requirements for the handling and storage of radioactive material. Wisconsin will not seek authority to regulate the land disposal of radioactive material as waste. The Wisconsin waste disposal requirements cover the preparation, classification and manifesting of radioactive waste, generated by Wisconsin licensees, for transfer for disposal to an authorized waste disposal site or broker.

(d) *Transportation of Radioactive Material.* Wisconsin has adopted regulations compatible with NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 71. Part 71 contains the requirements that licensees must follow when preparing packages containing radioactive material for transport. Part 71 also contains requirements related to the licensing of packaging for use in transporting radioactive materials. Wisconsin will not attempt to enforce portions of the regulations related to activities, such as approving packaging designs, which are reserved to NRC.

(e) *Recordkeeping and Incident Reporting.* Wisconsin has adopted the sections compatible with the NRC regulations which specify requirements for licensees to keep records, and to report incidents, accidents, or events involving materials.

(f) *Evaluation of License Applications.* Wisconsin has adopted regulations compatible with the NRC regulations that specify the requirements which a person must meet in order to get a license to possess or use radioactive materials. Wisconsin has also developed a licensing procedures manual, along with the accompanying regulatory guides, which are adapted from similar NRC documents and contain guidance for the Program staff when evaluating license applications.

(g) *Inspections and Enforcement.* The Wisconsin radiation control program has adopted a schedule providing for the inspection of licensees as frequently as the inspection schedule used by NRC. The Program has adopted procedures for the conduct of inspections, the reporting of inspection findings, and the reporting of inspection results to the licensees. The Program has also adopted, by rule based on the Wisconsin Revised Statutes, procedures for the enforcement of regulatory requirements.

(h) *Regulatory Administration.* The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is bound by requirements specified in State law for rulemaking, issuing licenses, and taking enforcement actions. The Program has also adopted administrative procedures to assure fair and impartial treatment of license applicants. Wisconsin law prescribes standards of ethical conduct for State employees.

(i) *Cooperation with Other Agencies.* Wisconsin law deems the holder of an NRC license on the effective date of the proposed Agreement to possess a like license issued by Wisconsin. The law provides that these former NRC licenses will expire either 90 days after receipt from the radiation control program of a notice of expiration of such license or on the date of expiration specified in the NRC license, whichever is earlier.

Wisconsin also provides for ''timely renewal.'' This provision affords the continuance of licenses for which an application for renewal has been filed more than 30 days prior to the date of expiration of the license. NRC licenses transferred while in timely renewal are included under the continuation provision. The Wisconsin Radiation Protection Code provides exemptions from the State's requirements for licensing of sources of radiation for NRC and U.S. Department of Energy contractors or subcontractors. The proposed Agreement commits Wisconsin to use its best efforts to cooperate with the NRC and the other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs for the protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that Wisconsin's program will continue to be compatible with the Commission's program for the regulation of agreement materials. The proposed Agreement stipulates the desirability of reciprocal recognition of licenses, and commits the Commission and Wisconsin to use their best efforts to accord such reciprocity.

III. Staff Conclusion

Subsection 274d of the Act provides that the Commission shall enter into an agreement under subsection 274b with any State if:

(a) The Governor of the State certifies that the State has a program for the control of radiation hazards adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the agreement materials within the State, and that the State desires to assume regulatory responsibility for the agreement materials; and

(b) The Commission finds that the State program is in accordance with the requirements of Subsection 274o, and in all other respects compatible with the Commission's program for the regulation of materials, and that the State program is adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by the proposed Agreement.

On the basis of its draft assessment, the NRC staff concludes that the State of Wisconsin meets the requirements of the Act. The State's program, as defined by its statutes, regulations, personnel, licensing, inspection, and administrative procedures, is compatible with the program of the Commission and adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by the proposed Agreement. NRC will continue the formal processing of the proposed Agreement which includes publication of this Notice once a week for four consecutive weeks for public review and comment.

IV. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of April, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Paul H. Lohaus,

Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs.

Appendix A

Agreement Between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Wisconsin for the Discontinuance of Certain Commission Regulatory Authority and Responsibility Within the State Pursuant to Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended

Whereas, The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is authorized under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act), to enter into agreements with the Governor of the State of Wisconsin providing for discontinuance of the regulatory authority of the Commission within the State under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and section 161 of the Act with respect to byproduct materials as defined in sections 11e. (1) and (2) of the Act, source materials, and special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass; and,

Whereas, The Governor of the State of Wisconsin is authorized under § 254.335 (1), Wisconsin Statutes, to enter into this Agreement with the Commission; and,

Whereas, The Governor of the State of Wisconsin certified on August 21, 2002, that the State of Wisconsin (hereinafter referred to as the State) has a program for the control of radiation hazards adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials within the State covered by this Agreement, and that the State desires to assume regulatory authority for such materials; and,

Whereas, The Commission found on [date] that the program of the State for the regulation of the materials covered by this Agreement is compatible with the Commission's program for the regulation of such materials and is adequate to protect public health and safety; and,

Whereas, The State and the Commission recognize the desirability and importance of cooperation between the Commission and the State in the formulation of standards for protection against hazards of radiation and in assuring that State and Commission programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible; and,

Whereas, The Commission and the State recognize the desirability of the reciprocal recognition of licenses, and of the granting of limited exemptions from licensing of those materials subject to this Agreement; and,

Whereas, This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended;

Now, therefore, It is hereby agreed between the Commission and the Governor of the State, acting on behalf of the State, as follows:

Article I

Subject to the exceptions provided in Articles II, IV, and V, the Commission shall discontinue, as of the effective date of this Agreement, the regulatory authority of the Commission in the State under Chapters 6, 7, and 8, and Section 161 of the Act with respect to the following materials:

A. By-product materials as defined in section 11e. (1) of the Act;

B. Source materials;

C. Special nuclear materials in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass.

Article II

This Agreement does not provide for discontinuance of any authority and the Commission shall retain authority and responsibility with respect to:

A. The regulation of the construction and operation of any production or utilization facility or any uranium enrichment facility;

B. The regulation of the export from or import into the United States of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material, or of any production or utilization facility;

C. The regulation of the disposal into the ocean or sea of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material wastes as defined in the regulations or orders of the Commission;

D. The regulation of the disposal of such other byproduct, source, or special nuclear material as the Commission from time to time determines by regulation or order should, because of the hazards or potential hazards thereof, not be so disposed without a license from the Commission;

E. The evaluation of radiation safety information on sealed sources or devices containing byproduct, source, or special nuclear materials and the registration of the sealed sources or devices for distribution, as provided for in regulations or orders of the Commission;

F. The regulation of the land disposal of byproduct, source, or special nuclear material waste received from other persons;

G. The extraction or concentration of source material from source material ore and the management and disposal of the resulting byproduct material.

Article III

With the exception of those activities identified in Article II, paragraphs A through D, this Agreement may be amended, upon application by the State and approval by the Commission, to include the additional areas specified in Article II, paragraphs E, F and G, whereby the State can exert regulatory authority and responsibility with respect to those activities and materials.

Article IV

Notwithstanding this Agreement, the Commission may from time to time by rule, regulation, or order, require that the manufacturer, processor, or producer of any equipment, device, commodity, or other product containing source, byproduct, or special nuclear material shall not transfer possession or control of such product except pursuant to a license or an exemption from licensing issued by the Commission.

Article V

This Agreement shall not affect the authority of the Commission under subsection 161b or 161i of the Act to issue rules, regulations, or orders to protect the common defense and security, to protect restricted data, or to guard against the loss or diversion of special nuclear material.

Article VI

The Commission will cooperate with the State and other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the State and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and to assure that Commission and State programs for protection against hazards of radiation will be coordinated and compatible. The State agrees to cooperate with the Commission and other Agreement States in the formulation of standards and regulatory programs of the State and the Commission for protection against hazards of radiation and will assure that the State's program will continue to be compatible with the program of the Commission for the regulation of materials covered by this Agreement.

The State and the Commission agree to keep each other informed of proposed changes in their respective rules and regulations, and to provide each other the opportunity for early and substantive contribution to the proposed changes.

The State and the Commission agree to keep each other informed of events, accidents, and licensee performance that may have generic implication or otherwise be of regulatory interest.

Article VII

The Commission and the State agree that it is desirable to provide reciprocal recognition of licenses for the materials listed in Article I licensed by the other party or by any other agreement state. Accordingly, the Commission and the State agree to develop appropriate rules, regulations, and procedures by which such reciprocity will be accorded.

Article VIII

The Commission, upon its own initiative after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State, or upon request of the Governor of the State, may terminate or suspend all or part of this agreement and reassert the licensing and regulatory authority vested in it under the Act if the Commission finds that (1) such termination or suspension is required to protect public health and safety, or (2) the State has not complied with one or more of the requirements of section 274 of the Act. The Commission may also, pursuant to section 274j of the Act, temporarily suspend all or part of this agreement if, in the judgement of the Commission, an emergency situation exists requiring immediate action to protect public health and safety and the State has failed to take necessary steps. The Commission shall periodically review this Agreement and actions taken by the State under this Agreement to ensure compliance with section 274 of the Act which requires a State program to be adequate to protect public health and safety with respect to the materials covered by the Agreement and to be compatible with the Commission's program.

Article IX

This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2003, and shall remain in effect unless and until such time as it is terminated pursuant to Article VIII.

Done at Madison, Wisconsin this ** day of June, 2003.

For the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nils J. Diaz,

Chairman.

For the State of Wisconsin.

Jim Doyle,

Governor.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 26026; 812–12915]

Wells Fargo Funds Trust, *et al.;* Notice of Application

April 23, 2003.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'').

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (''Act'') for an exemption from section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The requested order would permit Wells Fargo Funds Trust (''Funds Trust'') not to reconstitute its board of trustees to meet the 75 percent non-interested director requirement of section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act in order for Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC (''Funds Management'') to rely upon the safe harbor provisions of section 15(f).

APPLICANTS: Funds Trust and Funds Management.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on December 20, 2002 and amended on April 22, 2003.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on May 19, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609. Applicants, 525 Market Street, 12th Floor, San Francisco, California 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Yoder, Attorney-Adviser, at (202) 942–0544, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 942–0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0102 (tel. 202–942–8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. Funds Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Act and consists of sixty-seven series. Funds Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company (''Wells Fargo''), currently serves as investment adviser to all of the Funds Trust series, and will serve as investment adviser to certain newly created series of Funds Trust. Funds Management is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (''Advisers Act''). The Montgomery Funds, which consists of eleven series, and The Montgomery Funds II, which consists of three series, are open-end management investment companies registered under the Act. At the time of the Acquisition (as defined below), Montgomery Asset Management, LLC (''MAM'') served as investment adviser to the eleven series of The Montgomery Funds and The Montgomery Funds II involved in the Reorganization (as defined below) (the ''MAM Funds''). MAM is registered under the Advisers Act.

2. On November 21, 2002, Wells Fargo, Commerzbank AG, the parent company of MAM, and others entered into an agreement providing for subsidiaries of Wells Fargo to acquire certain advisory business lines of MAM, including the investment advisory relationship with certain mutual funds and managed separate accounts currently advised by MAM. The transaction was consummated on January 17, 2003 (the ''Acquisition''), and Wells Capital Management Incorporated (''Wells Capital''), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo that is registered under the Advisers Act, became the investment adviser for the MAM Funds under an interim investment advisory agreement (the ''Interim Agreement''). Applicants state that the Interim Agreement satisfies the requirements of rule 15a–4 under the Act and was approved by the boards of trustees of the MAM Funds on December 16, 2002.

3. Following the Acquisition, it is proposed that five existing series and four new series of Funds Trust (the ''Successor Funds'') will acquire the assets of the MAM Funds (the ''Reorganization''). On December 16, 2002 and December 18, 2002, respectively, the boards of trustees (each a ''Board'') of the MAM Funds and Funds Trust unanimously approved the Reorganization. The MAM Funds have scheduled a special meeting of the MAM Funds' shareholders for April 25, 2003. Proxy materials for the special meeting were mailed to shareholders of the MAM Funds in February 2003.

4. In connection with the Acquisition and the Reorganization, Funds Management has determined to seek to comply with the ''safe harbor'' provisions of section 15(f) of the Act. Applicants state that, absent exemptive relief, following consummation of the Reorganization, more than twenty-five percent of the Board of Funds Trust would be ''interested persons'' for purposes of section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act.

Applicants' Legal Analysis

1. Section 15(f) of the Act is a safe harbor that permits an investment adviser to a registered investment company (or an affiliated person of the investment adviser) to realize a profit on the sale of its business if certain conditions are met. One of these conditions, set forth in section 15(f)(1)(A), provides that, for a period of three years after the sale, at least seventy-five percent of the board of directors of the investment company may not be ''interested persons'' with respect to either the predecessor or successor adviser of the investment company. Applicants state that, without the requested exemption, following the Reorganization, Funds Trust would have to reconstitute its Board to meet the seventy-five percent non-interested director requirement of section 15(f)(1)(A).

2. Section 15(f)(3)(B) of the Act provides that if the assignment of an investment advisory contract results from the merger of, or sale of substantially all of the assets by, a registered company with or to another registered investment company with assets substantially greater in amount, such discrepancy in size shall be considered by the Commission in determining whether, or to what extent, to grant exemptive relief under section 6(c) from section 15(f)(1)(A).

3. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the Commission to exempt any person or transaction from any provision of the Act, or any rule or regulation under the Act, if the exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and

consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

4. Applicants request an exemption under section 6(c) of the Act from section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act. Applicants state that, as of March 31, 2003, Funds Trust had approximately $71 billion and the MAM Funds had approximately $1.4 billion in aggregate net assets, respectively, making the MAM Funds' assets less than 2% of the aggregate net assets of Funds Trust.

5. Applicants state that two of the seven trustees who serve on the Board of Funds Trust are ''interested persons,'' within the meaning of section 2(a)(19) of the Act, of Funds Management. Applicants state that none of the trustees who serves on the Board of Funds Trust is an interested person of MAM or the MAM Funds.

6. Applicants state that to comply with section 15(f)(1)(A) of the Act, Funds Trust would have to alter the composition of its Board, either by asking one or more of its experienced trustees to resign or by adding an additional non-interested trustee. Applicants state that either of these solutions would be unfair to Funds Trust shareholders in view of the amount of the assets of the MAM Funds being acquired relative to the amount of assets of Funds Trust. Applicants state that adequate safeguards will be in place to protect the interests of the former shareholders of the MAM Funds following the consummation of the Reorganization. Applicants also assert that adding an additional non-interested trustee to the Board of Funds Trust would require a lengthy process, which could delay and increase the cost of the Reorganization.

7. For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that the requested relief is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meetings during the week of April 28, 2003:

Closed Meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 10 a.m., April 30, 2003 at 11 a.m., and Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 10 a.m. An Open meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 10 a.m., in Room 6600.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meetings. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

Commissioner Atkins, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a) (3), (5), (7), (8) (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meetings.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2003 will be: Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Regulatory matter regarding a financial institution; and Formal orders of investigation.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2003 will be:

The Commission will hear oral argument on appeals by Byron G. Borgardt and Eric M. Banhazl, and the Division of Enforcement, from the decision of an administrative law judge. Borgardt was formerly an officer and director of Target Income Fund, a now-defunct registered investment company. Banhazl was formerly an officer of Target Income Fund.

The law judge found that Borgardt and Banhazl caused, within the meaning of Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 9(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Target Income Fund to file registration statements with the Commission between 1992 and 1996 that omitted material information in violation of Sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act and Section 34(b) of the Advisers Act. The law judge also found that some of the omissions charged were not material.

The law judge ordered Borgardt and Banhazl to cease and desist from causing any violations or future violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act and from committing any violations or future violations of Section 34(b) of the Investment Company Act.

Among the issues likely to be argued are:

1. Whether respondents committed the alleged violations;

2. Whether the omissions charged were material as a matter of law; and,

3. If respondents committed violations, whether sanctions should be imposed in the public interest.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for April 30, 2003 will be: Post-argument Discussion.

The subject matter of the closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2003 will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Opinion; Formal order of investigation; and Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942–7070.

Dated: April 24, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–47719; File No. SR–ISE–2003–11]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change by the International Securities Exchange, Inc., Relating to a One-Year Pilot for Options Intermarket Linkage Fees

April 23, 2003.

On March 6, 2003, the International Securities Exchange, Inc. (''ISE'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change to amend its fee structure to clarify which fees apply to trades pertaining to the options intermarket linkage (''Linkage'') and to specify that such fees are for a one-year pilot.

The Commission published the proposal rule change for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2003.[3] The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposal rule change.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47484 (March 11, 2003), 68 FR 13354.

Three ISE fees would apply to Linkage trades other than satisfaction orders: A trade execution fee ($.12, $.14, $.17, or $.21, depending on average daily volume); a $.10 surcharge for options traded pursuant to licensing agreements (but only for executions in options specifically subject to the surcharge); and a $.03 comparison fee. Each of these Linkage-related fees would be implemented as a one-year pilot, expiring on January 30, 2004.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange[4] and, in particular, the requirements of section 6 of the Act.[5] The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Act,[6] which requires that the rules of an exchange provide equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Commission believes the one-year pilot will give the Exchange and the Commission the opportunity to evaluate whether these fees are appropriate.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[7] that the proposed rule change is approved on a pilot basis until January 30, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[8]

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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[4] In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78f.

[6] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

[7] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[8] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATES: May 22, 2003, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., May 23, 2003, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008, Phone: (202) 234–0700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: This is an Employment Network (EN) Summit open to the public. The public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Public comment will not be taken during this meeting. The public is invited to submit comments in writing on the implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999 at any time.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, SSA announces a meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel).

Section 101(f) of Public Law 106–170 establishes the Panel to advise the Commissioner of SSA, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to assemble content experts to share solutions developed by ENs at this early stage of implementation and, where appropriate, to create a comprehensive set of recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes related to current and prospective ENs participating in the Ticket to Work Program.

The Panel will meet in person commencing on Thursday, May 22, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, May 23, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda

The full agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Internet at *http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel* at least one week before the meeting or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIIA Panel staff. Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20024.
- Telephone contact with Kristen Breland at (202) 358–6423.
- Fax at (202) 358–6440.
- E-mail to *TWWIIAPanel@ssa.gov.*

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Carol Brenner,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4343]

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; Revision to Grant Start Date: English Language Fellow Program for Academic Year 2004–2005

SUMMARY: Pending the availability of funds, the grant period shall begin on/about October 1, 2003, as opposed to October 1, 2004, as previously announced.

Additional Information

All other program information and guidelines remain the same. The English Language Fellow Program was announced in the **Federal Register**, Volume 68, Number 54, on March 20, 2003. Interested U.S. organizations should contact Catherine Williamson at 202–619–5878 for additional information.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2003–21]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR, dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information

in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. You must identify the docket number FAA–2000–XXXX at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to *http://dms.dot.gov.* You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1–800–647–5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at *http://dms.dot.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Emrick (202) 267–5174, Office of Rulemaking (ARM–1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85 and 11.91.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 22, 2003.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA–2002–13573.

Petitioner: Regional Aviation Partners.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 119.21(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought:

To permit Regional Aviation Partners to conduct domestic operations with airplanes having a passenger-seat configuration of 30 seats or fewer, excluding each crewmember seat, to comply with the provisions of § 119.21(a)(4) and part 135 rather than part 121.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Type Certificate (TC)/Technical Standard Order (TSO) Seat Issues and Their Resolution

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comments on its proposed policy memorandum to improve the reporting processes of discrepancies discovered in the data used among persons directly involved in the certification of aircraft seats. This Notice also invites the public to comment on the proposed policy to standardize the resolution of discrepancies discovered on aircraft seats in relation to the minimum performance standard of the specific TSO.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Jensen, FAA, Aircraft Certification Services, Aircraft Engineering Division, Technical Programs Branch, AIR–120, Room 835, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20591; Telephone: (202) 267–8807; Fax; (202) 267–5340; E-mail: *hal.jensen@faa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed policy memorandum by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they desire, to the aforementioned specified address. Comments received on the proposed policy memorandum may be examined, before and after the closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays expect Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director of the Aircraft Certification Service will consider all communications received on or before the closing date, before issuing the final policy memorandum.

Background

In 2000, the FAA and industry formed a team to investigate and implement procedures to streamline the certification of aircraft seats. One area identified for improvement is the means of communicating discrepancies found on seats after the issuance of the TSO approval by the person or organization performing the seat certification/installation process. Currently, seat discrepancies were resolved in the most expeditious manner possible, but this process does not allow for the resolution of systemic problems. However, the proposed policy for reporting discrepancies discovered on aircraft seats will help to ensure that all stakeholders in the seat certification program are made aware of the problem so that root causes are readily identified and resolved in a standardized manner. Note that the development of the proposed process recognized that the discrepancies are discovered after the TSO approval, and that the type design status of the aircraft in which the seats are installed in taken into consideration. Ultimately, the proposed process clarifies steps that must be achieved before an aircraft is eligible for type design approval and identifies who is responsible for resolving the discrepancy.

How To Obtain Copies

A copy of the proposed memorandum may be obtained via the Internet at, *http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm* or obtained or request fro the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC on April 18, 2003.

Susan J.M. Cabler,

Deputy Manager, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Engineering Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice to Extend Comment Period for an Environmental Impact Statement: St. Louis City and St. Louis County, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Extend comment period for an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are extending the comment period for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for improvements on I–64 in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald L. Neumann, Programs Engineer, FHWA Division Office, 209 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101; Telephone: (573) 636–7104 or Mr. Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), prepared a draft EIS for a project that has been proposed to improve the transportation system in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri. The notice of availability for the New I–64 EIS (volumes 1 and 2) was published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2003. The end of the official comment period was to be February 28, 2003. The comment period was subsequently extended to April 4, 2003. Due to the request from the city of Richmond Heights for additional time to prepare comments, we are further extending the comment period to May 30, 2003. Comments or questions should be directed to the FHWA or MoDOT at the addresses provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: April 22, 2003.

Donald L. Neumann,

Programs Engineer, Jefferson City.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces that 149 individuals were denied exemptions from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck drivers and the reasons for the denials. The FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from vision standards if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will equal or exceed the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Zywokarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (MC–PSD), (202) 366–2987, Department of Transportation, FMCSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., *e.t.,* Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such an exemption. (49 CFR 391.41(b)(10))

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 149 individual exemption requests on their merits and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria established to demonstrate that granting an exemption is likely to achieve an equal or greater level of safety that exists without the exemption. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on his/her individual exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final agency action. The list published today summarizes the agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reason for denials.

The following 71 applicants lacked sufficient recent driving experience over three years:

Barclay, Jr., Richard
Bell, Johnny
Bonney, Stephen
Bosanek, Theodore
Brown, Brian
Brown, Norman
Browning, Raymond
Browning, Jr., John
Cadwell, Robert
Carleton, David
Carson, Roger
Cerri, Phillip
Chamblee, William
Cheatham, Lonas
Clemons, Curtis
Crise, Duane
Davis, Jr., William
Denne, Kenneth
Fraas, Jr., Louis
Frazier, Wiley
French, Russell
Gann, Jr., Floyd
Garner, Sr., Anthony
Gingery, Nelson
Goodway, David
Halfhill, Tyrone
Harris, Clifford
Hunter, Paul
Ivie, Brent
Jarvis, Monte
Johnson, Terrell
Kaufman, Chester
Keating, Carl
Knox, Jr., Robert
Leitz, Jack
Majors, Jr., Stanley
Maloney, 3rd, John
Mannings, Christopher
Marancik, John
Marple, Jay
Martin, Bradley
Martin, George
Melton, Charles
Moore, Timothy
Norton, Kenneth
Pimentel, Luiz
Pinard, Kregg
Raby, Joel
Reed, Donald
Reichert, Daniel
Reyes, Angelo
Reynolds, Thomas
Ryan, Paul
Schaaf, James
Severson, Carrie
Smith, James
Sosa, Freddy
Steele, Duane
Stout, David
Taylor, Timothy
Thomas, Steven
Thomason, Douglas
Thompson, John C.
Toombs, Marvin
Turenne, Gary
Turner, Roy
Tuttle, Brian
Wilkinson, Sonya
Williams, James
Wilson, Leonard
Winters, Timothy

One applicant, Mr. Jerry Ross, does not have experience operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and therefore presented no evidence from which FMCSA can conclude that granting the exemption is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

The following 37 applicants do not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with the vision deficiency:

Bacon, Nick
Barnes, Jesse
Cannon, Lawrence
Chase, Michael
Cloose, James
Collins, Kurt
Davis, John
Doucette, Joshua
Giffin, Richard
Gifford, Delbert
Guenther, Christopher
Harrison, Troy
Henson, Leon
Huffman, Charles
Johnson, Daniel
Jurgens, Merlyn
Martinez, Michael
Maxwell, Brian
McHugh, Jeanne
Montiel, Sr., Norbert
Murray, Kevin
Myron, James
Newman, Gordon
Parks, Sr., Benjamin
Peters, Ronald
Pitner, Edward
Pryor, Ronald
Savely, Danny
Schneider, Clifford
Slingerland, Gerrit
Smallwood, Jody
Tharp, Dustin
Warren, Lynn
Watson, Larry
Whitson, Christopher
Wilbur, Richard
Williams, Eddie

Five applicants do not have 3 years recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Camara, Mamadou
Little, Edward
Prentice, Nugent
Raatz, Richard
Randkin, David

The following 8 applicants do not qualify because they were charged with moving violation(s) in conjunction with CMV accident(s), which is a disqualifying offense under the exemption criteria:

Burke, Thomas
Davis, Sr., Eric
Margison, Samson
Milner, Robert
Mohr, James
Peters, Nathaniel
Potter, Douglas
Robinson, Bill

The following 4 applicants had more than two CMV moving violations during a 3-year period or while the applications were pending. Each applicant is only allowed two moving citations:

Hahn, George
McCone, Steve
Menken, David
Pasillas, Victor

The following 8 applicants' licenses were suspended during the 3-year period because of a moving violation. Applicants do not qualify for an exemption with a suspension during the 3-year period:

Cuddy, Randy
Eyre, Duane
Leffler, Terry
Melssen, Jeffrey
Phillips, Howard
Rosales, Guillermo
Shrewsbury, William
Williams, Jack

One applicant, Mr. Roger Keef, had two serious commercial motor vehicle violations within the 3-year period. Each applicant is allowed a total of two moving citations, of which only one can be serious.

One applicant, Mr. Thomas Jefferson, does not have verifiable proof of commercial driving experience during a 3-year period under normal highway operating conditions that would serve as an adequate predictor of future safety performance.

The following 9 applicants were involved in CMV accidents in which they contributed to the accident:

Benitez, Randy
Johnson, James
McFall, Norma
Rawson, Merlyn
Sanchez, Luis
Thompson, John R.
Turpaud, Robert
Wilson, Calvin
Yocum, Paul

One applicant, Mr. Limmie Sweet, does not hold a license which allows operation of a CMV over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) for all or part of the 3-year period.

One applicant, Mr. James Peterson, was denied for multiple reasons.

Finally, two applicants, James Baldwin, Sr. and Robert Holecek, were denied because their vision had not been stable within the three-year period.

Issued on: April 22, 2003.

Pamela M. Pelcovits,

Acting Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petitions for Waivers of Compliance

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 211.41, and 49 U.S.C. 20103, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being sought.

Sacramento Regional Transit District FRA Waiver Petition No. FRA–2003–14565

Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) located in Sacramento, California, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from Title 49 of the CFR for operation of a light rail line at a ''limited connection'' with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP). *See Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and Waivers Related to Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Light Rail and Conventional Equipment,* 65 FR 42529 (July 10, 2000); *see also Joint Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Shared Use of the Tracks of the General Railroad System by Conventional Railroads and Light Rail Transit Systems,* 65 FR 42626 (July 10, 2000).

In this regard, SRTD's ''F'' line is in a common corridor with the UP and there are nine (9) shared highway-rail grade crossings. Due to an extension of the ''F'' line, an additional nine (9) shared highway-rail grade crossings are anticipated. In addition, SRTD plans to construct a new 6.3 mile long light rail system also in a common corridor with the UP. SRTD anticipates there will be twelve (12) shared highway-rail grade crossings with UP on this new line. There has not been, nor is it anticipated that there will be, any shared use of track with the general system of railroad transportation on the aforementioned.

Based on the foregoing, SRTD seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain CFR parts of Title 49, specifically: part 229, Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards; and part 234, Grade Crossing Signal System Safety.

Since FRA has not yet completed its investigation of SRTD's petition, the agency takes no position at this time on the merits of SRTD's stated justifications. As part of FRA's review of the petition, the Federal Transit Administration will appoint a representative to advise FRA's Safety

Board, and that person will participate in the board's consideration of SRTD's waiver petition.

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proceeding by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with the request for a waiver of certain regulatory provisions. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, he or she should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for his or her request. All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (Docket Number FRA 2003–14565) and must be submitted to the DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL–401 (Plaza level), 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All documents in the public docket, including SRTD's detailed waiver request, are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at *http://dms.dot.gov.* Communications received within 30 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning this proceeding are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 22, 2003.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA–2003–14375]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed information collections, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance number. It is requested, but not required that two (2) copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin M. Levy, Ph.D., NHTSA 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5119, NTI–131 Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Levy's telephone number is (202) 366–5597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before a Federal agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing for a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methods and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

In response to these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: Characteristics of Motorcycle Operators.

OMB Clearance Number: None.

Affected Public: Under this proposed collection, personal interviews will be administered to motorcycle operators from the general public. The survey will be administered by face-to-face interviews conducted at sponsored events, races, and recognized motorcyclist gathering sites throughout the United States. In addition, survey data also will be collected at smaller and more localized events such as motorcycle club meetings and popular riding locations. States currently being considered for inclusion are California, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Texas, Virginia, and Florida.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Abstract: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has a central role in the national effort to reduce motor vehicle-related traffic injuries and deaths. U.S. motorcycle-related deaths dropped consistently from 1980 to 1997, but over the past few years this downward trend reversed and injuries and deaths are increasing. The number of fatalities among motorcycle operators rose from 2,116 in 1997 to 3,181 in 2001. Data from NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis indicate that this increase is associated with older riders, use of larger motorcycles, and frequent use of alcohol, especially among older riders.

NHTSA is committed to developing effective programs that can reduce the incidence of these crashes. Recently, NHTSA jointly sponsored an effort to assess future needs regarding motorcycle safety. Recommendations from the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (National Agenda) indicated that additional research is needed to determine rider characteristics and factors leading to motorcycle crashes. This study supports the National Agenda and future efforts to reduce motorcycle injuries and deaths by providing updated information about rider operator characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors. Of particular interest will be comparisons of the training, experience, attitudes, and behaviors of those operators who have been involved in crashes versus those who have not.

Preliminary work was conducted to explore the possibility of obtaining a random sample of motorcycle operators using computer-assisted telephone interviewing technology. Unfortunately, only two percent of the U.S. population aged 16 and older ride a motorcycle;

thus, standard, nationally based, telephone survey techniques would not be cost effective. Further, contacts with specific States indicated that it is not feasible to obtain a representative sample of motorcycle owners and operators given the limitations of data available from motor-vehicle departments. Therefore, an in-person survey using a convenience sample selected from various venues across broad geographic areas was chosen as the most practical approach. The survey will be administered using face-to-face interview. Motorcycle operators, both licensed and non-licensed will be included, with a special emphasis on riders over 40 years of age. Participation by respondents will be strictly voluntary. The basic interview will vary from 8–10 minutes; whereas for crash involved operators, an additional 5 minutes of questions will be administered. The average interview should last approximately 12 minutes. The requested expiration date of approval is June 30, 2005.

Trained interviewers will use specially developed survey forms with multiple-choice responses where possible to reduce survey administration time and to minimize data collection errors. To further reduce survey administration time and to minimize data collection errors, the trained interviewers will be current motorcyclists where possible. A Spanish-language questionnaire and bi-lingual interviewer will be used to reduce language barriers to participation. Confidentiality will be assured by conformance to procedures described in CIPSEA 2002.

The findings from this proposed survey will assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of motorcycle operator safety. NHTSA will use the findings to help focus current programs and activities to achieve the greatest benefit, to develop new programs, to decrease the likelihood of such crashes, and to provide informational support to states, localities, law enforcement agencies, and motorcyclists that will aid them in their efforts to reduce motorcyclist crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Estimate of the Total Annual Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information

NHTSA estimates that respondents in the sample would require an average of 12 minutes to complete the personal interview. Thus, estimated reporting burden on the general public would be a total of 400 hours per year for 2 years. The respondents would not incur any reporting or record keeping cost from the information collection.

Number of Respondents: It is anticipated that the number of respondents will be 4,000 motorcycle operators during the course of this study.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NHTSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of NHTSA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Marilena Amoni,

Associate Administrator for Program Development and Delivery, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

[FR Doc. 03–10447 Filed 4–28–03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34331]

Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

Pursuant to a trackage rights agreement dated April 8, 2003, between Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL), and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJE), WCL shall have non-exclusive overhead trackage rights between the EJE's connection with WCL at Leithton, IL, at or near EJE milepost 59.3 and EJE's connection with the Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company (CCP)[1] at Munger, IL, at or near EJE milepost 35.3, on EJE's Western Subdivision, a total distance of approximately 24 miles.[2]

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after April 16, 2003.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to allow WCL access to the Hawthorne Yard in Chicago, which is operated by CCP.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34331, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Michael J. Barron, Jr., 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611–5317.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at *http://www.stb.dot.gov*.

Decided: April 23, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[1] WCL and CCP are affiliates of Canadian National Railway Company.

[2] A redacted version of the trackage rights agreement between WCL and EJE was filed with the notice of exemption. On April 15, 2003, the full version of the agreement, as required by 49 CFR 1180.6(a)(7)(ii), was filed under seal along with a motion for protective order. A protective order was served in this proceeding on April 23, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veteran's Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3–4 2003, at the Export Import Bank, Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 145, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on both days and is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on adverse health effects that may be associated with exposure to ionizing radiation and to make recommendations on proposed standards and guidelines regarding VA benefit claims based upon exposure to ionizing radiation.

The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of exposures to ionizing radiation. On the

basis of their analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning diseases that are the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. The agenda for the second day will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

Those who wish to attend should contact Ersie Farber-Collins of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, prior to June 3, 2003. Ms. Farber-Collins may also be reached at 202–273–7268.

Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Committee in advance of the meeting. Submitted material must be received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and should be sent to Ms. Farber-Collins' attention at the address given above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

By Director of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service will be held at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, 623 Union Street, Nashville, TN 37217, from June 24–26, 2003. On June 24, the Nursing Research Initiative (NRI) and the Service Directed Projects (SDP) reviews will convene concurrently from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Investigator Initiated Research (IIR) review will convene from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on June 24; 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on June 25; and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on June 26.

The purpose of the Board is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care services and with testing new methods of health care delivery and management, and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer.

On June 24, the meeting will be open to the public for approximately one half-hour from 7 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects).

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended by Public Law 94–409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact the Assistant Director, Scientific Review (124F), Health Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC, at least five days before the meeting. For further information, call (202) 254–0207.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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Corrections

Federal Register

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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains editorial corrections of previously published Presidential, Rule, Proposed Rule, and Notice documents. These corrections are prepared by the Office of the Federal Register. Agency prepared corrections are issued as signed documents and appear in the appropriate document categories elsewhere in the issue.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No.: 2003–P–011]

Correspondence With the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Correction

In rule document 03–9696 appearing on page 19371 in the issue of Monday, April 21, 2003, make the following corrections:

1. On page 19371, in the second column, the CFR part number heading is corrected to read as set forth above.

PART 1—[Corrected]

2. On the same page, in the third column, the part heading is corrected to read as set forth above.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 8

[FAR Case 1999–603]

RIN 9000–AJ63

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Supply Schedules Services and Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs)

Correction

In proposed rule document 03–9554 beginning on page 19294 in the issue of Friday, April 18, 2003 make the following correction:

PART 8— [CORRECTED]

On page 19294, in the third column, in amendatory instruction 2., in the fifth line, ''adding in '' should read ''adding'' agency in'' ''.

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Federal Register

Tuesday,
April 29, 2003

Part II

Department of Veterans Affairs

38 CFR Part 17

Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services; 2003 Update; Notice and Interim Final Rule

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services; 2003 Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides ''reasonable charges'' for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran:

—For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract;

—For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or

—For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Cleaver, Chief Business Office (161), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254–0361. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ''reasonable charges'' regulations for medical care and services (38 CFR 17.101), as amended by a companion document published in this issue of the **Federal Register**, have established the methodology for acute inpatient facility charges at § 17.101(b), the methodology for skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges at § 17.101(c), the methodology for outpatient facility charges at § 17.101(d), and the methodology for physician charges at § 17.101(e). Using these methodologies, information for calculating actual charge amounts at individual VA facilities is set forth below and is effective until changed by a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Previously, information on the data sources used to establish Relative Value Units (RVUs) for specified Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes was included in the regulations. We are now presenting this information in the applicable **Federal Register** notice. For this notice, the CPT codes to which this information applies are presented in Table F, Physician Nationwide RVUs and Conversion Factors for CPT Codes with Total RVUs Only, and Table I, Physician Nationwide RVUs and Conversion Factors for Pathology and Laboratory CPT Codes with Total RVUs Only. Information on the data sources used to establish RVUs for these CPT codes is presented in the Data Source columns in these tables. The meanings of the entries in these columns are fully described in the reasonable charges regulations at § 17.101(a)(4) and § 17.101(e).

Approved: March 20, 2003.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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TABLE A. — INPATIENT FACILITY NATIONWIDE PER DIEM CHARGES; BY DRG (DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUP)

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DRG	Description	Surgical/ Non-Surgical Indicator	Per Diem Charge	
			Room & Board	Ancillary
001	CRANIOTOMY AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,802.47	$4,607.52
002	CRANIOTOMY AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$1,608.15	$5,696.09
003	CRANIOTOMY AGE 0-17	S	$1,790.09	$4,887.35
004	SPINAL PROCEDURES	S	$1,259.66	$4,461.59
005	EXTRACRANIAL VASCULAR PROCEDURES	S	$1,297.21	$5,675.84
006	CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE	S	$1,133.34	$3,722.69
007	PERIPH & CRANIAL NERVE & OTHER NERV SYST PROC W CC	S	$1,275.08	$3,235.58
008	PERIPH & CRANIAL NERVE & OTHER NERV SYST PROC W/O CC	S	$1,019.18	$7,077.71
009	SPINAL DISORDERS & INJURIES	N	$973.77	$1,392.36
010	NERVOUS SYSTEM NEOPLASMS W CC	N	$1,199.46	$2,028.49
011	NERVOUS SYSTEM NEOPLASMS W/O CC	N	$905.09	$1,581.25
012	DEGENERATIVE NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS	N	$924.20	$828.17
013	MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS & CEREBELLAR ATAXIA	N	$762.64	$1,040.07
014	INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE & STROKE W INFARCT	N	$1,097.26	$1,964.07
015	NONSPECIFIC CVA & PRECEREBRAL OCCLUSION W/O INFARCT	N	$859.27	$1,706.73
016	NONSPECIFIC CEREBROVASCULAR DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,122.72	$2,137.13
017	NONSPECIFIC CEREBROVASCULAR DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$860.74	$1,616.47
018	CRANIAL & PERIPHERAL NERVE DISORDERS W CC	N	$909.26	$1,735.56
019	CRANIAL & PERIPHERAL NERVE DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$979.14	$1,891.70
020	NERVOUS SYSTEM INFECTION EXCEPT VIRAL MENINGITIS	N	$1,168.85	$2,678.21
021	VIRAL MENINGITIS	N	$1,168.05	$2,709.80
022	HYPERTENSIVE ENCEPHALOPATHY	N	$1,126.31	$2,092.00
023	NONTRAUMATIC STUPOR & COMA	N	$1,205.01	$2,160.10
024	SEIZURE & HEADACHE AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,139.71	$2,044.04
025	SEIZURE & HEADACHE AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,088.08	$1,867.14
026	SEIZURE & HEADACHE AGE 0-17	N	$1,513.25	$2,685.88
027	TRAUMATIC STUPOR & COMA, COMA >1 HR	N	$1,520.06	$2,728.32
028	TRAUMATIC STUPOR & COMA, COMA <1 HR AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,253.69	$1,979.05
029	TRAUMATIC STUPOR & COMA, COMA <1 HR AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,138.41	$1,508.96
030	TRAUMATIC STUPOR & COMA, COMA <1 HR AGE 0-17	N	$1,091.54	$1,660.83
031	CONCUSSION AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,615.11	$3,060.44
032	CONCUSSION AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,259.46	$2,619.58
033	CONCUSSION AGE 0-17	N	$1,414.83	$2,739.42
034	OTHER DISORDERS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM W CC	N	$952.19	$1,628.88
035	OTHER DISORDERS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM W/O CC	N	$797.60	$1,218.31
036	RETINAL PROCEDURES	S	$1,077.67	$7,240.18
037	ORBITAL PROCEDURES	S	$1,233.04	$3,957.60
038	PRIMARY IRIS PROCEDURES	S	$1,422.31	$3,003.50
039	LENS PROCEDURES WITH OR WITHOUT VITRECTOMY	S	$1,052.29	$4,164.89
040	EXTRAOCULAR PROCEDURES EXCEPT ORBIT AGE >17	S	$1,076.09	$3,155.48
041	EXTRAOCULAR PROCEDURES EXCEPT ORBIT AGE 0-17	S	$1,076.09	$3,155.48
042	INTRAOCULAR PROCEDURES EXCEPT RETINA, IRIS & LENS	S	$1,059.98	$3,959.37
043	HYPHEMA	N	$888.45	$1,556.82
044	ACUTE MAJOR EYE INFECTIONS	N	$1,064.24	$1,256.59
045	NEUROLOGICAL EYE DISORDERS	N	$983.04	$2,294.74
046	OTHER DISORDERS OF THE EYE AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,027.14	$1,659.79
047	OTHER DISORDERS OF THE EYE AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,094.83	$1,559.91
048	OTHER DISORDERS OF THE EYE AGE 0-17	N	$1,039.55	$1,633.89
049	MAJOR HEAD & NECK PROCEDURES	S	$1,249.06	$5,367.24
050	SIALOADENECTOMY	S	$1,117.89	$6,793.95
051	SALIVARY GLAND PROCEDURES EXCEPT SIALOADENECTOMY	S	$1,215.65	$4,323.00
052	CLEFT LIP & PALATE REPAIR	S	$1,159.04	$5,285.17
053	SINUS & MASTOID PROCEDURES AGE >17	S	$1,038.14	$4,369.27
054	SINUS & MASTOID PROCEDURES AGE 0-17	S	$1,038.14	$4,369.27
055	MISCELLANEOUS EAR, NOSE, MOUTH & THROAT PROCEDURES	S	$1,207.14	$3,979.82
056	RHINOPLASTY	S	$1,284.54	$5,890.52
057	T&A PROC, EXCEPT TONSILLECTOMY &/OR ADENOIDECTOMY ONLY, AGE >17	S	$1,092.99	$3,292.76
058	T&A PROC, EXCEPT TONSILLECTOMY &/OR ADENOIDECTOMY ONLY, AGE 0-17	S	$1,092.99	$3,292.76
059	TONSILLECTOMY &/OR ADENOIDECTOMY ONLY, AGE >17	S	$893.21	$3,503.21
060	TONSILLECTOMY &/OR ADENOIDECTOMY ONLY, AGE 0-17	S	$708.16	$2,777.47
061	MYRINGOTOMY W TUBE INSERTION AGE >17	S	$1,177.41	$3,658.08
062	MYRINGOTOMY W TUBE INSERTION AGE 0-17	S	$1,177.41	$3,658.08
063	OTHER EAR, NOSE, MOUTH & THROAT OR PROCEDURES	S	$1,374.69	$4,761.64
064	EAR, NOSE, MOUTH & THROAT MALIGNANCY	N	$1,177.57	$2,114.26
065	DYSEQUILIBRIUM	N	$1,087.08	$2,087.02

TABLE A. — INPATIENT FACILITY NATIONWIDE PER DIEM CHARGES; BY DRG (DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUP) — Continued

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DRG	Description	Surgical/ Non-Surgical Indicator	Per Diem Charge	
			Room & Board	Ancillary
066	EPISTAXIS	N	$1,184.60	$1,969.97
067	EPIGLOTTITIS	N	$1,308.61	$2,306.05
068	OTITIS MEDIA & URI AGE >17 W CC	N	$908.64	$1,837.82
069	OTITIS MEDIA & URI AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$843.13	$1,582.63
070	OTITIS MEDIA & URI AGE 0-17	N	$821.30	$1,635.27
071	LARYNGOTRACHEITIS	N	$954.65	$1,844.98
072	NASAL TRAUMA & DEFORMITY	N	$1,700.22	$2,968.30
073	OTHER EAR, NOSE, MOUTH & THROAT DIAGNOSES AGE >17	N	$1,130.37	$2,026.96
074	OTHER EAR, NOSE, MOUTH & THROAT DIAGNOSES AGE 0-17	N	$1,553.16	$2,785.10
075	MAJOR CHEST PROCEDURES	S	$1,370.56	$3,806.74
076	OTHER RESP SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,325.81	$3,114.44
077	OTHER RESP SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,054.59	$3,060.16
078	PULMONARY EMBOLISM	N	$1,040.49	$2,011.52
079	RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS & INFLAMMATIONS AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,055.03	$2,123.09
080	RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS & INFLAMMATIONS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$967.81	$1,674.86
081	RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS & INFLAMMATIONS AGE 0-17	N	$1,353.97	$2,712.78
082	RESPIRATORY NEOPLASMS	N	$962.39	$1,972.95
083	MAJOR CHEST TRAUMA W CC	N	$1,027.19	$1,800.54
084	MAJOR CHEST TRAUMA W/O CC	N	$1,048.26	$1,717.96
085	PLEURAL EFFUSION W CC	N	$1,065.68	$2,113.11
086	PLEURAL EFFUSION W/O CC	N	$1,076.35	$2,108.23
087	PULMONARY EDEMA & RESPIRATORY FAILURE	N	$1,174.15	$2,565.95
088	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	N	$905.55	$1,762.89
089	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY AGE >17 W CC	N	$969.46	$1,866.99
090	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$858.97	$1,540.65
091	SIMPLE PNEUMONIA & PLEURISY AGE 0-17	N	$1,133.51	$2,174.40
092	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE W CC	N	$1,043.18	$2,023.39
093	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE W/O CC	N	$1,023.48	$1,870.93
094	PNEUMOTHORAX W CC	N	$960.50	$1,805.48
095	PNEUMOTHORAX W/O CC	N	$877.83	$1,477.33
096	BRONCHITIS & ASTHMA AGE >17 W CC	N	$881.49	$1,690.53
097	BRONCHITIS & ASTHMA AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$842.57	$1,553.42
098	BRONCHITIS & ASTHMA AGE 0-17	N	$1,040.91	$1,974.09
099	RESPIRATORY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS W CC	N	$1,095.51	$2,558.12
100	RESPIRATORY SIGNS & SYMPTOMS W/O CC	N	$978.84	$2,487.89
101	OTHER RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSES W CC	N	$1,148.56	$2,303.75
102	OTHER RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSES W/O CC	N	$1,187.30	$2,452.68
103	HEART TRANSPLANT	S	$1,867.93	$6,649.47
104	CARDIAC VALVE & OTH MAJOR CARDIOTHORACIC PROC W CARD CATH	S	$1,931.95	$8,055.51
105	CARDIAC VALVE & OTH MAJOR CARDIOTHORACIC PROC W/O CARD CATH	S	$1,832.12	$8,370.38
106	CORONARY BYPASS W PTCA	S	$1,757.48	$9,594.58
107	CORONARY BYPASS W CARDIAC CATH	S	$1,572.01	$6,930.46
108	OTHER CARDIOTHORACIC PROCEDURES	S	$1,895.76	$7,983.38
109	CORONARY BYPASS W/O PTCA OR CARDIAC CATH	S	$1,641.19	$7,116.62
110	MAJOR CARDIOVASCULAR PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,541.23	$5,766.95
111	MAJOR CARDIOVASCULAR PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,222.28	$6,832.52
112	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
113	AMPUTATION FOR CIRC SYSTEM DISORDERS EXCEPT UPPER LIMB & TOE	S	$1,127.20	$2,644.78
114	UPPER LIMB & TOE AMPUTATION FOR CIRC SYSTEM DISORDERS	S	$984.87	$2,003.47
115	PRM CARD PACEM IMPL W AMI, HRT FAIL OR SHK, OR AICD LEAD OR GN	S	$1,806.57	$6,691.17
116	OTHER PERMANENT CARDIAC PACEMAKER IMPLANT	S	$1,413.03	$7,257.12
117	CARDIAC PACEMAKER REVISION EXCEPT DEVICE REPLACEMENT	S	$1,676.94	$4,608.58
118	CARDIAC PACEMAKER DEVICE REPLACEMENT	S	$1,633.57	$8,767.71
119	VEIN LIGATION & STRIPPING	S	$1,143.56	$3,368.94
120	OTHER CIRCULATORY SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES	S	$1,261.39	$3,066.26
121	CIRCULATORY DISORDERS W AMI & MAJOR COMP, DISCHARGED ALIVE	N	$1,685.71	$3,009.34
122	CIRCULATORY DISORDERS W AMI W/O MAJOR COMP, DISCHARGED ALIVE	N	$1,872.90	$4,144.15
123	CIRCULATORY DISORDERS W AMI, EXPIRED	N	$1,623.28	$3,699.54
124	CIRCULATORY DISORDERS EXCEPT AMI, W CARD CATH & COMPLEX DIAG	N	$1,545.15	$4,672.43
125	CIRCULATORY DISORDERS EXCEPT AMI, W CARD CATH W/O COMPLEX DIAG	N	$1,389.93	$5,869.76
126	ACUTE & SUBACUTE ENDOCARDITIS	N	$1,477.68	$2,719.02
127	HEART FAILURE & SHOCK	N	$1,110.37	$1,811.38
128	DEEP VEIN THROMBOPHLEBITIS	N	$906.12	$1,228.24
129	CARDIAC ARREST, UNEXPLAINED	N	$1,058.12	$2,859.35
130	PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISORDERS W CC	N	$964.02	$1,563.47

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DRG	Description	Surgical/ Non-Surgical Indicator	Per Diem Charge	
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131	PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$949.93	$1,331.54
132	ATHEROSCLEROSIS W CC	N	$1,783.59	$3,210.72
133	ATHEROSCLEROSIS W/O CC	N	$2,119.27	$3,522.09
134	HYPERTENSION	N	$1,042.70	$1,763.86
135	CARDIAC CONGENITAL & VALVULAR DISORDERS AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,235.22	$1,940.45
136	CARDIAC CONGENITAL & VALVULAR DISORDERS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,049.76	$1,549.70
137	CARDIAC CONGENITAL & VALVULAR DISORDERS AGE 0-17	N	$3,478.63	$5,425.06
138	CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA & CONDUCTION DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,308.88	$2,196.80
139	CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA & CONDUCTION DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$1,300.84	$2,204.50
140	ANGINA PECTORIS	N	$1,203.64	$2,434.28
141	SYNCOPE & COLLAPSE W CC	N	$1,299.19	$2,253.29
142	SYNCOPE & COLLAPSE W/O CC	N	$1,158.94	$2,128.68
143	CHEST PAIN	N	$1,255.01	$3,118.71
144	OTHER CIRCULATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSES W CC	N	$1,190.80	$2,545.26
145	OTHER CIRCULATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSES W/O CC	N	$1,283.01	$2,523.32
146	RECTAL RESECTION W CC	S	$1,280.93	$3,566.31
147	RECTAL RESECTION W/O CC	S	$1,022.04	$3,057.65
148	MAJOR SMALL & LARGE BOWEL PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,150.29	$3,264.13
149	MAJOR SMALL & LARGE BOWEL PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,000.50	$2,970.23
150	PERITONEAL ADHESIOLYSIS W CC	S	$1,074.73	$2,912.44
151	PERITONEAL ADHESIOLYSIS W/O CC	S	$863.68	$2,602.47
152	MINOR SMALL & LARGE BOWEL PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,016.96	$2,658.22
153	MINOR SMALL & LARGE BOWEL PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,006.75	$2,673.51
154	STOMACH, ESOPHAGEAL & DUODENAL PROCEDURES AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,431.41	$4,142.77
155	STOMACH, ESOPHAGEAL & DUODENAL PROCEDURES AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$1,121.10	$4,939.34
156	STOMACH, ESOPHAGEAL & DUODENAL PROCEDURES AGE 0-17	S	$1,200.21	$3,571.38
157	ANAL & STOMAL PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,221.51	$3,232.43
158	ANAL & STOMAL PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$890.89	$3,218.83
159	HERNIA PROCEDURES EXCEPT INGUINAL & FEMORAL AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,035.16	$3,314.22
160	HERNIA PROCEDURES EXCEPT INGUINAL & FEMORAL AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$904.49	$3,924.64
161	INGUINAL & FEMORAL HERNIA PROCEDURES AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,278.86	$3,878.16
162	INGUINAL & FEMORAL HERNIA PROCEDURES AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$983.18	$4,407.19
163	HERNIA PROCEDURES AGE 0-17	S	$1,083.37	$3,718.22
164	APPENDECTOMY W COMPLICATED PRINCIPAL DIAG W CC	S	$1,090.80	$3,323.06
165	APPENDECTOMY W COMPLICATED PRINCIPAL DIAG W/O CC	S	$939.67	$3,332.75
166	APPENDECTOMY W/O COMPLICATED PRINCIPAL DIAG W CC	S	$1,027.47	$3,868.88
167	APPENDECTOMY W/O COMPLICATED PRINCIPAL DIAG W/O CC	S	$962.99	$4,812.53
168	MOUTH PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,296.14	$3,821.09
169	MOUTH PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,106.49	$4,579.92
170	OTHER DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,208.72	$3,182.50
171	OTHER DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$988.07	$3,654.07
172	DIGESTIVE MALIGNANCY W CC	N	$1,116.14	$2,095.25
173	DIGESTIVE MALIGNANCY W/O CC	N	$883.32	$1,535.48
174	GI HEMORRHAGE W CC	N	$1,189.29	$2,309.94
175	GI HEMORRHAGE W/O CC	N	$1,049.76	$1,982.84
176	COMPLICATED PEPTIC ULCER	N	$1,048.66	$2,233.62
177	UNCOMPLICATED PEPTIC ULCER W CC	N	$974.06	$2,286.79
178	UNCOMPLICATED PEPTIC ULCER W/O CC	N	$972.89	$2,369.74
179	INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE	N	$1,047.53	$1,911.99
180	GI OBSTRUCTION W CC	N	$978.61	$1,858.09
181	GI OBSTRUCTION W/O CC	N	$958.07	$1,664.70
182	ESOPHAGITIS, GASTROENT & MISC DIGEST DISORDERS AGE >17 W CC	N	$956.19	$1,950.38
183	ESOPHAGITIS, GASTROENT & MISC DIGEST DISORDERS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$921.97	$2,126.48
184	ESOPHAGITIS, GASTROENT & MISC DIGEST DISORDERS AGE 0-17	N	$987.03	$2,062.27
185	DENTAL & ORAL DIS EXCEPT EXTRACTIONS & RESTORATIONS, AGE >17	N	$1,024.33	$2,121.59
186	DENTAL & ORAL DIS EXCEPT EXTRACTIONS & RESTORATIONS, AGE 0-17	N	$1,102.55	$2,283.59
187	DENTAL EXTRACTIONS & RESTORATIONS	N	$1,220.67	$2,815.96
188	OTHER DIGESTIVE SYSTEM DIAGNOSES AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,043.43	$2,092.22
189	OTHER DIGESTIVE SYSTEM DIAGNOSES AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,161.68	$2,233.07
190	OTHER DIGESTIVE SYSTEM DIAGNOSES AGE 0-17	N	$1,124.65	$2,247.18
191	PANCREAS, LIVER & SHUNT PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,585.36	$4,731.89
192	PANCREAS, LIVER & SHUNT PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,086.98	$3,732.72
193	BILIARY TRACT PROC EXCEPT ONLY CHOLECYST W OR W/O CDE W CC	S	$1,362.11	$3,699.51
194	BILIARY TRACT PROC EXCEPT ONLY CHOLECYST W OR W/O CDE W/O CC	S	$947.25	$2,915.13
195	CHOLECYSTECTOMY W CDE W CC	S	$1,138.07	$3,718.15

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196	CHOLECYSTECTOMY W CDE W/O CC	S	$939.36	$3,949.98
197	CHOLECYSTECTOMY EXCEPT BY LAPAROSCOPE W/O CDE W CC	S	$1,151.46	$3,457.75
198	CHOLECYSTECTOMY EXCEPT BY LAPAROSCOPE W/O CDE W/O CC	S	$929.89	$3,356.50
199	HEPATOBILIARY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$1,125.91	$3,225.71
200	HEPATOBILIARY DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE FOR NON-MALIGNANCY	S	$1,258.28	$3,728.28
201	OTHER HEPATOBILIARY OR PANCREAS OR PROCEDURES	S	$1,345.30	$3,261.25
202	CIRRHOSIS & ALCOHOLIC HEPATITIS	N	$1,158.48	$2,223.73
203	MALIGNANCY OF HEPATOBILIARY SYSTEM OR PANCREAS	N	$1,045.01	$2,106.14
204	DISORDERS OF PANCREAS EXCEPT MALIGNANCY	N	$969.01	$2,206.34
205	DISORDERS OF LIVER EXCEPT MALIG, CIRR, ALC HEPA W CC	N	$1,220.66	$2,419.41
206	DISORDERS OF LIVER EXCEPT MALIG, CIRR, ALC HEPA W/O CC	N	$868.10	$1,834.68
207	DISORDERS OF THE BILIARY TRACT W CC	N	$1,128.37	$2,668.86
208	DISORDERS OF THE BILIARY TRACT W/O CC	N	$1,070.54	$2,930.70
209	MAJOR JOINT & LIMB REATTACHMENT PROCEDURES OF LOWER EXTREMITY	S	$1,006.38	$5,963.89
210	HIP & FEMUR PROCEDURES EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,047.04	$3,332.48
211	HIP & FEMUR PROCEDURES EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$1,100.50	$3,818.24
212	HIP & FEMUR PROCEDURES EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT AGE 0-17	S	$1,206.42	$3,891.48
213	AMPUTATION FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM & CONN TISSUE DISORDERS	S	$1,127.39	$2,663.66
214	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
215	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
216	BIOPSIES OF MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM & CONNECTIVE TISSUE	S	$1,075.43	$2,834.29
217	WND DEBRID & SKN GRFT EXCEPT HAND, FOR MUSCSKELET & CONN TISS DIS	S	$1,389.10	$3,339.07
218	LOWER EXTREM & HUMER PROC EXCEPT HIP, FOOT, FEMUR AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,002.74	$3,619.40
219	LOWER EXTREM & HUMER PROC EXCEPT HIP, FOOT, FEMUR AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$1,002.71	$4,505.23
220	LOWER EXTREM & HUMER PROC EXCEPT HIP, FOOT, FEMUR AGE 0-17	S	$1,256.37	$4,908.24
221	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
222	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
223	MAJOR SHOULDER/ELBOW PROC, OR OTHER UPPER EXTREMITY PROC W CC	S	$1,069.51	$5,202.66
224	SHOULDER, ELBOW OR FOREARM PROC, EXC MAJOR JOINT PROC, W/O CC	S	$939.06	$6,007.81
225	FOOT PROCEDURES	S	$1,157.63	$3,358.02
226	SOFT TISSUE PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,040.02	$2,702.52
227	SOFT TISSUE PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,002.82	$4,165.67
228	MAJOR THUMB OR JOINT PROC, OR OTH HAND OR WRIST PROC W CC	S	$1,078.81	$3,925.97
229	HAND OR WRIST PROC, EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT PROC, W/O CC	S	$1,008.04	$4,659.41
230	LOCAL EXCISION & REMOVAL OF INT FIX DEVICES OF HIP & FEMUR	S	$990.60	$3,313.85
231	LOCAL EXCISION & REMOVAL OF INT FIX DEVICES EXCEPT HIP & FEMUR	S	$1,064.58	$3,945.20
232	ARTHROSCOPY	S	$1,087.23	$5,566.11
233	OTHER MUSCULOSKELET SYS & CONN TISS OR PROC W CC	S	$1,214.96	$3,815.73
234	OTHER MUSCULOSKELET SYS & CONN TISS OR PROC W/O CC	S	$971.20	$5,407.82
235	FRACTURES OF FEMUR	N	$791.13	$1,085.42
236	FRACTURES OF HIP & PELVIS	N	$716.69	$920.90
237	SPRAINS, STRAINS, & DISLOCATIONS OF HIP, PELVIS & THIGH	N	$1,039.29	$1,598.36
238	OSTEOMYELITIS	N	$918.87	$1,410.70
239	PATHOLOGICAL FRACTURES & MUSCULOSKELETAL & CONN TISS MALIGNANCY	N	$1,070.65	$1,658.64
240	CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,054.44	$2,147.36
241	CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$1,123.99	$1,468.78
242	SEPTIC ARTHRITIS	N	$985.61	$1,559.21
243	MEDICAL BACK PROBLEMS	N	$972.99	$1,520.24
244	BONE DISEASES & SPECIFIC ARTHROPATHIES W CC	N	$831.59	$1,079.09
245	BONE DISEASES & SPECIFIC ARTHROPATHIES W/O CC	N	$929.67	$1,065.50
246	NON-SPECIFIC ARTHROPATHIES	N	$844.20	$1,076.26
247	SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM & CONN TISSUE	N	$985.28	$1,468.50
248	TENDONITIS, MYOSITIS & BURSITIS	N	$1,071.60	$1,508.61
249	AFTERCARE, MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM & CONNECTIVE TISSUE	N	$1,080.46	$1,814.13
250	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF FOREARM, HAND, FOOT AGE >17 W CC	N	$978.07	$1,493.78
251	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF FOREARM, HAND, FOOT AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,019.33	$1,437.00
252	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF FOREARM, HAND, FOOT AGE 0-17	N	$991.59	$1,472.65
253	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF UPARM, LOWLEG EX FOOT AGE >17 W CC	N	$911.70	$1,312.11
254	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF UPARM, LOWLEG EX FOOT AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,030.19	$1,234.63
255	FX, SPRN, STRN & DISL OF UPARM, LOWLEG EX FOOT AGE 0-17	N	$948.31	$1,292.44
256	OTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM & CONNECTIVE TISSUE DIAGNOSES	N	$823.52	$1,157.38
257	TOTAL MASTECTOMY FOR MALIGNANCY W CC	S	$1,024.95	$4,678.05
258	TOTAL MASTECTOMY FOR MALIGNANCY W/O CC	S	$904.10	$5,451.31
259	SUBTOTAL MASTECTOMY FOR MALIGNANCY W CC	S	$1,153.59	$4,610.87
260	SUBTOTAL MASTECTOMY FOR MALIGNANCY W/O CC	S	$1,001.78	$7,187.37

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261	BREAST PROC FOR NON-MALIGNANCY EXCEPT BIOPSY & LOCAL EXCISION	S	$1,020.71	$6,380.35
262	BREAST BIOPSY & LOCAL EXCISION FOR NON-MALIGNANCY	S	$1,022.26	$2,737.10
263	SKIN GRAFT &/OR DEBRID FOR SKN ULCER OR CELLULITIS W CC	S	$922.03	$1,734.44
264	SKIN GRAFT &/OR DEBRID FOR SKN ULCER OR CELLULITIS W/O CC	S	$875.42	$1,608.07
265	SKIN GRAFT &/OR DEBRID EXCEPT FOR SKIN ULCER OR CELLULITIS W CC	S	$1,503.53	$4,042.08
266	SKIN GRAFT &/OR DEBRID EXCEPT FOR SKIN ULCER OR CELLULITIS W/O CC	S	$1,139.91	$4,078.70
267	PERIANAL & PILONIDAL PROCEDURES	S	$973.17	$2,834.96
268	SKIN, SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE & BREAST PLASTIC PROCEDURES	S	$1,271.91	$4,964.16
269	OTHER SKIN, SUBCUT TISS & BREAST PROC W CC	S	$966.49	$2,298.74
270	OTHER SKIN, SUBCUT TISS & BREAST PROC W/O CC	S	$927.99	$2,677.10
271	SKIN ULCERS	N	$812.54	$1,216.08
272	MAJOR SKIN DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,155.87	$1,736.41
273	MAJOR SKIN DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$1,004.99	$1,451.83
274	MALIGNANT BREAST DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,166.16	$1,766.38
275	MALIGNANT BREAST DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$888.99	$1,333.27
276	NON-MALIGANT BREAST DISORDERS	N	$1,208.59	$1,748.25
277	CELLULITIS AGE >17 W CC	N	$967.08	$1,410.69
278	CELLULITIS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$886.71	$1,086.15
279	CELLULITIS AGE 0-17	N	$917.84	$1,297.20
280	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS & BREAST AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,050.09	$1,724.68
281	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS & BREAST AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,050.83	$1,537.58
282	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS & BREAST AGE 0-17	N	$1,007.49	$1,605.87
283	MINOR SKIN DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,013.74	$1,519.58
284	MINOR SKIN DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$992.49	$1,368.79
285	AMPUTAT OF LOWER LIMB FOR ENDOCRINE, NUTRIT, & METABOL DISORDERS	S	$1,005.46	$2,107.74
286	ADRENAL & PITUITARY PROCEDURES	S	$1,355.67	$4,599.22
287	SKIN GRAFTS & WOUND DEBRID FOR ENDOC, NUTRIT & METAB DISORDERS	S	$1,246.80	$2,026.78
288	OR PROCEDURES FOR OBESITY	S	$1,231.28	$6,088.54
289	PARATHYROID PROCEDURES	S	$1,116.29	$4,790.01
290	THYROID PROCEDURES	S	$1,148.29	$5,620.60
291	THYROGLOSSAL PROCEDURES	S	$1,121.75	$5,972.28
292	OTHER ENDOCRINE, NUTRIT & METAB OR PROC W CC	S	$1,197.95	$2,988.54
293	OTHER ENDOCRINE, NUTRIT & METAB OR PROC W/O CC	S	$1,187.84	$3,775.02
294	DIABETES AGE >35	N	$1,023.19	$1,546.71
295	DIABETES AGE 0-35	N	$1,086.38	$2,027.98
296	NUTRITIONAL & MISC METABOLIC DISORDERS AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,011.93	$1,670.76
297	NUTRITIONAL & MISC METABOLIC DISORDERS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$936.34	$1,402.79
298	NUTRITIONAL & MISC METABOLIC DISORDERS AGE 0-17	N	$987.33	$1,613.57
299	INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM	N	$1,065.31	$2,057.74
300	ENDOCRINE DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,156.39	$1,899.39
301	ENDOCRINE DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$1,130.76	$1,797.96
302	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	S	$1,534.41	$10,979.18
303	KIDNEY, URETER & MAJOR BLADDER PROCEDURES FOR NEOPLASM	S	$1,213.75	$3,754.07
304	KIDNEY, URETER & MAJOR BLADDER PROC FOR NON-NEOPL W CC	S	$1,327.58	$3,859.38
305	KIDNEY, URETER & MAJOR BLADDER PROC FOR NON-NEOPL W/O CC	S	$1,011.01	$4,680.58
306	PROSTATECTOMY W CC	S	$1,080.60	$2,763.76
307	PROSTATECTOMY W/O CC	S	$771.22	$3,348.26
308	MINOR BLADDER PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,105.62	$3,176.27
309	MINOR BLADDER PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$783.48	$5,022.60
310	TRANSURETHRAL PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,133.96	$3,379.61
311	TRANSURETHRAL PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$971.13	$4,596.32
312	URETHRAL PROCEDURES, AGE >17 W CC	S	$1,045.60	$2,893.60
313	URETHRAL PROCEDURES, AGE >17 W/O CC	S	$1,070.05	$3,958.64
314	URETHRAL PROCEDURES, AGE 0-17	S	$1,107.46	$3,256.84
315	OTHER KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT OR PROCEDURES	S	$1,227.54	$3,713.01
316	RENAL FAILURE	N	$1,025.16	$1,888.48
317	ADMIT FOR RENAL DIALYSIS	N	$975.49	$2,777.59
318	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT NEOPLASMS W CC	N	$1,123.68	$2,223.76
319	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT NEOPLASMS W/O CC	N	$704.77	$1,230.87
320	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS AGE >17 W CC	N	$915.88	$1,608.67
321	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$922.65	$1,506.87
322	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS AGE 0-17	N	$972.16	$1,695.60
323	URINARY STONES W CC, &/OR ESW LITHOTRIPSY	N	$997.29	$3,205.57
324	URINARY STONES W/O CC	N	$847.42	$2,912.83
325	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT SIGNS & SYMPTOMS AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,113.23	$1,829.31

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326	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT SIGNS & SYMPTOMS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$892.09	$1,511.46
327	KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT SIGNS & SYMPTOMS AGE 0-17	N	$1,051.81	$1,738.00
328	URETHRAL STRICTURE AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,145.25	$2,486.64
329	URETHRAL STRICTURE AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,071.36	$2,985.86
330	URETHRAL STRICTURE AGE 0-17	N	$1,166.79	$2,590.55
331	OTHER KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT DIAGNOSES AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,067.44	$2,140.71
332	OTHER KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT DIAGNOSES AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$840.73	$1,768.06
333	OTHER KIDNEY & URINARY TRACT DIAGNOSES AGE 0-17	N	$1,308.97	$2,632.39
334	MAJOR MALE PELVIC PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,023.30	$4,178.25
335	MAJOR MALE PELVIC PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$921.48	$4,754.59
336	TRANSURETHRAL PROSTATECTOMY W CC	S	$955.94	$3,077.10
337	TRANSURETHRAL PROSTATECTOMY W/O CC	S	$871.61	$3,739.73
338	TESTES PROCEDURES, FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$945.00	$2,942.71
339	TESTES PROCEDURES, NON-MALIGNANCY AGE >17	S	$885.77	$2,789.87
340	TESTES PROCEDURES, NON-MALIGNANCY AGE 0-17	S	$889.13	$2,786.51
341	PENIS PROCEDURES	S	$1,271.26	$6,277.72
342	CIRCUMCISION AGE >17	S	$895.64	$2,977.54
343	CIRCUMCISION AGE 0-17	S	$895.64	$2,977.54
344	OTHER MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$1,008.76	$6,962.17
345	OTHER MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM OR PROC EXCEPT FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$1,151.24	$3,117.54
346	MALIGNANCY, MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM, W CC	N	$1,027.51	$1,765.01
347	MALIGNANCY, MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM, W/O CC	N	$739.73	$1,555.71
348	BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY W CC	N	$1,138.57	$1,922.85
349	BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY W/O CC	N	$1,157.52	$1,957.10
350	INFLAMMATION OF THE MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM	N	$946.14	$1,683.27
351	STERILIZATION, MALE	N	$833.85	$2,338.99
352	OTHER MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM DIAGNOSES	N	$1,163.13	$2,009.71
353	PELVIC EVISCERATION, RADICAL HYSTERECTOMY & RADICAL VULVECTOMY	S	$1,456.81	$4,774.96
354	UTERINE, ADNEXA PROC FOR NON-OVARIAN/ADNEXAL MALIG W CC	S	$1,150.03	$3,437.87
355	UTERINE, ADNEXA PROC FOR NON-OVARIAN/ADNEXAL MALIG W/O CC	S	$1,038.58	$3,824.48
356	FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTIVE PROCEDURES	S	$800.92	$4,601.05
357	UTERINE & ADNEXA PROC FOR OVARIAN OR ADNEXAL MALIGNANCY	S	$1,281.19	$3,905.25
358	UTERINE & ADNEXA PROC FOR NON-MALIGNANCY W CC	S	$967.74	$3,695.41
359	UTERINE & ADNEXA PROC FOR NON-MALIGNANCY W/O CC	S	$835.53	$4,068.22
360	VAGINA, CERVIX & VULVA PROCEDURES	S	$900.92	$4,158.93
361	LAPAROSCOPY & INCISIONAL TUBAL INTERRUPTION	S	$718.19	$3,626.91
362	ENDOSCOPIC TUBAL INTERRUPTION	S	$900.56	$3,444.54
363	D&C, CONIZATION & RADIO-IMPLANT, FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$1,164.71	$3,345.20
364	D&C, CONIZATION EXCEPT FOR MALIGNANCY	S	$1,301.93	$3,029.93
365	OTHER FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM OR PROCEDURES	S	$1,087.46	$3,327.42
366	MALIGNANCY, FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM W CC	N	$962.08	$1,701.01
367	MALIGNANCY, FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM W/O CC	N	$1,051.27	$1,355.66
368	INFECTIONS, FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM	N	$993.58	$1,778.06
369	MENSTRUAL & OTHER FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM DISORDERS	N	$1,464.40	$2,495.74
370	CESAREAN SECTION W CC	S	$986.29	$2,138.21
371	CESAREAN SECTION W/O CC	S	$924.01	$2,240.43
372	VAGINAL DELIVERY W COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES	N	$1,025.65	$2,054.69
373	VAGINAL DELIVERY W/O COMPLICATING DIAGNOSES	N	$897.83	$2,032.09
374	VAGINAL DELIVERY W STERILIZATION &/OR D&C	S	$1,103.92	$3,304.59
375	VAGINAL DELIVERY W OR PROC EXCEPT STERIL &/OR D&C	S	$738.92	$2,309.63
376	POSTPARTUM & POST ABORTION DIAGNOSES W/O OR PROCEDURE	N	$1,174.62	$1,390.51
377	POSTPARTUM & POST ABORTION DIAGNOSES W OR PROCEDURE	S	$614.11	$4,381.04
378	ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	N	$836.91	$4,638.68
379	THREATENED ABORTION	N	$992.56	$1,235.12
380	ABORTION W/O D&C	N	$844.63	$2,899.97
381	ABORTION W D&C, ASPIRATION CURETTAGE OR HYSTEROTOMY	S	$1,213.68	$3,846.07
382	FALSE LABOR	N	$1,332.03	$1,094.61
383	OTHER ANTEPARTUM DIAGNOSES W MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS	N	$1,040.82	$1,278.27
384	OTHER ANTEPARTUM DIAGNOSES W/O MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS	N	$1,077.15	$1,757.95
385	NEONATES, DIED OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ACUTE CARE FACILITY	N	$1,090.51	$4,171.09
386	EXTREME IMMATURITY	N	$878.24	$3,359.17
387	PREMATURITY W MAJOR PROBLEMS	N	$777.39	$2,973.44
388	PREMATURITY W/O MAJOR PROBLEMS	N	$497.55	$1,903.07
389	FULL TERM NEONATE W MAJOR PROBLEMS	N	$443.83	$1,697.59
390	NEONATE W OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS	N	$271.23	$1,037.42

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391	NORMAL NEWBORN	N	$168.54	$644.62
392	SPLENECTOMY AGE >17	S	$1,140.90	$4,009.43
393	SPLENECTOMY AGE 0-17	S	$1,140.90	$4,009.43
394	OTHER OR PROCEDURES OF THE BLOOD AND BLOOD FORMING ORGANS	S	$1,152.53	$3,864.46
395	RED BLOOD CELL DISORDERS AGE >17	N	$1,027.08	$2,095.23
396	RED BLOOD CELL DISORDERS AGE 0-17	N	$1,256.87	$2,564.02
397	COAGULATION DISORDERS	N	$1,124.43	$3,303.14
398	RETICULOENDOTHELIAL & IMMUNITY DISORDERS W CC	N	$1,089.35	$2,626.10
399	RETICULOENDOTHELIAL & IMMUNITY DISORDERS W/O CC	N	$1,016.17	$2,244.16
400	LYMPHOMA & LEUKEMIA W MAJOR OR PROCEDURE	S	$1,265.31	$3,917.68
401	LYMPHOMA & NON-ACUTE LEUKEMIA W OTHER OR PROC W CC	S	$1,180.11	$3,147.98
402	LYMPHOMA & NON-ACUTE LEUKEMIA W OTHER OR PROC W/O CC	S	$949.01	$3,582.78
403	LYMPHOMA & NON-ACUTE LEUKEMIA W CC	N	$1,248.01	$2,828.77
404	LYMPHOMA & NON-ACUTE LEUKEMIA W/O CC	N	$1,121.84	$2,438.89
405	ACUTE LEUKEMIA W/O MAJOR OR PROCEDURE AGE 0-17	N	$1,448.40	$4,152.70
406	MYELOPROLIF DISORD OR POORLY DIFF NEOPL W MAJOR PROC W CC	S	$1,577.39	$4,491.39
407	MYELOPROLIF DISORD OR POORLY DIFF NEOPL W MAJOR PROC W/O CC	S	$1,061.56	$4,153.66
408	MYELOPROLIF DISORD OR POORLY DIFF NEOPL W OTHER OR PROC	S	$1,653.19	$4,640.09
409	RADIOTHERAPY	N	$1,262.40	$2,168.55
410	CHEMOTHERAPY W/O ACUTE LEUKEMIA AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS	N	$1,155.29	$3,447.19
411	HISTORY OF MALIGNANCY W/O ENDOSCOPY	N	$913.31	$1,753.95
412	HISTORY OF MALIGNANCY W ENDOSCOPY	N	$1,086.08	$1,634.45
413	OTHER MYELOPROLIF DIS OR POORLY DIFF NEOPL DIAG W CC	N	$1,076.69	$2,140.61
414	OTHER MYELOPROLIF DIS OR POORLY DIFF NEOPL DIAG W/O CC	N	$977.15	$1,404.99
415	OR PROCEDURE FOR INFECTIOUS & PARASITIC DISEASES	S	$1,376.85	$3,157.69
416	SEPTICEMIA AGE >17	N	$1,186.92	$2,185.01
417	SEPTICEMIA AGE 0-17	N	$1,646.22	$3,030.52
418	POSTOPERATIVE & POST-TRAUMATIC INFECTIONS	N	$1,027.44	$1,734.64
419	FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,050.69	$2,120.73
420	FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$935.49	$1,779.86
421	VIRAL ILLNESS AGE >17	N	$1,010.36	$1,995.74
422	VIRAL ILLNESS & FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AGE 0-17	N	$947.30	$1,890.89
423	OTHER INFECTIOUS & PARASITIC DISEASES DIAGNOSES	N	$1,077.29	$2,444.18
424	OR PROCEDURE W PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSES OF MENTAL ILLNESS	S	$1,029.21	$1,157.87
425	ACUTE ADJUSTMENT REACTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL DYSFUNCTION	N	$1,091.63	$1,222.23
426	DEPRESSIVE NEUROSES	N	$1,028.52	$420.19
427	NEUROSES EXCEPT DEPRESSIVE	N	$956.88	$372.25
428	DISORDERS OF PERSONALITY & IMPULSE CONTROL	N	$1,029.58	$332.53
429	ORGANIC DISTURBANCES & MENTAL RETARDATION	N	$1,271.21	$640.98
430	PSYCHOSES	N	$1,061.48	$348.35
431	CHILDHOOD MENTAL DISORDERS	N	$928.29	$288.24
432	OTHER MENTAL DISORDER DIAGNOSES	N	$931.01	$338.31
433	ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE OR DEPENDENCE, LEFT AMA	N	$1,100.28	$690.65
434	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
435	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
436	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
437	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
438	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
439	SKIN GRAFTS FOR INJURIES	S	$1,024.25	$2,241.87
440	WOUND DEBRIDEMENTS FOR INJURIES	S	$1,065.99	$2,542.76
441	HAND PROCEDURES FOR INJURIES	S	$1,049.07	$3,879.56
442	OTHER OR PROCEDURES FOR INJURIES W CC	S	$1,187.51	$3,484.61
443	OTHER OR PROCEDURES FOR INJURIES W/O CC	S	$1,098.93	$4,002.66
444	TRAUMATIC INJURY AGE >17 W CC	N	$880.07	$1,563.91
445	TRAUMATIC INJURY AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,090.28	$1,497.64
446	TRAUMATIC INJURY AGE 0-17	N	$774.18	$1,273.13
447	ALLERGIC REACTIONS AGE >17	N	$1,216.40	$2,083.47
448	ALLERGIC REACTIONS AGE 0-17	N	$1,216.40	$2,083.47
449	POISONING & TOXIC EFFECTS OF DRUGS AGE >17 W CC	N	$1,392.55	$2,481.39
450	POISONING & TOXIC EFFECTS OF DRUGS AGE >17 W/O CC	N	$1,279.43	$2,006.01
451	POISONING & TOXIC EFFECTS OF DRUGS AGE 0-17	N	$1,319.64	$2,317.90
452	COMPLICATIONS OF TREATMENT W CC	N	$1,017.26	$2,198.47
453	COMPLICATIONS OF TREATMENT W/O CC	N	$1,022.97	$1,889.35
454	OTHER INJURY, POISONING & TOXIC EFFECT DIAG W CC	N	$2,017.83	$3,264.97
455	OTHER INJURY, POISONING & TOXIC EFFECT DIAG W/O CC	N	$1,107.31	$1,976.89

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456	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
457	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
458	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
459	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
460	NO LONGER VALID	N	$0.00	$0.00
461	OR PROC W DIAGNOSES OF OTHER CONTACT W HEALTH SERVICES	S	$1,143.42	$2,490.26
462	REHABILITATION	N	$909.12	$1,112.99
463	SIGNS & SYMPTOMS W CC	N	$890.79	$1,379.50
464	SIGNS & SYMPTOMS W/O CC	N	$684.77	$905.56
465	AFTERCARE W HISTORY OF MALIGNANCY AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS	N	$1,046.90	$1,085.93
466	AFTERCARE W/O HISTORY OF MALIGNANCY AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS	N	$1,120.07	$1,129.79
467	OTHER FACTORS INFLUENCING HEALTH STATUS	N	$678.12	$785.75
468	EXTENSIVE OR PROCEDURE UNRELATED TO PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS	S	$1,338.77	$3,603.72
469	PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS INVALID AS DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS	N	$370.41	$1,039.04
470	UNGROUPABLE	N	$637.82	$877.49
471	BILATERAL OR MULTIPLE MAJOR JOINT PROCS OF LOWER EXTREMITY	S	$910.64	$7,011.74
472	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
473	ACUTE LEUKEMIA W/O MAJOR OR PROCEDURE AGE >17	S	$1,253.17	$3,592.95
474	NO LONGER VALID	S	$0.00	$0.00
475	RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DIAGNOSIS WITH VENTILATOR SUPPORT	N	$1,596.17	$3,501.43
476	PROSTATIC OR PROCEDURE UNRELATED TO PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS	S	$1,246.67	$2,282.29
477	NON-EXTENSIVE OR PROCEDURE UNRELATED TO PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS	S	$1,226.39	$2,817.72
478	OTHER VASCULAR PROCEDURES W CC	S	$1,316.19	$4,262.57
479	OTHER VASCULAR PROCEDURES W/O CC	S	$1,183.98	$6,058.40
480	LIVER TRANSPLANT	S	$1,935.80	$9,664.48
481	BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT	S	$2,047.49	$4,344.02
482	TRACHEOSTOMY FOR FACE, MOUTH & NECK DIAGNOSES	S	$1,424.75	$3,418.52
483	TRAC W MECH VENT 96+HRS OR PDX EXCEPT FACE, MOUTH & NECK DX	S	$2,184.17	$4,951.88
484	CRANIOTOMY FOR MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	S	$2,037.47	$6,158.40
485	LIMB REATTACHMENT, HIP AND FEMUR PROC FOR MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	S	$1,311.85	$4,514.37
486	OTHER OR PROCEDURES FOR MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	S	$1,699.04	$5,705.26
487	OTHER MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	N	$1,272.11	$2,658.26
488	HIV W EXTENSIVE OR PROCEDURE	S	$1,582.72	$4,302.85
489	HIV W MAJOR RELATED CONDITION	N	$1,384.17	$2,500.36
490	HIV W OR W/O OTHER RELATED CONDITION	N	$1,063.77	$1,878.24
491	MAJOR JOINT & LIMB REATTACHMENT PROCEDURES OF UPPER EXTREMITY	S	$995.12	$7,205.42
492	CHEMOTHERAPY W ACUTE LEUKEMIA AS SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS	N	$1,127.28	$3,356.21
493	LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY W/O CDE W CC	S	$1,063.05	$4,179.65
494	LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY W/O CDE W/O CC	S	$908.97	$5,460.28
495	LUNG TRANSPLANT	S	$2,371.97	$12,322.84
496	COMBINED ANTERIOR/POSTERIOR SPINAL FUSION	S	$1,344.12	$8,596.68
497	SPINAL FUSION EXCEPT CERVICAL W CC	S	$1,169.71	$7,831.53
498	SPINAL FUSION EXCEPT CERVICAL W/O CC	S	$965.87	$8,996.36
499	BACK & NECK PROCEDURES EXCEPT SPINAL FUSION W CC	S	$1,090.16	$4,319.51
500	BACK & NECK PROCEDURES EXCEPT SPINAL FUSION W/O CC	S	$944.32	$5,491.17
501	KNEE PROCEDURES W PDX OF INFECTION W CC	S	$1,091.19	$3,255.85
502	KNEE PROCEDURES W PDX OF INFECTION W/O CC	S	$895.78	$3,047.02
503	KNEE PROCEDURES W/O PDX OF INFECTION	S	$1,203.17	$4,952.91
504	EXTENSIVE 3RD DEGREE BURNS W SKIN GRAFT	S	$3,618.06	$7,490.63
505	EXTENSIVE 3RD DEGREE BURNS W/O SKIN GRAFT	N	$2,147.70	$6,001.74
506	FULL THICKNESS BURN W SKIN GRAFT OR INHAL INJ W CC OR SIG TRAUMA	S	$3,025.42	$4,358.68
507	FULL THICKNESS BURN W SKIN GRFT OR INHAL INJ W/O CC OR SIG TRAUMA	S	$2,430.08	$2,728.08
508	FULL THICKNESS BURN W/O SKIN GRFT OR INHAL INJ W CC OR SIG TRAUMA	N	$1,160.55	$1,764.79
509	FULL THICKNESS BURN W/O SKIN GRFT OR INH INJ W/O CC OR SIG TRAUMA	N	$1,489.58	$1,544.23
510	NON-EXTENSIVE BURNS W CC OR SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	N	$1,638.09	$2,097.98
511	NON-EXTENSIVE BURNS W/O CC OR SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	N	$1,203.31	$1,210.29
512	SIMULTANEOUS PANCREAS/KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	S	$1,537.98	$12,962.92
513	PANCREAS TRANSPLANT	S	$1,657.44	$10,932.65
514	CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR IMPLANT W CARDIAC CATH	S	$1,636.83	$13,507.46
515	CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR IMPLANT W/O CARDIAC CATH	S	$1,484.87	$13,899.63
516	PERCUTANEOUS CARDIOVASCULAR PROC W AMI	S	$1,667.46	$8,448.43
517	PERC CARDIO PROC W NON-DRUG ELUTING STENT W/O AMI	S	$1,496.21	$12,911.59
518	PERC CARDIO PROC W/O CORONARY ARTERY STENT OR AMI	S	$1,659.56	$8,041.37
519	CERVICAL SPINAL FUSION W CC	S	$1,352.92	$7,014.88
520	CERVICAL SPINAL FUSION W/O CC	S	$974.90	$10,724.20

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521	ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE OR DEPENDENCE W CC	N	$1,013.61	$949.89
522	ALC/DRUG ABUSE OR DEPEND W REHABILITATION THERAPY W/O CC	N	$843.06	$249.60
523	ALC/DRUG ABUSE OR DEPEND W/O REHABILITATION THERAPY W/O CC	N	$861.50	$307.64
524	TRANSIENT ISCHEMIA	N	$1,049.91	$2,183.32
525	HEART ASSIST SYSTEM IMPLANT	S	$2,135.99	$11,103.42
526	PERCUTANEOUS CARDIOVASCULAR PROC W DRUG ELUTING STENT W AMI	S	$1,659.56	$8,041.37
527	PERCUTANEOUS CARDIOVASCULAR PROC W DRUG ELUTING STENT W/O AMI	S	$1,659.56	$8,041.37

TABLE B. — INPATIENT FACILITY AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY/SUB-ACUTE INPATIENT FACILITY GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION

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VA Facility Location	For Surgical DRGs		For Non-Surgical DRGs		Skilled Nursing Facility/Sub-Acute Inpatient Facility
	Room & Board	Ancillary	Room & Board	Ancillary	
NATIONWIDE AVERAGE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
ANCHORAGE, AK	1.52	1.80	1.73	1.67	1.16
BIRMINGHAM, AL	0.97	1.60	0.91	1.66	0.89
MONTGOMERY, AL	0.81	1.29	0.76	1.55	0.89
TUSCALOOSA, AL	0.83	1.20	0.71	1.18	0.89
TUSKEGEE, AL	0.81	1.29	0.76	1.55	0.89
FAYETTEVILLE, AR	0.42	0.77	0.63	0.85	0.94
LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.53	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.94
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.53	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.94
PHOENIX, AZ	1.03	1.82	1.20	1.61	1.32
PRESCOTT, AZ	0.83	1.33	0.79	1.30	1.32
TUCSON, AZ	1.31	1.32	1.07	1.20	1.32
FRESNO, CA	1.09	1.50	1.26	1.45	1.55
LIVERMORE, CA	1.92	2.20	1.74	1.80	1.55
LOMA LINDA, CA	1.60	1.65	1.41	1.82	1.55
LONG BEACH, CA	1.63	1.80	1.57	1.78	1.55
MARTINEZ, CA	1.92	2.20	1.74	1.80	1.55
MENLO PARK, CA	2.14	1.69	1.87	1.49	1.55
PALO ALTO, CA	2.22	1.71	1.78	1.59	1.55
SACRAMENTO/MATHER AFB, CA	2.62	2.78	2.05	2.14	1.55
SAN DIEGO, CA	1.35	1.84	1.38	1.63	1.55
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	2.14	1.69	1.87	1.49	1.55
SEPULVEDA, CA	1.63	1.80	1.57	1.78	1.55
WEST LOS ANGELES, CA	1.63	1.80	1.57	1.78	1.55
DENVER, CO	0.96	1.47	0.94	1.49	1.37
FORT LYON, CO	0.85	1.21	0.82	1.08	1.37
GRAND JUNCTION, CO	0.77	0.93	0.71	0.84	1.37
WEST HAVEN, CT	1.20	1.03	1.14	1.12	0.77
WASHINGTON, DC	0.93	1.07	0.94	1.00	0.97
WILMINGTON, DE	1.01	0.89	0.96	0.98	0.81
BAY PINES, FL	0.81	1.43	0.97	1.51	1.18
GAINESVILLE, FL	0.82	1.21	0.77	1.27	1.18
LAKE CITY, FL	0.82	1.21	0.77	1.27	1.18
MIAMI, FL	1.10	1.47	1.07	1.60	1.18
TAMPA, FL	0.81	1.43	0.97	1.51	1.18
WEST PALM BEACH, FL	0.69	1.47	0.80	1.57	1.18
ATLANTA/DECATUR, GA	0.76	1.04	0.95	1.06	0.86
AUGUSTA, GA	0.63	1.00	0.67	1.36	0.86
DUBLIN, GA	0.49	1.04	0.82	0.99	0.86
HONOLULU, HI	1.51	1.40	2.11	1.39	1.16
DES MOINES, IA	0.87	0.91	0.86	0.91	1.04
IOWA CITY, IA	0.67	1.03	0.67	0.93	1.04
KNOXVILLE, IA	0.87	0.91	0.86	0.91	1.04
BOISE, ID	0.88	1.19	0.87	0.95	0.92
CHICAGO, IL	1.22	1.37	1.31	1.35	1.03
DANVILLE, IL	0.69	1.23	0.88	1.14	1.03
HINES, IL	1.22	1.37	1.31	1.35	1.03
MARION, IL	0.68	0.84	0.65	0.98	1.03
NORTH CHICAGO, IL	1.22	1.37	1.31	1.35	1.03
FORT WAYNE, IN	0.89	0.98	1.00	0.91	0.99
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	0.82	0.88	0.74	0.95	0.99
MARION, IN	0.75	0.90	0.74	1.65	0.99
LEAVENWORTH, KS	0.98	1.28	1.05	1.41	1.16
TOPEKA, KS	0.61	1.22	0.87	1.01	1.15
WICHITA, KS	1.08	1.42	1.06	1.38	1.15
LEXINGTON, KY	0.75	0.86	0.93	0.95	0.84
LOUISVILLE, KY	0.71	1.14	0.89	0.99	0.84
ALEXANDRIA, LA	0.44	1.23	0.63	1.13	1.77
NEW ORLEANS, LA	0.76	1.52	1.05	1.44	1.77
SHREVEPORT, LA	0.70	1.28	0.87	1.29	1.77
BEDFORD, MA	1.15	0.92	1.16	0.79	0.92
BOSTON, MA	1.15	0.92	1.16	0.79	0.92

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	Room & Board	Ancillary	Room & Board	Ancillary	
BROCKTON, MA	1.15	0.92	1.16	0.79	0.92
NORTHAMPTON, MA	1.05	1.05	1.10	0.76	0.92
WEST ROXBURY, MA	1.15	0.92	1.16	0.79	0.92
BALTIMORE, MD	1.01	0.58	0.96	0.62	0.85
FORT HOWARD, MD	1.01	0.58	0.96	0.62	0.85
PERRY POINT, MD	1.01	0.89	0.96	0.98	0.81
TOGUS, ME	1.22	1.01	1.17	1.00	0.79
ANN ARBOR, MI	1.18	1.18	1.11	1.10	0.65
BATTLE CREEK, MI	0.49	1.21	0.55	1.23	0.65
DETROIT, MI	1.22	0.97	1.10	1.08	0.65
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI	0.88	0.95	0.75	1.00	0.65
SAGINAW, MI	0.87	0.94	0.86	1.11	0.65
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	1.15	1.25	1.14	1.40	0.61
SAINT CLOUD, MN	0.68	0.98	0.84	0.93	0.61
COLUMBIA, MO	0.98	1.14	0.77	1.23	1.16
KANSAS CITY, MO	0.98	1.28	1.05	1.41	1.16
POPLAR BLUFF, MO	0.66	1.00	0.66	0.99	1.16
SAINT LOUIS, MO	0.83	1.13	0.78	1.33	1.16
BILOXI, MS	0.60	1.26	0.62	1.49	0.89
GULFPORT, MS	0.60	1.26	0.62	1.49	0.89
JACKSON, MS	0.52	0.86	0.92	0.85	0.89
FORT HARRISON, MT	0.76	1.02	0.77	0.96	0.70
ASHEVILLE, NC	0.57	0.90	0.91	0.77	0.68
DURHAM, NC	0.73	1.04	0.79	1.03	0.68
FAYETTEVILLE, NC	1.00	1.86	0.85	1.23	0.68
SALISBURY, NC	0.76	0.94	0.85	0.99	0.68
FARGO, ND	0.72	0.96	0.73	0.83	0.53
GRAND ISLAND, NE	0.61	0.89	0.62	0.85	0.83
LINCOLN, NE	0.75	1.21	0.82	1.15	0.83
OMAHA, NE	0.67	1.18	0.72	1.38	0.83
MANCHESTER, NH	1.15	0.92	1.16	0.79	0.92
EAST ORANGE, NJ	1.58	0.59	1.60	0.64	0.84
LYONS, NJ	2.08	0.80	1.78	0.72	0.84
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	0.95	1.05	0.94	1.04	1.20
LAS VEGAS, NV	0.68	1.98	0.97	2.07	1.35
RENO, NV	0.96	1.76	1.21	1.48	1.35
ALBANY, NY	0.65	0.58	0.72	0.67	0.61
BATAVIA, NY	0.94	0.44	0.90	0.43	0.61
BATH, NY	0.64	0.55	0.70	0.63	0.61
BRONX, NY	1.64	0.52	1.51	0.50	0.61
BROOKLYN, NY	1.64	0.52	1.51	0.50	0.61
BUFFALO, NY	0.90	0.43	0.98	0.45	0.61
CANANDAIGUA, NY	0.94	0.44	0.90	0.43	0.61
CASTLE POINT, NY	0.85	0.51	1.15	0.54	0.61
MONTROSE, NY	1.64	0.52	1.51	0.50	0.61
NEW YORK, NY	1.64	0.52	1.51	0.50	0.61
NORTHPORT/LONG ISLAND, NY	1.32	0.54	1.38	0.54	0.61
SAINT ALBANS, NY	1.64	0.52	1.51	0.50	0.61
SYRACUSE, NY	0.93	0.54	0.90	0.49	0.61
CHILLICOTHE, OH	0.64	0.91	0.65	1.14	0.92
CINCINNATI, OH	0.61	1.02	0.70	0.92	0.92
CLEVELAND, OH	1.21	0.89	1.15	0.93	0.92
COLUMBUS, OH	0.60	1.00	0.68	0.96	0.92
DAYTON, OH	0.69	0.94	0.72	1.11	0.92
MUSKOGEE, OK	0.63	1.07	0.73	1.05	1.40
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	0.63	1.09	0.60	1.23	1.40
PORTLAND, OR	1.06	1.10	0.96	1.10	1.04
ROSEBURG, OR	0.83	1.01	0.85	1.04	1.04
WHITE CITY, OR	1.11	0.78	1.21	1.01	1.04
ALTOONA, PA	0.84	0.97	0.79	0.79	0.90
BUTLER, PA	1.24	1.23	1.03	1.20	0.90
COATESVILLE, PA	1.93	1.36	1.72	1.33	0.90

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VA Facility Location	For Surgical DRGs		For Non-Surgical DRGs		Skilled Nursing Facility/Sub-Acute Inpatient Facility
	Room & Board	Ancillary	Room & Board	Ancillary	
ERIE, PA	1.27	1.22	1.07	1.05	0.90
LEBANON, PA	1.02	0.87	0.93	0.91	0.90
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1.93	1.36	1.72	1.33	0.90
PITTSBURGH, PA	1.24	1.23	1.03	1.20	0.90
WILKES-BARRE, PA	0.80	0.91	0.84	0.97	0.90
SAN JUAN, PR	0.46	0.41	0.53	0.46	0.50
PROVIDENCE, RI	1.17	0.71	1.10	0.72	0.66
CHARLESTON, SC	0.79	1.11	0.91	1.32	0.83
COLUMBIA, SC	0.89	1.09	1.09	0.98	0.83
FORT MEADE, SD	0.70	1.12	0.71	0.85	0.68
HOT SPRINGS, SD	0.54	0.88	0.55	0.87	0.68
SIOUX FALLS, SD	0.35	1.02	0.64	1.09	0.68
MEMPHIS, TN	0.55	0.95	0.71	1.16	0.86
MOUNTAIN HOME, TN	0.62	1.11	0.63	0.97	0.86
MURFREESBORO, TN	0.64	1.18	0.68	1.10	0.86
NASHVILLE, TN	0.64	1.18	0.68	1.10	0.86
AMARILLO, TX	0.58	1.01	0.82	1.56	1.32
BIG SPRING, TX	0.68	1.05	0.71	1.38	1.32
BONHAM, TX	0.60	1.79	0.58	1.63	1.32
DALLAS, TX	0.90	1.33	0.95	1.46	1.32
EL PASO, TX	0.84	1.77	0.73	1.78	1.32
HOUSTON, TX	0.91	1.28	0.99	1.53	1.32
KERRVILLE, TX	0.61	1.11	0.63	1.00	1.32
MARLIN, TX	0.72	0.81	0.80	1.20	1.32
SAN ANTONIO, TX	0.76	1.07	1.03	1.22	1.32
TEMPLE, TX	0.71	1.03	0.70	1.19	1.32
WACO, TX	0.72	0.81	0.80	1.20	1.32
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	1.16	1.02	1.18	1.07	1.18
HAMPTON, VA	0.67	0.96	0.93	0.87	0.81
RICHMOND, VA	0.85	1.30	0.87	1.11	0.81
SALEM, VA	0.77	0.99	0.79	1.12	0.81
WHITE RIVER JCT, VT	1.07	0.97	1.19	0.71	0.68
AMERICAN LAKE/TACOMA, WA	0.82	1.50	0.78	0.90	1.02
SEATTLE, WA	1.13	1.00	0.96	0.94	1.02
SPOKANE, WA	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.13	1.02
VANCOUVER, WA	1.06	1.10	0.96	1.10	1.04
WALLA WALLA, WA	0.99	0.97	1.04	1.25	1.02
MADISON, WI	0.46	1.02	0.48	1.15	0.77
MILWAUKEE, WI	0.68	1.13	0.83	1.04	0.77
TOMAH, WI	0.24	1.81	0.34	1.36	0.77
BECKLEY, WV	0.56	0.80	0.54	0.89	0.90
CLARKSBURG, WV	0.56	0.80	0.54	0.89	0.90
HUNTINGTON, WV	0.62	0.70	0.77	0.81	0.90
MARTINSBURG, WV	0.93	1.07	0.94	1.00	0.97
CHEYENNE, WY	0.99	1.40	0.87	1.00	0.96
SHERIDAN, WY	0.77	1.13	0.65	1.04	0.96

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10081	$820.19	12053	$590.16	15756	$4,097.51	19103	$4,097.51
10121	$809.86	12054	$797.24	15757	$4,097.51	19110	$3,204.91
10180	$814.55	12055	$955.00	15758	$4,097.51	19112	$3,052.22
11010	$1,087.79	12056	$1,324.79	15760	$4,157.47	19120	$3,764.71
11011	$1,159.15	12057	$1,529.41	15770	$4,133.20	19125	$3,764.71
11012	$1,331.91	13100	$443.32	15780	$1,678.45	19126	$1,919.90
11040	$306.98	13101	$669.04	15783	$889.67	19140	$4,857.58
11041	$768.54	13102	$280.59	15810	$1,072.77	19160	$4,793.51
11042	$777.00	13120	$489.08	15811	$3,650.10	19162	$6,896.41
11043	$885.92	13121	$809.57	15819	$4,097.51	19180	$5,386.32
11044	$980.75	13122	$328.02	15820	$4,388.76	19182	$5,570.57
11404	$1,671.26	13131	$644.39	15821	$4,300.24	19200	$6,920.44
11406	$2,073.17	13132	$1,282.88	15822	$4,498.70	19220	$6,920.44
11423	$1,614.98	13133	$420.07	15823	$4,097.51	19240	$6,920.44
11424	$1,679.29	13150	$590.16	15824	$4,337.36	19260	$5,162.01
11426	$2,032.99	13151	$760.26	15825	$4,454.44	19271	$6,920.44
11444	$1,743.61	13152	$1,420.93	15826	$4,194.30	19290	$634.88
11446	$1,992.80	13153	$423.32	15828	$4,097.51	19291	$393.16
11450	$2,716.24	13160	$977.19	15829	$4,097.51	19295	$2,118.44
11451	$2,893.07	14001	$1,327.25	15831	$4,097.51	19316	$6,920.44
11462	$2,499.19	14020	$1,364.23	15832	$4,097.51	19318	$6,920.44
11463	$2,169.63	14021	$1,687.16	15833	$4,310.24	19324	$4,260.89
11470	$2,796.62	14040	$1,825.24	15834	$4,173.17	19325	$5,490.46
11471	$2,539.38	14041	$2,098.86	15835	$4,198.88	19328	$4,645.30
11604	$2,643.89	14060	$2,066.82	15836	$4,370.20	19330	$4,693.37
11606	$3,061.88	14061	$2,742.30	15837	$4,345.93	19340	$5,927.08
11624	$3,142.26	14300	$2,944.43	15838	$4,358.78	19342	$6,920.44
11626	$3,303.03	14350	$1,652.66	15839	$2,490.30	19350	$5,975.14
11643	$2,981.49	15000	$2,231.59	15840	$4,097.51	19355	$5,113.95
11644	$3,383.41	15001	$689.19	15841	$4,097.51	19357	$6,920.44
11646	$4,034.53	15050	$1,910.43	15842	$4,097.51	19361	$6,920.44
11752	$2,828.77	15100	$4,363.82	15845	$4,097.51	19364	$6,920.44
11762	$2,627.80	15101	$1,732.00	15876	$3,507.35	19366	$6,920.44
11770	$2,708.20	15120	$4,334.51	15877	$4,285.96	19367	$6,920.44
11771	$4,195.27	15121	$2,909.62	15878	$3,507.35	19368	$6,920.44
11772	$4,436.42	15200	$3,998.04	15879	$4,285.96	19369	$6,920.44
11952	$1,518.52	15201	$1,812.28	15920	$2,945.31	19370	$5,610.62
11954	$1,518.52	15220	$4,507.27	15922	$4,344.51	19371	$6,307.59
11960	$6,775.56	15221	$1,732.00	15931	$2,927.46	19380	$6,387.71
11970	$6,807.73	15240	$4,327.37	15933	$4,210.29	19396	$2,072.56
11971	$2,410.78	15241	$2,436.79	15934	$4,133.20	20005	$2,209.53
12004	$443.32	15260	$4,133.20	15935	$4,097.51	20100	$5,209.39
12005	$518.67	15261	$2,856.10	15936	$4,097.51	20101	$1,890.91
12006	$595.08	15342	$1,834.89	15937	$4,097.51	20102	$2,319.83
12007	$600.02	15343	$502.91	15940	$3,480.58	20103	$3,140.92
12013	$438.23	15350	$2,231.59	15941	$4,191.73	20150	$6,988.02
12014	$449.63	15351	$635.53	15944	$4,097.51	20200	$1,339.44
12015	$555.63	15400	$1,259.15	15945	$4,097.51	20205	$2,270.80
12016	$713.42	15401	$635.53	15946	$4,097.51	20206	$1,143.36
12017	$984.59	15570	$4,413.03	15950	$2,998.84	20220	$1,572.27
12018	$1,425.86	15572	$4,430.16	15951	$4,106.06	20225	$2,895.81
12020	$449.63	15574	$4,427.31	15952	$4,180.32	20240	$2,270.80
12021	$419.27	15576	$3,096.97	15953	$4,097.51	20245	$4,020.79
12032	$439.16	15600	$2,552.76	15956	$4,097.51	20250	$5,294.90
12034	$518.67	15610	$2,829.32	15958	$4,097.51	20251	$5,953.34
12035	$629.59	15620	$3,382.46	16015	$1,576.12	20525	$2,699.73
12036	$728.20	15630	$3,525.20	16030	$403.91	20650	$1,290.42
12037	$918.03	15650	$4,212.15	16035	$1,452.72	20660	$1,878.65
12042	$444.71	15732	$4,097.51	16036	$756.08	20661	$4,226.02
12044	$555.63	15734	$4,097.51	17108	$1,591.07	20662	$6,551.92
12045	$681.37	15736	$4,097.51	19020	$1,856.28	20663	$4,927.21
12046	$851.48	15738	$4,097.51	19100	$889.35	20664	$4,226.02
12047	$1,147.29	15740	$4,097.51	19101	$3,052.22	20665	$579.63
12052	$518.67	15750	$4,097.51	19102	$3,480.80	20670	$873.74

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20680	$3,807.02	21180	$9,047.19	21385	$7,431.96	22315	$1,372.61
20690	$4,089.21	21181	$5,680.07	21386	$7,431.96	22318	$7,431.96
20692	$5,671.15	21182	$9,047.19	21387	$7,431.96	22319	$7,431.96
20693	$3,018.36	21183	$9,047.19	21390	$7,431.96	22325	$7,431.96
20694	$3,153.17	21184	$9,047.19	21395	$7,431.96	22326	$7,431.96
20816	$9,047.19	21188	$9,047.19	21400	$2,100.85	22327	$7,431.96
20822	$9,047.19	21193	$7,732.71	21401	$3,348.49	22328	$5,843.75
20824	$9,047.19	21194	$8,502.45	21406	$6,464.04	22505	$2,342.13
20827	$9,047.19	21195	$7,744.55	21407	$7,302.61	22520	$3,735.89
20900	$3,629.72	21196	$8,245.87	21408	$7,431.96	22521	$3,646.00
20902	$4,733.64	21198	$8,723.50	21421	$6,878.87	22522	$1,633.17
20910	$1,412.42	21199	$6,037.53	21422	$7,431.96	22850	$6,493.23
20912	$4,564.20	21206	$6,876.13	21423	$7,431.96	22900	$3,550.49
20920	$4,209.91	21208	$7,314.28	21431	$6,825.35	23000	$3,730.07
20922	$4,446.10	21209	$4,548.79	21432	$7,155.42	23020	$6,988.02
20924	$4,990.37	21210	$7,314.28	21433	$7,431.96	23030	$2,613.94
20926	$3,521.89	21215	$7,551.14	21435	$7,431.96	23035	$6,278.28
20955	$9,047.19	21230	$6,966.91	21436	$7,431.96	23040	$6,988.02
20956	$9,047.19	21235	$5,790.59	21440	$4,020.30	23044	$6,868.30
20957	$9,047.19	21240	$8,976.15	21445	$6,865.49	23065	$775.70
20962	$9,047.19	21242	$8,498.50	21450	$3,704.95	23066	$1,412.96
20969	$9,047.19	21243	$8,557.72	21451	$6,740.59	23075	$2,025.70
20970	$9,047.19	21244	$8,024.82	21452	$1,716.98	23076	$3,986.60
20972	$9,047.19	21245	$7,401.14	21453	$7,101.89	23077	$6,988.02
20973	$9,047.19	21246	$6,359.02	21454	$7,311.54	23100	$6,628.87
20975	$3,660.52	21247	$9,047.19	21461	$7,431.96	23101	$6,209.87
21010	$6,988.02	21248	$7,859.04	21462	$7,431.96	23105	$6,988.02
21015	$5,936.24	21249	$9,047.19	21465	$7,431.96	23106	$5,021.28
21025	$4,499.66	21255	$9,047.19	21470	$7,431.96	23107	$6,988.02
21026	$3,644.54	21256	$9,047.19	21485	$2,813.80	23120	$4,901.56
21029	$6,988.02	21260	$9,047.19	21490	$6,954.70	23125	$6,988.02
21034	$6,928.16	21261	$9,047.19	21493	$1,895.20	23130	$6,988.02
21040	$3,319.60	21263	$9,047.19	21494	$7,431.96	23140	$4,516.75
21041	$5,884.92	21267	$8,640.62	21495	$6,290.08	23145	$6,988.02
21044	$6,988.02	21268	$8,932.72	21497	$5,254.21	23146	$5,431.71
21045	$6,988.02	21270	$6,662.96	21501	$2,197.28	23150	$6,637.43
21050	$6,988.02	21275	$6,406.39	21502	$4,568.07	23155	$6,988.02
21060	$6,988.02	21280	$5,490.60	21510	$4,226.02	23156	$6,988.02
21070	$6,782.79	21282	$4,163.71	21550	$1,008.55	23170	$5,072.58
21100	$1,265.91	21295	$1,716.39	21555	$1,927.66	23172	$5,371.86
21120	$4,035.34	21296	$4,050.73	21556	$4,208.92	23174	$6,988.02
21121	$5,093.07	21300	$1,132.71	21557	$6,988.02	23180	$4,636.47
21122	$5,332.69	21310	$923.40	21600	$4,807.51	23182	$6,577.57
21123	$6,086.65	21315	$2,292.80	21610	$5,380.42	23184	$6,988.02
21125	$4,615.55	21320	$3,005.74	21620	$6,816.99	23190	$6,150.01
21127	$5,995.85	21325	$5,418.73	21627	$5,260.70	23195	$6,988.02
21137	$5,680.07	21330	$6,780.74	21700	$4,328.02	23200	$6,988.02
21138	$6,370.86	21335	$7,431.96	21705	$4,682.30	23210	$6,988.02
21139	$7,073.51	21336	$5,418.73	21720	$4,163.71	23330	$640.91
21141	$8,534.04	21337	$3,677.54	21725	$4,677.16	23331	$2,736.50
21142	$8,731.41	21338	$6,374.83	21800	$948.03	23332	$6,988.02
21143	$8,952.46	21339	$7,302.61	21805	$1,662.14	23395	$7,266.92
21145	$8,534.04	21340	$7,431.96	21810	$7,409.67	23397	$8,387.99
21146	$8,731.41	21343	$7,431.96	21820	$1,675.85	23400	$6,757.70
21147	$8,952.46	21344	$7,431.96	21825	$7,217.85	23405	$5,830.07
21150	$9,047.19	21345	$7,431.96	21925	$2,356.59	23406	$6,587.97
21151	$9,047.19	21346	$7,431.96	21930	$3,285.41	23410	$7,191.93
21154	$9,047.19	21347	$7,431.96	21935	$6,594.68	23412	$8,151.13
21155	$9,047.19	21348	$7,431.96	22100	$6,988.02	23415	$4,851.74
21159	$9,047.19	21355	$1,950.04	22101	$6,988.02	23420	$8,648.51
21160	$9,047.19	21356	$6,076.82	22102	$4,807.51	23430	$5,770.87
21172	$9,047.19	21360	$7,311.54	22103	$2,699.73	23440	$5,703.76
21175	$9,047.19	21365	$7,431.96	22305	$620.70	23450	$7,906.40
21179	$9,047.19	21366	$7,431.96	22310	$680.87	23455	$9,015.63

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23460	$8,427.46	24136	$6,988.02	24620	$972.36	25310	$5,691.91
23462	$8,845.88	24138	$6,423.64	24635	$7,431.96	25312	$5,885.34
23465	$8,459.05	24140	$6,988.02	24640	$293.80	25315	$6,055.07
23466	$9,047.19	24145	$6,415.10	24650	$618.40	25316	$7,049.82
23470	$9,047.19	24147	$6,611.77	24655	$794.23	25320	$6,268.22
23472	$9,047.19	24149	$6,988.02	24665	$7,320.46	25332	$6,812.97
23480	$5,474.80	24150	$6,988.02	24666	$7,431.96	25335	$7,377.45
23485	$7,353.76	24151	$6,988.02	24670	$549.00	25337	$6,268.22
23490	$6,812.97	24152	$6,774.25	24675	$909.90	25350	$5,877.43
23491	$7,886.65	24153	$6,988.02	24685	$7,431.96	25355	$6,473.50
23500	$472.44	24155	$6,988.02	24800	$7,053.76	25360	$5,403.75
23505	$692.43	24160	$5,098.23	24802	$7,681.40	25365	$6,943.23
23515	$7,231.25	24164	$5,688.26	24925	$5,348.48	25370	$7,515.61
23520	$397.07	24201	$3,576.14	25000	$4,140.51	25375	$8,155.09
23525	$555.95	24301	$5,991.92	25020	$4,679.22	25390	$6,355.08
23530	$7,075.13	24305	$3,773.47	25023	$5,611.30	25391	$7,314.28
23532	$7,365.05	24310	$3,706.74	25028	$2,491.40	25392	$7,784.03
23540	$444.51	24320	$6,505.07	25031	$775.70	25393	$8,482.73
23545	$555.95	24330	$6,323.49	25035	$6,346.69	25400	$7,128.76
23550	$7,431.96	24331	$6,670.87	25040	$5,825.07	25405	$7,776.14
23552	$7,391.82	24340	$5,636.64	25066	$1,854.14	25415	$7,381.39
23570	$486.39	24341	$5,632.70	25075	$2,650.71	25420	$8,676.14
23575	$734.06	24342	$6,970.87	25076	$4,183.26	25425	$7,618.24
23585	$7,431.96	24350	$4,363.95	25077	$6,988.02	25426	$7,499.81
23600	$768.77	24351	$4,538.53	25085	$4,910.10	25440	$6,445.87
23605	$1,199.08	24352	$5,113.59	25100	$4,627.93	25441	$7,357.71
23615	$7,431.96	24354	$5,072.53	25101	$5,371.86	25442	$5,660.33
23616	$7,431.96	24356	$5,747.17	25105	$6,466.39	25443	$6,576.13
23620	$764.15	24360	$8,230.09	25107	$5,474.48	25444	$6,876.13
23625	$981.62	24361	$8,056.40	25110	$3,353.81	25445	$6,962.97
23630	$7,431.96	24362	$8,060.34	25111	$3,712.96	25446	$9,047.19
23650	$583.69	24363	$9,047.19	25112	$4,140.51	25447	$6,682.71
23655	$775.72	24365	$5,841.91	25115	$6,988.02	25449	$5,968.24
23660	$7,431.96	24366	$6,836.65	25116	$6,988.02	25450	$5,759.02
23665	$872.89	24400	$6,201.13	25118	$5,072.58	25455	$6,311.65
23670	$7,431.96	24410	$8,415.62	25119	$6,637.43	25490	$6,303.77
23675	$1,007.06	24420	$7,728.77	25120	$6,543.35	25491	$6,465.59
23680	$7,431.96	24430	$8,435.35	25125	$6,808.45	25492	$7,294.56
23700	$3,265.16	24435	$8,593.24	25126	$6,774.25	25505	$923.78
23800	$9,023.51	24470	$5,999.80	25130	$4,559.51	25515	$7,431.96
23802	$8,427.46	24495	$5,143.23	25135	$5,628.39	25520	$1,425.80
23921	$4,384.49	24498	$6,966.91	25136	$5,012.71	25525	$7,431.96
23930	$1,939.93	24500	$685.49	25145	$6,047.39	25526	$7,431.96
23931	$886.00	24505	$1,138.93	25150	$6,663.07	25530	$662.36
23935	$4,969.96	24515	$7,431.96	25151	$5,876.38	25535	$923.78
24000	$6,432.20	24516	$7,431.96	25170	$6,988.02	25545	$7,431.96
24006	$6,988.02	24530	$729.44	25210	$5,132.43	25560	$623.03
24065	$935.03	24535	$1,219.91	25215	$6,988.02	25565	$1,175.94
24066	$3,276.84	24538	$1,944.03	25230	$5,722.47	25574	$7,431.96
24075	$2,393.36	24545	$7,431.96	25240	$5,491.58	25575	$7,431.96
24076	$4,106.32	24546	$7,431.96	25248	$2,638.47	25605	$1,011.69
24077	$6,988.02	24560	$597.57	25250	$5,773.77	25611	$1,488.28
24100	$4,576.62	24565	$896.02	25251	$6,988.02	25620	$7,320.46
24101	$6,722.93	24566	$1,499.85	25260	$4,559.08	25628	$7,320.46
24102	$6,988.02	24575	$7,431.96	25263	$5,151.11	25645	$7,119.74
24105	$4,183.26	24576	$597.57	25265	$6,003.76	25660	$518.91
24110	$6,988.02	24577	$1,023.26	25270	$3,917.26	25670	$7,298.16
24115	$6,988.02	24579	$7,431.96	25272	$3,958.32	25675	$625.35
24116	$6,988.02	24582	$1,629.40	25274	$5,486.64	25676	$7,405.21
24120	$6,107.26	24586	$7,431.96	25280	$4,358.81	25680	$662.36
24125	$5,910.58	24587	$7,431.96	25290	$3,460.26	25685	$7,431.96
24126	$6,988.02	24600	$549.00	25295	$3,758.08	25690	$1,229.16
24130	$6,705.83	24605	$627.65	25300	$5,778.75	25695	$7,280.31
24134	$6,988.02	24615	$7,431.96	25301	$5,545.85	25800	$7,112.98

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25805	$7,772.19	26415	$5,537.96	26567	$4,389.62	27040	$849.24
25810	$7,464.29	26416	$6,284.02	26568	$6,209.01	27041	$3,238.96
25820	$6,110.34	26418	$4,030.21	26580	$9,047.19	27047	$2,283.06
25825	$6,899.82	26420	$5,108.46	26585	$7,985.35	27048	$4,662.13
25830	$6,268.22	26426	$5,364.28	26587	$4,430.71	27049	$6,988.02
25907	$5,139.27	26428	$5,016.05	26590	$9,047.19	27050	$5,046.92
25922	$5,041.72	26432	$3,809.43	26591	$3,367.85	27052	$6,816.99
25929	$4,625.81	26433	$4,215.05	26593	$4,307.47	27060	$4,320.09
26011	$1,854.14	26434	$4,733.64	26596	$6,126.12	27062	$4,576.62
26020	$4,140.51	26437	$4,271.54	26597	$6,039.28	27065	$5,739.57
26025	$4,816.05	26440	$4,025.06	26600	$441.72	27066	$6,988.02
26030	$5,859.28	26442	$3,922.38	26605	$627.65	27067	$6,988.02
26034	$4,576.62	26445	$3,860.76	26607	$919.16	27070	$6,988.02
26035	$5,380.42	26449	$5,051.98	26608	$919.16	27071	$6,988.02
26037	$6,406.54	26450	$3,362.72	26615	$6,312.39	27080	$5,046.92
26040	$3,405.12	26455	$3,162.46	26641	$321.71	27087	$4,054.99
26045	$5,089.67	26460	$3,075.17	26645	$606.82	27097	$5,916.90
26055	$3,764.26	26471	$4,322.88	26650	$1,025.57	27098	$5,916.90
26060	$1,351.70	26474	$4,559.08	26665	$6,990.37	27100	$5,905.06
26070	$3,319.60	26476	$3,675.92	26675	$1,101.92	27105	$5,198.50
26075	$4,191.80	26477	$4,240.73	26676	$1,222.21	27110	$7,061.67
26080	$3,644.54	26478	$4,399.90	26685	$6,709.37	27111	$7,464.29
26100	$3,516.27	26479	$4,908.22	26686	$6,954.70	27170	$9,047.19
26105	$4,525.32	26480	$5,451.11	26705	$508.71	27178	$7,002.44
26110	$3,464.98	26483	$6,228.76	26706	$1,180.59	27193	$655.41
26115	$2,430.12	26485	$5,439.27	26715	$5,473.58	27194	$1,000.13
26116	$4,131.95	26489	$3,937.78	26720	$318.91	27202	$6,883.33
26117	$5,294.90	26490	$5,952.44	26725	$441.72	27215	$7,431.96
26121	$6,988.02	26492	$6,327.43	26727	$664.66	27220	$1,083.41
26123	$6,988.02	26494	$5,747.17	26735	$4,925.16	27222	$1,571.56
26125	$3,177.66	26496	$6,319.55	26742	$555.95	27230	$861.33
26130	$5,243.60	26497	$6,039.28	26746	$6,258.86	27232	$2,175.40
26135	$5,115.33	26498	$7,523.50	26755	$313.33	27238	$1,233.78
26140	$4,721.98	26499	$5,932.70	26756	$537.42	27240	$2,341.95
26145	$4,987.06	26500	$3,984.00	26765	$3,458.16	27246	$993.18
26160	$2,810.02	26502	$4,897.94	26775	$327.29	27250	$835.87
26170	$3,379.46	26504	$5,526.12	26776	$579.08	27252	$1,101.92
26180	$4,388.49	26508	$4,322.88	26785	$3,883.19	27256	$532.80
26185	$4,585.17	26510	$4,322.88	26820	$5,498.49	27257	$1,166.70
26200	$4,790.39	26516	$4,328.02	26841	$5,309.01	27265	$898.34
26205	$6,432.20	26517	$5,664.29	26842	$6,260.34	27266	$1,127.37
26210	$4,294.43	26518	$5,443.23	26843	$5,387.96	27275	$3,157.33
26215	$5,705.35	26520	$4,492.31	26844	$5,774.80	27301	$2,981.59
26230	$4,602.28	26525	$4,061.02	26850	$4,569.33	27303	$5,970.43
26235	$4,525.32	26530	$4,841.47	26852	$5,129.00	27305	$4,208.92
26236	$4,260.22	26531	$5,498.49	26860	$4,399.90	27306	$2,405.61
26250	$6,090.15	26535	$4,677.16	26861	$3,172.72	27307	$3,533.39
26255	$6,988.02	26536	$5,640.60	26862	$4,841.47	27310	$6,988.02
26260	$5,859.28	26540	$5,494.54	26863	$3,922.38	27315	$5,560.00
26261	$6,988.02	26541	$6,402.44	26910	$4,841.47	27320	$5,388.96
26262	$5,021.28	26542	$5,103.33	26951	$3,665.65	27323	$1,082.09
26320	$3,986.60	26545	$4,897.94	26952	$4,245.86	27324	$3,189.94
26350	$5,139.27	26546	$6,074.81	26990	$3,610.35	27327	$2,773.25
26352	$5,478.75	26548	$5,159.01	26991	$2,185.03	27328	$4,439.80
26356	$5,719.54	26550	$9,047.19	26992	$6,415.10	27329	$6,988.02
26357	$5,470.86	26551	$9,047.19	27000	$2,234.04	27330	$5,636.94
26358	$5,794.55	26553	$9,047.19	27001	$2,834.53	27331	$6,492.06
26370	$5,522.17	26554	$9,047.19	27003	$6,748.58	27332	$6,988.02
26372	$5,395.84	26555	$8,956.40	27006	$4,927.21	27333	$6,988.02
26373	$5,577.43	26556	$9,047.19	27025	$6,192.77	27334	$6,988.02
26390	$6,011.64	26560	$4,579.60	27030	$6,988.02	27335	$6,988.02
26392	$6,272.18	26561	$6,382.70	27033	$6,988.02	27340	$4,251.67
26410	$3,881.30	26562	$7,077.44	27035	$6,988.02	27345	$5,773.77
26412	$5,245.86	26565	$5,170.86	27036	$6,988.02	27347	$1,944.50

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27355	$6,988.02	27538	$877.51	27730	$4,035.34	28090	$3,541.94
27356	$6,988.02	27540	$7,431.96	27732	$4,677.16	28092	$2,454.64
27360	$6,988.02	27550	$692.43	27734	$5,849.82	28100	$4,875.90
27365	$6,988.02	27552	$891.39	27740	$6,173.49	28102	$6,808.45
27372	$3,883.98	27556	$7,431.96	27742	$6,540.61	28103	$5,756.66
27380	$5,984.01	27557	$7,431.96	27745	$6,414.28	28104	$4,662.13
27381	$7,322.19	27560	$411.02	27750	$896.02	28106	$6,449.30
27385	$6,244.54	27562	$1,296.26	27752	$1,275.43	28107	$5,115.33
27386	$7,460.34	27566	$7,431.96	27756	$1,823.74	28108	$4,550.95
27390	$4,430.71	27570	$3,075.17	27758	$7,431.96	28110	$3,935.28
27391	$4,974.96	27580	$9,047.19	27759	$7,431.96	28111	$5,269.24
27392	$5,901.13	27594	$4,066.15	27762	$875.21	28112	$4,345.74
27393	$5,103.33	27601	$3,849.77	27766	$7,431.96	28113	$4,756.18
27394	$5,134.13	27603	$2,883.55	27781	$859.00	28114	$6,988.02
27395	$7,010.34	27604	$1,216.88	27784	$6,633.53	28116	$5,645.50
27396	$5,660.33	27605	$1,412.96	27792	$7,431.96	28118	$5,842.16
27397	$6,378.76	27606	$2,564.93	27808	$743.32	28119	$5,611.30
27400	$5,987.96	27607	$6,098.72	27810	$1,266.17	28120	$5,269.24
27403	$6,343.23	27610	$6,988.02	27814	$7,431.96	28122	$4,790.39
27405	$6,631.40	27612	$6,988.02	27816	$900.65	28124	$4,473.99
27407	$6,374.80	27614	$2,736.50	27818	$1,497.53	28126	$4,362.84
27409	$8,474.82	27615	$6,988.02	27822	$7,431.96	28130	$6,970.92
27418	$7,586.66	27618	$2,540.43	27823	$7,431.96	28140	$5,175.19
27420	$7,140.60	27619	$4,491.10	27824	$900.65	28150	$3,772.83
27422	$7,120.87	27620	$6,115.81	27825	$1,603.95	28153	$4,371.39
27424	$7,132.71	27625	$6,988.02	27826	$7,431.96	28160	$4,482.56
27425	$5,139.27	27626	$6,988.02	27827	$7,431.96	28171	$6,988.02
27427	$6,939.29	27630	$3,610.35	27828	$7,431.96	28173	$5,867.82
27428	$8,269.56	27635	$6,988.02	27829	$6,834.27	28175	$5,560.00
27429	$7,322.19	27637	$6,988.02	27830	$849.76	28192	$2,356.59
27430	$6,568.22	27638	$6,988.02	27831	$1,018.63	28193	$2,883.55
27435	$5,648.49	27640	$6,988.02	27832	$6,682.60	28200	$4,790.12
27437	$6,548.49	27641	$6,988.02	27840	$530.48	28202	$5,170.86
27438	$7,748.51	27646	$6,988.02	27842	$611.46	28208	$3,634.85
27440	$7,401.14	27647	$6,988.02	27846	$7,431.96	28210	$5,067.39
27441	$6,481.39	27650	$6,418.23	27848	$7,431.96	28220	$4,179.10
27442	$8,036.66	27652	$6,982.71	27860	$2,485.17	28222	$5,399.80
27443	$7,618.24	27654	$7,187.97	27870	$8,139.29	28225	$3,408.91
27445	$9,047.19	27656	$3,824.82	27871	$5,948.49	28226	$3,927.51
27446	$9,047.19	27658	$4,256.12	27884	$3,922.38	28230	$3,439.73
27447	$9,047.19	27659	$5,190.59	28002	$2,724.23	28232	$2,860.62
27454	$9,047.19	27664	$3,942.93	28003	$3,952.40	28234	$2,735.48
27455	$7,614.29	27665	$4,733.64	28005	$4,448.36	28238	$5,727.44
27457	$8,123.51	27675	$5,399.80	28008	$3,251.20	28240	$3,285.70
27500	$1,349.48	27676	$5,857.70	28010	$4,054.99	28250	$4,482.06
27501	$1,349.48	27680	$4,307.47	28011	$2,136.01	28260	$4,466.64
27502	$1,872.32	27681	$5,230.06	28020	$4,721.98	28261	$5,206.38
27503	$1,872.32	27685	$4,158.57	28022	$3,302.50	28262	$7,574.82
27506	$7,431.96	27686	$5,462.95	28024	$2,895.81	28264	$6,647.17
27507	$7,431.96	27687	$4,990.37	28030	$4,320.09	28270	$3,542.42
27508	$1,074.15	27690	$5,534.01	28035	$6,244.07	28272	$3,239.48
27509	$1,074.15	27691	$5,987.96	28043	$2,086.99	28280	$3,331.90
27510	$1,675.68	27692	$3,234.35	28045	$4,371.39	28285	$4,435.83
27511	$7,431.96	27695	$5,699.81	28046	$5,534.34	28286	$4,030.21
27513	$7,431.96	27696	$5,660.33	28050	$4,243.13	28288	$4,117.50
27514	$7,431.96	27698	$6,939.29	28052	$4,226.02	28289	$3,423.30
27516	$1,212.98	27700	$6,907.70	28054	$2,711.98	28290	$4,944.16
27517	$1,907.02	27704	$5,178.75	28060	$4,568.07	28292	$5,656.38
27520	$801.16	27705	$7,112.98	28062	$6,988.02	28293	$6,643.24
27524	$7,431.96	27707	$4,630.95	28070	$4,790.39	28294	$6,489.30
27530	$884.46	27709	$7,195.86	28072	$3,704.41	28296	$6,351.12
27532	$1,411.93	27712	$7,211.65	28080	$4,439.80	28297	$6,434.03
27535	$7,431.96	27715	$7,851.13	28086	$3,627.45	28298	$6,319.55

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28299	$6,730.07	28740	$4,831.20	29871	$5,775.14	31070	$3,941.53
28300	$5,447.17	28750	$4,923.61	29874	$5,937.61	31075	$5,970.46
28302	$6,382.70	28755	$4,086.69	29875	$5,803.03	31080	$5,970.46
28304	$5,415.59	28760	$4,964.70	29876	$6,209.59	31081	$5,970.46
28305	$6,761.66	28810	$4,199.65	29877	$5,991.78	31084	$5,970.46
28306	$4,538.53	28820	$3,516.74	29879	$6,319.68	31085	$5,970.46
28307	$5,190.59	28825	$3,424.33	29880	$6,751.60	31086	$5,970.46
28308	$5,123.88	29065	$377.10	29881	$6,065.64	31087	$5,970.46
28309	$5,585.33	29075	$352.41	29882	$6,895.57	31090	$5,970.46
28310	$4,333.14	29085	$344.54	29883	$7,649.30	31200	$3,905.02
28312	$4,533.40	29105	$344.54	29884	$5,986.86	31201	$5,151.59
28313	$3,511.61	29125	$335.22	29885	$6,014.75	31205	$5,683.59
28315	$4,369.08	29126	$337.36	29886	$5,780.05	31225	$5,970.46
28320	$6,303.77	29130	$320.89	29887	$7,251.25	31230	$5,970.46
28322	$4,589.87	29131	$336.66	29888	$9,419.26	31233	$2,636.19
28340	$5,376.12	29200	$328.07	29889	$7,522.25	31235	$2,170.92
28341	$5,897.18	29220	$335.94	29891	$6,336.64	31237	$3,206.11
28344	$4,091.82	29240	$328.07	29892	$6,336.64	31238	$3,367.80
28345	$4,933.89	29260	$325.19	29893	$5,517.47	31239	$5,970.46
28360	$7,574.82	29280	$323.76	29894	$5,965.51	31240	$2,729.22
28400	$692.43	29345	$405.67	29895	$5,926.13	31254	$4,165.81
28405	$1,000.13	29365	$384.89	29897	$5,960.58	31255	$5,490.61
28406	$1,506.79	29405	$375.80	29898	$6,582.22	31256	$3,383.45
28415	$7,431.96	29445	$494.02	30115	$2,659.44	31267	$4,223.19
28420	$7,431.96	29505	$349.55	30117	$2,694.33	31276	$5,000.33
28435	$875.21	29515	$342.38	30118	$5,673.15	31287	$3,743.34
28436	$1,067.23	29520	$334.51	30120	$4,520.48	31288	$4,124.08
28445	$7,431.96	29530	$333.79	30124	$949.63	31290	$5,970.46
28455	$685.49	29540	$330.20	30125	$4,390.08	31291	$5,970.46
28456	$623.03	29550	$328.77	30130	$1,333.46	31292	$5,970.46
28465	$6,611.24	29580	$375.80	30140	$2,926.95	31293	$5,970.46
28470	$514.29	29590	$328.77	30150	$5,626.22	31294	$5,970.46
28475	$639.22	29800	$5,322.15	30160	$5,970.46	31300	$5,970.46
28476	$877.51	29804	$6,412.85	30220	$1,147.37	31320	$3,513.84
28485	$6,227.63	29815	$5,458.37	30310	$1,275.31	31360	$5,970.46
28495	$324.49	29819	$6,039.37	30320	$3,732.90	31365	$5,970.46
28496	$576.75	29820	$5,940.88	30400	$5,970.46	31367	$5,970.46
28505	$3,910.61	29821	$6,057.43	30410	$5,970.46	31368	$5,970.46
28515	$324.49	29822	$6,004.90	30420	$5,970.46	31370	$5,970.46
28525	$2,635.56	29823	$6,446.73	30430	$4,671.74	31375	$5,970.46
28531	$2,429.90	29825	$6,039.37	30435	$5,970.46	31380	$5,970.46
28545	$377.52	29826	$7,208.91	30450	$5,970.46	31382	$5,970.46
28546	$731.76	29830	$5,537.14	30460	$5,970.46	31390	$5,970.46
28555	$6,629.08	29834	$5,622.50	30462	$5,970.46	31395	$5,970.46
28570	$455.68	29835	$5,653.68	30465	$5,970.46	31400	$5,568.84
28575	$738.71	29836	$5,817.80	30520	$4,765.63	31420	$5,709.67
28576	$738.71	29837	$5,714.41	30540	$4,953.39	31500	$717.00
28585	$6,352.53	29838	$5,821.08	30545	$5,970.46	31510	$154.32
28605	$620.70	29840	$5,203.98	30580	$4,749.97	31511	$507.65
28606	$905.27	29843	$5,583.11	30600	$3,461.68	31512	$1,473.04
28615	$6,352.53	29844	$5,581.47	30620	$4,922.09	31513	$2,077.87
28630	$299.38	29845	$5,812.88	30630	$4,749.97	31515	$705.37
28635	$416.60	29846	$5,883.44	30802	$484.37	31520	$1,298.56
28636	$690.11	29847	$5,776.78	30903	$379.70	31525	$1,949.93
28645	$4,253.37	29848	$5,295.90	30905	$1,473.04	31526	$2,682.70
28665	$285.43	29850	$6,463.66	30906	$647.22	31527	$2,868.81
28666	$662.36	29851	$8,106.60	30915	$4,077.14	31528	$2,426.82
28675	$3,924.32	29855	$8,724.81	30920	$5,970.46	31529	$2,252.34
28705	$8,837.98	29856	$8,733.28	31020	$2,484.97	31530	$3,388.65
28715	$7,740.61	29860	$5,458.37	31030	$4,890.80	31531	$3,555.56
28725	$6,599.81	29861	$6,777.02	31032	$5,266.33	31535	$3,310.42
28730	$6,426.12	29862	$7,361.35	31040	$5,657.52	31536	$3,539.91
28735	$6,726.13	29863	$6,218.06	31050	$4,525.69	31540	$3,863.30
28737	$6,374.80	29870	$5,323.78	31051	$5,574.06	31541	$3,873.72

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31560	$4,098.00	33010	$2,830.15	35905	$7,938.97	37565	$5,162.75
31561	$4,765.63	33011	$2,165.87	35907	$7,938.97	37600	$6,137.28
31570	$3,717.25	33212	$6,464.86	36010	$3,710.68	37605	$6,612.28
31571	$3,847.65	33213	$6,464.86	36011	$3,386.28	37607	$4,564.91
31576	$1,915.03	33214	$6,481.25	36012	$4,245.51	37609	$3,876.98
31577	$2,554.75	33216	$6,170.05	36013	$3,710.68	37615	$6,661.41
31578	$3,020.01	33217	$6,170.05	36014	$3,926.13	37618	$6,137.28
31580	$5,970.46	33218	$5,817.89	36015	$4,245.51	37620	$8,667.83
31582	$5,970.46	33220	$5,817.89	36100	$4,180.00	37650	$5,351.10
31584	$5,970.46	33222	$6,530.37	36120	$3,865.17	37700	$5,039.90
31585	$3,461.68	33223	$6,726.93	36140	$2,629.32	37720	$6,243.74
31586	$4,911.66	33233	$4,220.95	36145	$3,865.17	37730	$7,750.62
31587	$5,255.90	33234	$4,384.73	36160	$3,958.89	37735	$8,667.83
31588	$5,970.46	33235	$4,630.42	36200	$4,294.65	37760	$8,184.65
31590	$4,499.61	33240	$6,464.86	36215	$4,335.60	37780	$3,370.82
31595	$5,062.92	33241	$3,787.93	36216	$4,753.27	37785	$1,965.06
31600	$3,571.21	33930	$8,667.83	36217	$5,269.21	37790	$6,726.93
31601	$4,051.06	34101	$8,667.83	36245	$4,638.62	38120	$8,667.83
31603	$3,701.61	34111	$8,274.74	36246	$4,753.27	38230	$4,335.60
31610	$4,974.25	34401	$8,667.83	36247	$5,269.21	38231	$2,567.53
31611	$4,859.50	34421	$8,160.08	36260	$7,578.63	38305	$3,478.96
31612	$751.90	34451	$8,667.83	36261	$3,885.18	38308	$4,818.78
31613	$1,961.56	34471	$4,933.44	36262	$3,432.62	38500	$2,907.37
31614	$5,010.76	34490	$8,012.68	36450	$3,355.39	38505	$2,181.33
31615	$1,659.14	34520	$8,667.83	36455	$3,917.94	38510	$4,139.05
31622	$2,973.49	35011	$8,667.83	36460	$5,916.17	38520	$4,507.57
31623	$3,234.31	35013	$8,667.83	36481	$6,399.36	38525	$4,180.00
31624	$3,035.41	35045	$8,667.83	36489	$2,181.33	38530	$4,654.98
31625	$3,430.38	35161	$8,667.83	36490	$2,582.98	38542	$5,547.64
31628	$3,680.74	35184	$8,667.83	36491	$2,876.50	38550	$4,704.13
31629	$3,430.38	35188	$8,667.83	36520	$3,401.73	38555	$8,012.68
31630	$3,435.61	35189	$8,667.83	36522	$4,089.90	38562	$7,693.29
31631	$3,550.36	35190	$8,667.83	36530	$6,006.26	38570	$6,280.95
31635	$3,607.71	35201	$8,667.83	36531	$5,637.72	38571	$7,450.45
31640	$4,113.66	35206	$8,667.83	36532	$3,185.45	38572	$8,303.69
31641	$4,379.65	35207	$8,667.83	36533	$5,572.21	38700	$8,667.83
31643	$2,416.33	35216	$8,667.83	36534	$4,581.28	38720	$8,667.83
31645	$3,310.42	35236	$8,667.83	36535	$3,247.23	38724	$8,667.83
31646	$2,868.81	35266	$8,667.83	36640	$3,950.69	38740	$5,924.35
31656	$2,170.92	35281	$8,667.83	36680	$2,366.70	38745	$8,667.83
31700	$996.16	35321	$8,667.83	36800	$3,876.98	38760	$7,488.55
31710	$437.85	35450	$8,667.83	36810	$5,637.72	38765	$8,667.83
31715	$134.68	35458	$8,667.83	36815	$4,417.50	38770	$8,667.83
31717	$240.12	35460	$4,646.80	36821	$7,988.10	38780	$8,667.83
31720	$251.75	35470	$8,667.83	36825	$8,667.83	38794	$4,384.73
31730	$2,263.98	35471	$8,667.83	36830	$8,667.83	39400	$6,251.94
31750	$5,970.46	35472	$5,015.33	36832	$7,873.44	39530	$8,667.83
31755	$5,970.46	35473	$7,496.73	36835	$4,859.73	40500	$5,090.97
31780	$5,970.46	35474	$8,667.83	36860	$4,163.61	40510	$5,282.16
31781	$5,970.46	35475	$8,667.83	36861	$4,327.41	40520	$5,003.67
31785	$5,970.46	35476	$4,646.80	36870	$8,667.83	40525	$6,587.31
31786	$5,970.46	35483	$8,667.83	37140	$8,667.83	40527	$7,306.40
31800	$4,051.06	35490	$8,667.83	37145	$8,667.83	40530	$5,253.06
31820	$3,362.60	35492	$8,053.62	37160	$8,667.83	40650	$4,795.85
31825	$4,103.22	35493	$8,667.83	37200	$2,907.37	40652	$5,082.65
31830	$3,404.31	35494	$8,667.83	37201	$6,563.14	40654	$5,560.64
32000	$437.85	35495	$5,760.57	37202	$5,580.40	40700	$6,649.67
32002	$949.63	35761	$6,817.01	37203	$5,187.30	40701	$8,403.72
32005	$658.84	35860	$6,817.01	37204	$8,667.83	40702	$7,027.91
32020	$2,450.07	35870	$8,667.83	37205	$6,284.70	40720	$7,119.35
32095	$5,798.34	35875	$8,667.83	37206	$4,171.81	40761	$7,638.92
32400	$1,112.47	35876	$8,667.83	37207	$6,284.70	40801	$2,318.53
32405	$1,856.88	35901	$7,938.97	37209	$2,629.32	40805	$3,490.41
32420	$1,135.73	35903	$7,938.97	37250	$2,212.22	40806	$355.65

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40814	$4,475.79	42305	$3,021.66	43219	$1,550.02	43850	$7,971.45
40816	$4,471.64	42320	$2,508.96	43220	$1,197.72	43870	$5,531.55
40818	$3,124.19	42325	$2,933.77	43226	$1,316.69	43880	$6,562.37
40831	$2,670.09	42326	$4,862.36	43227	$1,844.85	44005	$6,574.83
40840	$5,743.54	42335	$3,446.45	43228	$1,877.89	44015	$4,047.03
40842	$5,743.54	42340	$4,899.76	43231	$781.86	44100	$1,849.78
40843	$6,790.98	42408	$4,479.96	43232	$900.32	44110	$6,321.30
40844	$7,967.28	42409	$3,944.50	43234	$1,316.69	44201	$6,071.70
40845	$8,403.72	42410	$5,602.21	43235	$1,545.45	44312	$4,340.01
41005	$736.51	42415	$8,403.72	43239	$1,714.74	44314	$5,909.79
41006	$1,307.79	42420	$8,403.72	43240	$1,203.43	44340	$2,289.24
41007	$4,076.34	42425	$7,746.99	43241	$1,444.79	44345	$5,145.00
41008	$1,381.04	42440	$6,321.30	43242	$830.64	44346	$5,897.32
41009	$4,509.05	42450	$4,554.77	43243	$2,030.87	44360	$1,609.51
41010	$370.31	42500	$5,049.40	43244	$1,728.47	44361	$1,765.07
41015	$1,102.71	42505	$5,959.67	43245	$1,804.88	44363	$1,508.84
41016	$4,666.99	42507	$5,066.03	43246	$1,983.93	44364	$1,963.08
41017	$1,879.09	42508	$6,296.35	43247	$1,804.88	44365	$1,869.20
41018	$4,766.75	42509	$6,171.66	43248	$1,728.47	44366	$2,107.38
41105	$1,337.10	42510	$6,312.99	43249	$1,600.37	44369	$2,129.98
41110	$1,732.61	42600	$4,750.13	43250	$1,751.35	44370	$684.30
41112	$3,329.27	42665	$2,816.57	43251	$1,863.97	44372	$2,107.38
41113	$4,550.61	42720	$2,596.85	43255	$1,997.85	44373	$1,909.18
41114	$5,789.26	42725	$4,982.89	43256	$684.30	44376	$1,860.51
41115	$2,435.72	42802	$1,322.45	43258	$2,027.41	44377	$1,897.02
41116	$3,475.75	42804	$1,424.99	43259	$1,855.30	44378	$2,072.60
41120	$6,159.19	42806	$1,879.09	43260	$2,196.03	44379	$1,018.76
41130	$6,899.05	42808	$3,519.69	43261	$2,196.03	44380	$900.32
41135	$8,403.72	42810	$4,427.90	43262	$2,569.81	44382	$1,055.88
41140	$8,403.72	42815	$6,437.67	43263	$2,169.95	44383	$443.90
41145	$8,403.72	42820	$4,442.55	43264	$2,707.14	44385	$1,206.87
41150	$8,403.72	42821	$4,766.75	43265	$2,342.06	44386	$845.41
41153	$8,403.72	42825	$3,695.47	43267	$2,444.63	44388	$1,784.01
41155	$8,403.72	42826	$4,679.48	43268	$2,569.81	44389	$1,851.82
41250	$1,395.68	42830	$2,552.90	43269	$2,310.76	44390	$1,344.14
41251	$2,860.52	42831	$3,285.32	43271	$2,482.88	44391	$2,070.86
41252	$3,270.68	42835	$2,552.90	43272	$2,129.98	44392	$2,053.48
41500	$4,500.74	42836	$3,915.21	43280	$7,168.63	44393	$2,096.93
41510	$3,534.35	42842	$5,913.95	43300	$7,310.55	44394	$2,053.48
41520	$4,047.03	42844	$7,643.08	43305	$8,403.72	44397	$802.76
41805	$1,058.77	42845	$8,403.72	43320	$7,988.06	44640	$5,851.60
41806	$2,230.64	42860	$2,596.85	43324	$8,071.20	45000	$2,157.39
41822	$4,266.76	42870	$3,226.73	43325	$7,958.96	45005	$1,717.95
41827	$4,696.08	42890	$6,869.96	43330	$7,855.05	45020	$3,651.53
41874	$4,546.46	42892	$7,672.17	43400	$7,630.59	45100	$2,582.20
42104	$2,201.34	42900	$4,903.91	43410	$6,832.55	45108	$3,724.78
42106	$3,080.25	42950	$6,836.70	43420	$5,577.27	45111	$8,025.48
42107	$5,161.62	42953	$5,768.48	43450	$824.40	45116	$7,609.81
42120	$5,955.51	42955	$4,513.20	43453	$2,040.22	45130	$6,840.86
42140	$1,805.84	42960	$1,410.34	43456	$3,446.45	45150	$4,538.14
42145	$6,815.92	42962	$5,618.84	43458	$2,054.86	45160	$6,234.00
42180	$3,109.55	42970	$1,337.10	43460	$2,274.59	45170	$5,053.56
42182	$4,575.55	42972	$5,024.45	43600	$560.73	45190	$5,248.91
42200	$6,121.79	43020	$5,868.23	43750	$4,941.32	45305	$525.13
42205	$7,518.37	43030	$6,649.67	43752	$463.22	45307	$721.86
42210	$8,333.06	43100	$5,706.13	43760	$839.06	45308	$657.81
42215	$6,325.46	43130	$7,501.75	43761	$1,381.04	45309	$657.81
42220	$5,377.76	43200	$1,074.19	43810	$6,308.82	45315	$685.26
42225	$6,001.23	43202	$1,243.46	43830	$5,706.13	45317	$717.29
42226	$6,412.74	43204	$1,877.89	43831	$5,294.63	45320	$996.39
42227	$6,213.22	43205	$1,376.16	43832	$6,437.67	45321	$813.39
42235	$5,440.11	43215	$1,449.36	43846	$8,403.72	45327	$429.97
42260	$4,787.53	43216	$1,348.71	43847	$8,403.72	45331	$877.44
42281	$1,981.63	43217	$1,600.37	43848	$8,403.72	45332	$946.06

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45333	$1,165.69	47000	$1,879.09	49496	$5,228.13	50575	$6,504.06
45334	$1,380.74	47001	$1,879.09	49500	$5,203.19	50576	$6,504.06
45337	$1,330.41	47010	$5,938.89	49501	$5,228.13	50578	$4,564.16
45338	$1,165.69	47011	$3,929.85	49505	$5,007.84	50580	$4,343.96
45339	$1,623.23	47015	$5,938.89	49507	$5,228.13	50590	$6,504.06
45341	$719.14	47100	$4,500.74	49520	$5,302.94	50605	$6,504.06
45342	$771.40	47300	$6,321.30	49521	$5,228.13	50610	$6,504.06
45345	$593.71	47425	$8,000.54	49525	$5,440.11	50620	$6,504.06
45355	$676.11	47460	$8,403.72	49540	$5,294.63	50630	$6,504.06
45378	$1,874.42	47490	$4,617.12	49550	$5,049.40	50684	$678.31
45379	$2,083.02	47500	$2,040.22	49553	$5,049.40	50688	$554.84
45380	$1,989.15	47510	$4,032.39	49555	$5,656.26	50690	$468.40
45382	$2,176.91	47511	$4,032.39	49557	$5,656.26	50700	$6,504.06
45383	$2,185.60	47525	$2,157.39	49560	$5,481.68	50727	$6,220.95
45384	$2,055.23	47530	$2,040.22	49561	$5,481.68	50728	$6,504.06
45385	$2,312.51	47552	$1,820.48	49565	$5,797.57	50920	$6,504.06
45387	$980.44	47553	$4,712.72	49566	$5,797.57	50945	$5,789.40
45500	$5,606.36	47554	$4,766.75	49568	$3,578.30	50947	$6,504.06
45505	$5,747.70	47555	$3,680.84	49570	$4,953.80	50948	$6,504.06
45541	$7,360.44	47556	$3,680.84	49572	$5,460.89	50951	$2,135.39
45560	$5,124.21	47560	$3,064.02	49580	$4,737.66	50953	$2,123.05
45562	$6,495.87	47561	$3,951.22	49582	$5,049.40	50955	$3,222.02
45563	$8,403.72	47562	$5,665.55	49585	$4,966.26	50957	$3,160.28
45900	$677.92	47563	$5,854.34	49587	$4,966.26	50959	$4,134.24
45905	$868.34	47564	$6,350.43	49590	$5,473.37	50961	$3,308.44
45910	$1,102.71	47570	$6,094.98	49600	$5,319.58	50970	$6,011.23
45915	$970.88	47600	$6,263.10	49605	$6,695.39	50972	$1,974.86
46030	$414.25	47605	$6,516.65	49610	$5,411.02	50974	$6,504.06
46040	$2,303.87	47630	$4,691.94	49611	$6,874.11	50976	$6,504.06
46045	$2,538.27	47700	$6,304.68	49650	$4,658.54	50978	$4,836.80
46060	$5,356.99	47801	$5,411.02	49651	$5,006.55	50980	$3,872.09
46070	$1,835.15	48102	$3,358.56	49900	$4,654.52	51005	$641.27
46080	$2,948.40	48510	$6,267.26	50020	$6,504.06	51010	$1,271.03
46200	$4,500.74	48511	$4,266.76	50021	$3,234.36	51020	$6,504.06
46210	$956.23	49000	$5,955.51	50040	$6,504.06	51030	$5,340.13
46211	$2,611.50	49010	$6,022.03	50060	$6,504.06	51040	$5,665.20
46220	$751.16	49020	$5,136.69	50080	$6,504.06	51045	$5,791.03
46250	$3,988.45	49021	$4,679.48	50081	$6,504.06	51050	$6,504.06
46255	$5,095.12	49040	$5,851.60	50120	$6,504.06	51060	$6,504.06
46257	$5,307.09	49041	$4,266.76	50125	$6,504.06	51065	$6,504.06
46258	$5,573.12	49060	$5,435.95	50200	$3,296.11	51080	$6,021.72
46260	$5,656.26	49061	$3,929.85	50205	$6,504.06	51500	$6,504.06
46261	$5,884.86	49062	$6,487.56	50390	$2,160.09	51520	$6,504.06
46262	$5,926.42	49080	$1,102.71	50392	$2,987.41	51530	$6,504.06
46270	$2,567.55	49081	$926.94	50393	$3,746.27	51535	$6,504.06
46275	$5,219.81	49085	$4,571.40	50395	$4,081.81	51600	$419.01
46280	$5,660.40	49180	$2,494.32	50396	$690.67	51605	$443.70
46285	$3,168.14	49200	$6,616.40	50398	$727.72	51610	$406.66
46288	$4,617.12	49215	$6,666.27	50520	$6,504.06	51710	$777.10
46608	$630.36	49250	$5,011.99	50541	$5,553.76	51715	$3,345.49
46610	$529.71	49255	$5,278.00	50544	$6,504.06	51725	$1,320.42
46611	$529.71	49320	$4,565.99	50545	$6,504.06	51726	$1,666.16
46612	$776.78	49321	$4,677.05	50546	$6,504.06	51736	$579.53
46615	$849.99	49322	$4,710.37	50547	$6,504.06	51741	$764.76
46700	$5,685.35	49323	$5,280.51	50548	$6,504.06	51772	$1,233.98
46750	$5,627.14	49400	$1,468.93	50551	$2,777.49	51784	$1,357.47
46751	$4,824.94	49420	$2,142.76	50553	$2,123.05	51785	$1,357.47
46753	$5,165.78	49421	$4,854.04	50555	$5,518.39	51792	$2,456.44
46754	$1,996.26	49422	$4,854.04	50557	$5,528.88	51795	$1,851.38
46760	$5,959.67	49425	$6,657.98	50559	$1,727.91	51797	$1,258.68
46922	$1,703.30	49426	$5,373.61	50561	$5,958.80	51800	$6,504.06
46924	$3,578.30	49428	$1,351.73	50570	$1,863.73	51820	$6,504.06
46937	$3,270.68	49429	$4,513.20	50572	$6,504.06	51840	$6,504.06
46938	$3,490.41	49495	$5,203.19	50574	$6,504.06	51841	$6,504.06

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51845	$6,504.06	52640	$6,504.06	54304	$5,373.35	55200	$1,488.53
51860	$6,504.06	52647	$6,504.06	54308	$4,989.88	55250	$2,262.46
51865	$6,504.06	52648	$6,504.06	54312	$5,469.90	55300	$2,356.26
51880	$5,791.03	52700	$4,050.36	54318	$5,219.69	55400	$5,087.79
51900	$6,504.06	53000	$2,246.52	54322	$5,230.58	55450	$2,239.01
51920	$6,504.06	53010	$4,281.05	54324	$5,688.83	55500	$4,244.16
51980	$6,504.06	53020	$1,085.81	54326	$5,624.91	55520	$2,837.04
51990	$5,105.27	53040	$2,357.66	54328	$5,653.48	55530	$4,902.87
51992	$5,264.90	53080	$4,763.41	54332	$5,898.22	55535	$4,337.97
52000	$1,715.55	53200	$1,431.55	54336	$6,395.91	55540	$4,502.14
52005	$2,789.84	53210	$6,504.06	54340	$5,021.17	55680	$4,373.15
52007	$3,547.02	53215	$6,504.06	54344	$6,395.91	55700	$937.41
52010	$2,419.38	53220	$5,591.79	54348	$5,775.84	55705	$3,130.18
52204	$3,012.10	53230	$6,504.06	54352	$6,395.91	55720	$3,294.35
52214	$3,526.06	53235	$5,853.94	54360	$5,150.35	55725	$4,959.97
52224	$3,630.92	53240	$5,130.41	54380	$5,476.70	55801	$5,930.87
52234	$5,528.88	53250	$4,836.80	54385	$5,618.12	55810	$6,395.91
52235	$6,504.06	53260	$1,456.25	54390	$6,041.01	55812	$6,395.91
52240	$6,504.06	53265	$2,394.70	54400	$5,540.61	55815	$6,395.91
52250	$3,588.98	53275	$2,999.75	54401	$5,733.70	55821	$6,043.73
52260	$2,678.69	53400	$6,504.06	54402	$5,011.66	55831	$6,175.63
52270	$4,228.62	53405	$6,504.06	54405	$6,204.18	55859	$4,996.70
52275	$4,176.19	53410	$6,504.06	54407	$5,721.46	55860	$5,165.31
52276	$5,392.57	53415	$6,504.06	54409	$5,415.51	55870	$1,324.36
52277	$5,644.21	53420	$6,504.06	54420	$5,248.26	55873	$5,193.23
52281	$2,925.67	53425	$6,504.06	54430	$5,146.26	56440	$4,300.02
52282	$5,392.57	53430	$6,504.06	54435	$4,044.81	56441	$3,219.82
52283	$1,937.81	53440	$6,504.06	54450	$424.96	56515	$4,300.02
52285	$3,672.87	53442	$6,504.06	54505	$1,359.55	56620	$4,300.02
52290	$2,962.70	53445	$6,504.06	54510	$2,731.50	56625	$4,300.02
52300	$4,228.62	53447	$6,504.06	54512	$3,292.99	56700	$3,637.17
52301	$4,228.62	53449	$6,504.06	54520	$4,917.82	56720	$478.66
52305	$4,260.08	53450	$3,456.63	54522	$4,080.32	56740	$4,300.02
52310	$3,725.30	53460	$3,086.18	54530	$5,191.13	56800	$4,300.02
52315	$4,857.79	53502	$5,801.51	54535	$5,357.02	56805	$4,300.02
52317	$6,504.06	53505	$6,021.72	54550	$4,909.66	56810	$4,300.02
52318	$6,504.06	53510	$6,504.06	54560	$5,178.89	57000	$4,152.72
52320	$5,686.17	53515	$6,504.06	54600	$4,595.93	57010	$4,300.02
52325	$6,504.06	53520	$6,504.06	54620	$3,071.55	57020	$764.80
52327	$4,459.31	53605	$641.27	54640	$5,227.85	57022	$1,037.22
52330	$4,228.62	53665	$517.81	54650	$5,259.13	57023	$1,037.22
52332	$3,955.98	53850	$6,504.06	54660	$3,165.36	57065	$4,300.02
52334	$4,081.81	53852	$6,504.06	54670	$4,220.71	57105	$3,023.42
52341	$1,910.11	54001	$524.95	54680	$5,309.43	57106	$2,903.39
52342	$2,063.19	54015	$518.70	54690	$4,975.51	57107	$4,300.02
52343	$2,277.48	54057	$960.85	54692	$4,436.60	57120	$4,300.02
52344	$2,430.56	54060	$731.18	54700	$562.45	57130	$4,300.02
52345	$2,583.62	54065	$2,074.83	54800	$1,488.53	57135	$3,907.20
52346	$2,897.43	54100	$406.20	54820	$2,250.73	57200	$4,300.02
52351	$2,170.34	54105	$631.18	54830	$3,294.35	57210	$4,300.02
52352	$2,966.29	54110	$5,015.72	54840	$4,853.91	57220	$4,300.02
52353	$3,425.52	54111	$5,444.06	54860	$4,898.79	57230	$4,300.02
52354	$2,706.09	54112	$5,669.78	54861	$5,188.42	57240	$4,300.02
52355	$2,996.91	54115	$4,079.99	54900	$5,412.78	57250	$4,300.02
52400	$4,112.65	54120	$5,075.55	54901	$5,866.96	57260	$4,300.02
52450	$5,822.48	54125	$5,767.69	55040	$4,859.35	57265	$4,300.02
52500	$6,504.06	54152	$1,312.65	55041	$5,211.54	57268	$4,300.02
52510	$6,504.06	54160	$1,125.03	55060	$4,021.35	57270	$4,300.02
52601	$6,504.06	54161	$1,723.06	55100	$393.71	57280	$4,300.02
52606	$4,071.33	54205	$4,890.63	55110	$3,259.17	57282	$4,300.02
52612	$6,504.06	54220	$1,031.21	55120	$1,277.47	57284	$4,300.02
52614	$6,504.06	54240	$618.69	55150	$4,936.86	57287	$4,300.02
52620	$6,179.01	54250	$499.94	55175	$4,443.51	57288	$4,300.02
52630	$6,504.06	54300	$5,131.30	55180	$5,124.51	57289	$4,300.02

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CPT Code	Charge	CPT Code	Charge	CPT Code	Charge	CPT Code	Charge
57291	$4,300.02	59015	$816.00	61619	$7,713.69	64577	$2,393.23
57300	$4,300.02	59020	$833.85	61624	$7,713.69	64580	$2,501.07
57310	$4,300.02	59025	$427.64	61626	$7,713.69	64590	$1,731.77
57311	$4,300.02	59160	$3,291.03	61708	$7,713.69	64595	$1,214.10
57320	$4,300.02	59320	$2,141.14	61710	$7,713.69	64600	$1,623.92
57335	$4,300.02	59325	$3,251.02	61751	$7,713.69	64605	$1,530.44
57400	$329.09	59350	$3,740.15	61770	$7,713.69	64610	$5,628.65
57410	$358.99	59409	$3,844.58	61790	$7,713.69	64620	$1,127.82
57460	$4,128.17	59412	$1,581.20	61791	$7,433.30	64622	$1,717.38
57513	$4,300.02	59812	$3,774.95	61793	$7,713.69	64623	$1,019.97
57520	$4,300.02	59820	$3,844.58	61795	$3,601.13	64626	$2,513.59
57522	$4,300.02	59821	$3,081.04	61885	$1,818.04	64627	$2,161.82
57530	$4,300.02	59830	$3,844.58	61888	$2,026.54	64630	$1,659.87
57550	$4,300.02	59841	$3,844.58	62000	$4,528.62	64680	$1,523.25
57555	$4,300.02	59850	$3,844.58	62194	$1,760.52	64702	$3,442.94
57556	$4,300.02	59851	$3,844.58	62225	$3,859.95	64704	$4,025.32
57700	$4,300.02	59852	$3,844.58	62230	$7,476.44	64708	$5,247.59
57720	$4,300.02	59855	$3,844.58	62252	$1,116.51	64712	$6,541.76
57820	$4,275.46	59856	$3,844.58	62256	$4,995.95	64713	$7,167.27
58120	$4,300.02	59857	$3,844.58	62268	$2,551.42	64714	$4,816.19
58140	$4,300.02	59866	$3,221.03	62269	$1,667.06	64716	$3,881.52
58145	$4,300.02	59870	$3,271.02	62270	$915.64	64718	$5,146.93
58345	$4,300.02	59871	$2,141.14	62272	$1,135.01	64719	$3,967.81
58353	$1,691.07	60000	$796.01	62273	$1,214.10	64721	$3,802.44
58400	$4,300.02	60100	$1,163.78	62280	$915.64	64722	$4,125.98
58410	$4,300.02	60200	$4,737.11	62282	$1,631.11	64726	$926.50
58550	$4,300.02	60210	$6,649.61	62284	$1,832.42	64727	$2,738.34
58551	$4,300.02	60212	$6,908.44	62287	$5,412.96	64732	$3,507.66
58555	$2,765.08	60220	$6,548.94	62290	$1,746.14	64734	$3,723.35
58558	$3,195.37	60225	$7,713.69	62291	$1,688.63	64736	$3,615.50
58559	$4,163.54	60240	$7,713.69	62292	$6,628.04	64738	$4,054.08
58560	$4,300.02	60252	$7,713.69	62294	$4,607.70	64740	$4,133.16
58561	$4,300.02	60254	$7,713.69	62350	$2,918.08	64742	$4,003.75
58562	$2,380.89	60260	$2,666.44	62351	$4,118.79	64744	$4,550.19
58563	$4,300.02	60270	$7,713.69	62360	$1,214.10	64746	$3,119.41
58600	$4,300.02	60271	$7,713.69	62361	$2,335.71	64771	$5,024.71
58615	$4,300.02	60280	$5,218.83	62362	$2,932.46	64772	$5,276.34
58660	$4,300.02	60281	$4,032.51	62365	$2,903.70	64774	$2,378.84
58661	$4,300.02	60500	$7,713.69	62367	$415.25	64776	$2,407.60
58662	$4,300.02	60502	$7,713.69	62368	$635.83	64778	$2,371.66
58670	$4,300.02	60505	$7,713.69	63056	$7,713.69	64782	$3,788.05
58671	$4,300.02	60545	$7,713.69	63057	$3,169.73	64783	$2,752.72
58672	$4,300.02	60600	$7,713.69	63185	$7,713.69	64784	$4,463.91
58673	$4,300.02	60605	$7,713.69	63600	$7,713.69	64786	$7,713.69
58700	$4,300.02	60650	$7,713.69	63610	$5,247.59	64787	$2,903.70
58720	$4,300.02	61000	$1,178.15	63650	$5,736.49	64788	$3,018.75
58740	$4,300.02	61020	$1,314.76	63655	$7,713.69	64790	$5,520.80
58750	$4,300.02	61026	$1,746.14	63660	$5,283.53	64792	$6,872.50
58752	$4,300.02	61050	$1,293.19	63685	$5,729.31	64795	$2,120.02
58760	$4,300.02	61055	$1,760.52	63688	$4,672.40	64802	$4,291.34
58770	$4,300.02	61215	$4,276.96	63744	$6,268.54	64809	$7,713.69
58800	$4,300.02	61500	$7,713.69	63746	$4,377.61	64820	$5,635.84
58805	$4,300.02	61501	$7,713.69	64410	$915.64	64831	$2,838.99
58820	$4,300.02	61563	$7,713.69	64415	$426.25	64832	$1,415.41
58823	$4,300.02	61575	$7,713.69	64417	$828.63	64834	$2,925.27
58825	$4,300.02	61576	$7,713.69	64420	$839.49	64835	$4,693.97
58900	$4,300.02	61580	$7,713.69	64421	$1,005.59	64836	$5,226.02
58920	$4,300.02	61581	$7,713.69	64430	$904.75	64837	$3,608.31
58925	$4,300.02	61590	$7,713.69	64510	$915.64	64840	$7,713.69
58940	$4,300.02	61591	$7,713.69	64520	$926.50	64856	$6,311.68
58970	$4,300.02	61595	$7,713.69	64530	$1,250.05	64857	$7,260.74
58974	$4,300.02	61605	$7,713.69	64550	$622.00	64858	$7,713.69
58976	$4,300.02	61615	$7,713.69	64573	$2,680.83	64859	$2,925.27
59012	$1,661.20	61618	$7,713.69	64575	$2,616.12	64861	$7,713.69

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64862	$7,713.69	65805	$918.89	67030	$2,082.68	67909	$2,288.24
64864	$6,060.04	65810	$2,095.93	67031	$1,658.28	67911	$2,241.81
64865	$7,713.69	65815	$1,807.48	67036	$5,538.41	67914	$1,661.59
64866	$7,713.69	65820	$3,776.70	67038	$7,150.84	67916	$2,255.08
64868	$7,713.69	65850	$4,786.96	67039	$6,976.67	67917	$2,513.70
64870	$7,713.69	65855	$2,311.44	67040	$7,150.84	67921	$1,558.81
64872	$1,444.17	65860	$1,615.17	67101	$3,149.64	67923	$2,463.97
64874	$1,969.02	65865	$2,361.18	67105	$3,577.63	67924	$2,430.81
64876	$2,177.53	65870	$2,261.72	67107	$7,150.84	67935	$1,575.39
64885	$7,713.69	65875	$2,400.98	67108	$7,150.84	67950	$2,440.76
64886	$7,713.69	65880	$2,589.96	67110	$3,851.35	67961	$2,394.33
64890	$7,713.69	65900	$2,965.50	67112	$7,150.84	67966	$2,715.95
64891	$7,713.69	65920	$3,189.44	67115	$2,139.04	67971	$4,344.02
64892	$7,713.69	65930	$2,865.16	67120	$2,500.44	67973	$5,767.34
64893	$7,713.69	66020	$899.01	67121	$3,716.98	67974	$6,031.10
64895	$7,713.69	66130	$2,069.41	67141	$2,215.29	67975	$1,694.73
64896	$7,713.69	66150	$3,572.65	67208	$2,762.37	68115	$958.68
64897	$7,713.69	66155	$3,567.67	67218	$5,652.88	68130	$1,674.86
64898	$7,713.69	66160	$4,388.82	67220	$2,716.10	68320	$2,278.30
64901	$7,713.69	66165	$3,413.40	67221	$1,987.66	68325	$3,060.06
64902	$7,713.69	66170	$5,075.59	67227	$2,719.26	68326	$2,945.60
64905	$7,167.27	66172	$5,075.59	67250	$2,636.38	68328	$3,507.95
64907	$7,713.69	66180	$6,996.56	67255	$3,901.11	68330	$2,079.36
65091	$2,676.17	66185	$3,483.07	67311	$2,745.79	68335	$2,965.50
65093	$2,825.38	66220	$2,291.55	67312	$3,702.03	68340	$1,359.87
65101	$2,881.74	66225	$5,080.57	67314	$3,144.67	68360	$1,913.57
65103	$3,174.52	66250	$2,500.44	67316	$4,139.98	68362	$3,015.27
65105	$3,677.15	66500	$1,671.53	67318	$2,377.76	68500	$2,841.94
65110	$6,668.10	66505	$1,402.97	67320	$3,771.71	68505	$3,353.68
65112	$5,080.57	66600	$3,687.11	67331	$3,473.12	68510	$1,542.22
65114	$5,533.44	66605	$4,936.24	67332	$3,950.87	68520	$3,139.68
65125	$1,137.72	66625	$2,188.76	67334	$2,407.60	68525	$1,538.91
65130	$2,945.60	66630	$2,566.75	67335	$1,227.25	68540	$3,164.56
65135	$2,115.82	66635	$2,599.92	67340	$2,950.58	68550	$4,672.48
65140	$2,381.09	66680	$2,301.51	67343	$2,251.77	68700	$1,210.66
65150	$2,603.23	66682	$2,583.33	67350	$1,111.20	68720	$3,925.99
65155	$3,771.71	66700	$2,062.77	67400	$4,373.89	68745	$2,493.81
65175	$2,609.85	66710	$2,062.77	67405	$3,368.61	68750	$3,771.71
65235	$2,178.83	66720	$2,062.77	67412	$4,229.57	68770	$1,724.59
65260	$3,323.81	66740	$2,062.77	67413	$3,055.08	68811	$812.79
65265	$4,025.52	66761	$1,804.17	67414	$3,204.37	69005	$2,279.02
65270	$706.70	66762	$1,989.83	67415	$961.99	69110	$2,830.57
65272	$862.53	66770	$2,208.67	67420	$7,150.84	69120	$1,511.69
65273	$1,386.39	66820	$1,737.85	67430	$4,329.10	69140	$4,845.49
65280	$3,224.28	66821	$1,177.51	67440	$6,195.33	69145	$2,785.55
65285	$5,130.33	66825	$2,749.11	67445	$4,567.98	69150	$5,768.53
65286	$1,906.95	66830	$2,861.83	67450	$6,424.25	69155	$7,205.60
65290	$2,291.55	66840	$3,358.65	67550	$3,816.51	69205	$2,123.77
65400	$2,460.65	66850	$4,015.57	67560	$3,159.60	69300	$3,832.40
65410	$845.95	66852	$4,488.34	67570	$2,825.38	69310	$5,535.88
65420	$1,737.85	66920	$3,881.19	67715	$763.06	69320	$7,205.60
65426	$2,235.19	66930	$4,249.46	67808	$1,025.00	69421	$2,271.51
65450	$1,406.29	66940	$3,916.03	67830	$1,021.66	69436	$2,642.96
65710	$5,219.91	66982	$4,203.98	67835	$2,347.93	69440	$4,969.32
65730	$6,563.60	66983	$3,950.87	67875	$889.05	69450	$4,143.84
65750	$7,041.36	66984	$4,657.56	67880	$1,625.13	69501	$5,588.42
65755	$7,041.36	66985	$3,622.42	67882	$2,168.87	69502	$6,856.66
65760	$7,150.84	66986	$5,100.47	67900	$1,572.08	69505	$7,205.60
65765	$7,150.84	67005	$2,397.67	67901	$2,861.83	69511	$7,205.60
65767	$7,150.84	67010	$2,825.38	67902	$2,881.74	69530	$7,205.60
65770	$5,901.70	67015	$2,457.34	67903	$2,643.00	69535	$7,205.60
65772	$1,883.73	67025	$2,556.80	67904	$2,603.23	69550	$6,380.14
65775	$2,430.81	67027	$3,527.86	67906	$2,129.09	69552	$7,205.60
65800	$889.05	67028	$1,386.39	67908	$2,188.76	69554	$7,205.60

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69601	$7,104.30	70200	$250.04	71130	$239.55	73010	$184.13
69602	$7,205.60	70210	$198.24	71250	$1,420.91	73020	$153.09
69603	$7,205.60	70220	$249.10	71260	$1,550.39	73030	$204.82
69604	$7,205.60	70240	$123.87	71270	$1,747.42	73040	$561.81
69605	$7,205.60	70250	$210.63	71275	$1,733.81	73050	$261.72
69620	$4,275.17	70260	$262.44	71550	$1,947.81	73060	$204.82
69631	$5,914.86	70300	$45.36	71551	$1,997.46	73070	$178.97
69632	$7,108.06	70310	$115.60	71552	$2,395.40	73080	$204.82
69633	$6,837.90	70320	$247.18	71555	$1,947.81	73085	$561.81
69635	$7,205.60	70328	$152.79	72010	$278.65	73090	$178.97
69636	$7,205.60	70330	$252.89	72020	$115.60	73092	$163.44
69637	$7,205.60	70332	$380.67	72040	$198.24	73100	$163.44
69641	$7,089.29	70336	$1,737.29	72050	$260.52	73110	$189.30
69642	$7,205.60	70350	$103.20	72052	$285.32	73115	$466.32
69643	$7,205.60	70355	$181.70	72069	$156.91	73120	$163.44
69644	$7,205.60	70360	$119.73	72070	$218.89	73130	$189.30
69645	$7,205.60	70370	$298.69	72072	$242.41	73140	$122.06
69646	$7,205.60	70371	$393.08	72074	$258.63	73200	$1,126.38
69650	$5,832.31	70373	$347.31	72080	$227.16	73201	$1,420.91
69660	$6,755.35	70380	$218.89	72090	$239.55	73202	$1,586.41
69661	$7,205.60	70390	$344.44	72100	$227.16	73206	$1,580.90
69662	$7,205.60	70450	$1,021.87	72110	$262.44	73218	$1,655.22
69666	$5,869.83	70460	$1,341.74	72114	$290.10	73219	$1,996.08
69667	$5,873.58	70470	$1,551.50	72120	$256.71	73220	$1,904.26
69670	$5,663.47	70480	$1,082.04	72125	$1,420.91	73221	$1,737.29
69676	$5,044.36	70481	$1,376.58	72126	$1,548.13	73222	$1,996.08
69700	$4,792.95	70482	$1,560.53	72127	$1,741.79	73223	$2,394.02
69710	$4,233.89	70486	$1,059.86	72128	$1,420.91	73225	$1,904.26
69711	$5,010.59	70487	$1,363.91	72129	$1,548.13	73500	$158.27
69714	$5,251.67	70488	$1,559.40	72130	$1,741.79	73510	$215.18
69715	$5,948.11	70490	$1,082.04	72131	$1,420.91	73520	$277.25
69717	$5,118.63	70491	$1,376.58	72132	$1,548.13	73525	$561.81
69718	$5,983.33	70492	$1,560.53	72133	$1,741.79	73530	$210.00
69720	$7,205.60	70496	$1,565.71	72141	$1,947.81	73540	$215.18
69725	$7,205.60	70498	$1,565.71	72142	$2,032.93	73542	$547.21
69740	$6,282.57	70540	$1,904.26	72146	$1,992.05	73550	$204.82
69745	$7,205.60	70542	$1,996.08	72147	$2,032.93	73560	$178.97
69801	$5,378.30	70543	$2,394.02	72148	$1,989.80	73562	$210.00
69802	$6,061.20	70544	$1,666.76	72149	$2,030.67	73564	$241.03
69805	$6,774.11	70545	$1,666.76	72156	$2,452.87	73565	$163.44
69806	$6,942.97	70546	$2,311.72	72157	$2,452.87	73580	$657.31
69820	$5,164.42	70547	$1,666.76	72158	$2,449.86	73590	$178.97
69840	$5,029.34	70548	$1,666.76	72159	$1,989.80	73592	$163.44
69905	$6,425.16	70549	$2,311.72	72170	$156.91	73600	$163.44
69910	$7,205.60	70551	$1,904.26	72190	$227.16	73610	$189.30
69915	$7,205.60	70552	$2,030.67	72191	$1,695.85	73615	$561.81
69930	$7,205.60	70553	$2,449.86	72192	$1,411.42	73620	$163.44
69955	$7,205.60	71010	$140.39	72193	$1,521.10	73630	$189.30
69960	$7,205.60	71015	$169.31	72194	$1,700.13	73650	$153.09
69970	$7,205.60	71020	$206.50	72195	$1,661.00	73660	$122.06
69990	$2,565.82	71021	$244.33	72196	$1,947.81	73700	$1,126.38
70010	$609.50	71022	$246.22	72197	$2,395.40	73701	$1,420.91
70015	$338.72	71023	$253.85	72198	$1,947.81	73702	$1,586.41
70030	$119.73	71030	$251.00	72200	$161.05	73706	$1,580.90
70100	$165.17	71034	$316.79	72202	$202.37	73718	$1,655.22
70110	$214.76	71035	$161.05	72220	$177.58	73719	$1,996.08
70120	$202.37	71040	$324.42	72240	$636.22	73720	$1,904.26
70130	$252.89	71060	$398.79	72255	$599.01	73721	$1,737.29
70134	$248.14	71090	$342.53	72265	$572.32	73722	$1,996.08
70140	$202.37	71100	$185.83	72270	$776.38	73723	$2,394.02
70150	$249.10	71101	$239.55	72275	$371.76	73725	$1,904.26
70160	$161.05	71110	$250.04	72285	$964.21	74000	$184.13
70170	$265.30	71111	$261.48	72295	$916.53	74010	$220.33
70190	$206.50	71120	$214.76	73000	$178.97	74020	$256.54

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74022	$294.43	75600	$1,379.94	75964	$942.56	76645	$263.79
74150	$1,348.07	75605	$1,410.02	75966	$1,739.94	76700	$518.98
74160	$1,526.75	75625	$1,410.02	75968	$942.56	76705	$432.08
74170	$1,710.26	75630	$1,472.35	75970	$1,288.59	76770	$517.21
74175	$1,695.85	75635	$1,726.20	75978	$1,729.20	76775	$432.08
74181	$1,947.81	75650	$1,427.22	75980	$688.94	76778	$517.21
74182	$1,997.46	75658	$1,418.61	75982	$758.79	76800	$495.18
74183	$2,395.40	75660	$1,418.61	75984	$300.99	76805	$530.90
74185	$1,947.81	75662	$1,435.82	75989	$591.14	76810	$675.55
74190	$393.74	75665	$1,418.61	75992	$1,704.49	76815	$445.73
74210	$378.46	75671	$1,435.82	75993	$942.56	76816	$295.63
74220	$388.01	75676	$1,418.61	75994	$1,739.94	76818	$497.56
74230	$416.66	75680	$1,435.82	75995	$1,739.94	76819	$492.25
74235	$708.87	75685	$1,418.61	75996	$942.56	76825	$517.81
74240	$458.68	75705	$1,461.60	76000	$180.07	76826	$309.28
74241	$464.41	75710	$1,410.02	76001	$367.63	76827	$520.78
74245	$643.93	75716	$1,418.61	76003	$207.74	76828	$304.72
74246	$493.06	75722	$1,410.02	76005	$332.90	76830	$490.43
74247	$498.79	75724	$1,427.22	76010	$78.12	76831	$490.43
74249	$678.31	75726	$1,410.02	76020	$79.48	76856	$490.43
74250	$409.02	75731	$1,410.02	76040	$118.54	76857	$227.39
74251	$409.02	75733	$1,418.61	76061	$155.48	76870	$486.66
74260	$447.22	75736	$1,410.02	76062	$227.72	76872	$490.43
74270	$502.61	75741	$1,418.61	76065	$111.81	76873	$531.36
74280	$624.84	75743	$1,435.82	76066	$163.17	76880	$432.08
74283	$769.98	75746	$1,410.02	76070	$404.29	76885	$490.43
74290	$294.43	75756	$1,410.02	76075	$395.56	76886	$432.08
74291	$137.58	75774	$1,373.48	76076	$110.45	76930	$489.82
74300	$158.27	75790	$293.47	76078	$110.45	76932	$489.82
74301	$66.33	75801	$659.92	76080	$170.85	76936	$816.03
74305	$311.62	75803	$674.97	76086	$352.58	76941	$508.27
74320	$752.79	75805	$729.78	76088	$462.19	76942	$489.82
74327	$514.06	75807	$744.81	76090	$150.87	76945	$508.27
74328	$766.17	75809	$126.63	76091	$196.98	76946	$432.08
74329	$766.17	75810	$1,410.02	76092	$150.87	76948	$432.08
74330	$766.17	75820	$166.24	76093	$2,177.28	76950	$382.04
74340	$657.31	75822	$267.67	76094	$2,401.88	76965	$788.64
74350	$771.90	75825	$1,410.02	76095	$875.93	76970	$231.95
74355	$676.41	75827	$1,410.02	76096	$209.27	76975	$491.62
74360	$752.79	75831	$1,410.02	76098	$63.31	76977	$159.86
74363	$1,318.12	75833	$1,427.22	76100	$203.13	76986	$565.42
74400	$479.68	75840	$1,410.02	76101	$227.72	77280	$991.80
74410	$529.34	75842	$1,427.22	76102	$271.97	77285	$1,301.79
74415	$559.90	75860	$1,410.02	76120	$158.56	77290	$1,465.47
74420	$640.12	75870	$1,410.02	76125	$117.20	77295	$3,894.67
74425	$399.47	75872	$1,410.02	76150	$53.89	77300	$624.89
74430	$351.72	75880	$166.24	76350	$71.41	77305	$721.24
74440	$370.82	75885	$1,425.08	76355	$1,675.36	77310	$828.50
74445	$433.85	75887	$1,425.08	76360	$1,671.99	77315	$928.51
74450	$426.21	75889	$1,410.02	76370	$486.63	77321	$1,085.95
74455	$447.22	75891	$1,410.02	76375	$565.81	77326	$826.68
74470	$407.11	75893	$1,383.15	76380	$673.48	77327	$1,035.26
74475	$920.87	75894	$2,599.66	76390	$1,284.30	77328	$1,285.86
74480	$920.87	75896	$2,277.26	76393	$1,681.18	77331	$499.44
74485	$752.79	75898	$246.16	76400	$1,947.81	77332	$619.43
74710	$353.63	75900	$2,238.57	76506	$441.18	77333	$739.41
74740	$401.39	75940	$1,383.15	76511	$350.21	77334	$993.24
74742	$752.79	75945	$556.76	76512	$489.23	77336	$857.59
74775	$452.94	75946	$323.57	76513	$489.23	77370	$946.68
75552	$1,947.81	75952	$353.41	76516	$350.21	77401	$648.53
75553	$1,947.81	75953	$121.73	76519	$350.21	77402	$648.53
75554	$1,947.81	75960	$1,631.40	76529	$404.79	77403	$648.53
75555	$1,947.81	75961	$1,345.55	76536	$427.53	77404	$648.53
75556	$1,247.84	75962	$1,704.49	76604	$377.49	77406	$648.53

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77407	$703.06	78215	$890.32	78605	$971.53	90719	$22.01
77408	$703.06	78216	$984.57	78606	$1,042.50	90720	$51.30
77409	$703.06	78220	$1,012.08	78607	$1,449.53	90721	$54.77
77411	$703.06	78223	$1,026.56	78608	$3,894.67	90723	$45.29
77412	$744.87	78230	$755.79	78609	$3,894.67	90725	$22.01
77413	$744.87	78231	$933.95	78610	$639.43	90727	$24.83
77414	$744.87	78232	$986.01	78615	$1,025.12	90732	$50.83
77416	$744.87	78258	$903.05	78630	$1,206.19	90733	$52.91
77417	$443.08	78261	$1,078.71	78635	$832.14	90735	$39.34
77470	$2,139.04	78262	$1,097.54	78645	$977.31	90740	$69.55
77600	$987.45	78264	$1,087.41	78647	$1,340.90	90743	$51.75
77605	$1,161.28	78267	$392.82	78650	$1,146.79	90744	$57.54
77610	$987.45	78268	$777.89	78660	$753.97	90746	$65.62
77615	$1,161.28	78270	$626.69	78700	$904.87	90747	$69.55
77620	$987.45	78271	$644.89	78701	$988.90	90748	$68.03
77750	$944.86	78272	$766.68	78704	$1,061.32	90870	$181.88
77761	$1,042.50	78278	$1,203.30	78707	$1,143.89	90871	$296.48
77762	$1,310.49	78282	$583.07	78708	$1,143.89	90901	$353.76
77763	$1,604.53	78290	$924.86	78709	$1,143.89	90911	$419.23
77776	$1,068.57	78291	$943.05	78710	$1,324.97	90918	$860.23
77777	$1,504.58	78300	$824.88	78715	$639.43	90919	$860.23
77778	$1,853.68	78305	$1,026.56	78725	$681.25	90920	$860.23
77781	$3,368.86	78306	$1,112.04	78730	$623.07	90921	$860.23
77782	$3,420.98	78315	$1,190.25	78740	$755.79	90922	$20.72
77783	$3,493.42	78320	$1,348.13	78760	$859.41	90923	$20.72
77784	$3,607.86	78350	$490.35	78761	$955.60	90924	$20.72
77789	$503.08	78351	$375.80	78800	$978.76	90925	$20.72
77790	$512.17	78414	$1,109.13	78801	$1,101.90	90935	$563.90
78000	$524.89	78428	$797.61	78802	$1,285.86	90937	$895.26
78001	$588.53	78445	$706.70	78803	$1,440.86	90940	$572.08
78003	$535.80	78455	$1,064.23	78805	$983.11	90945	$533.96
78006	$793.98	78456	$1,054.91	78806	$1,408.98	90947	$833.28
78007	$828.50	78457	$864.86	78807	$1,440.86	90989	$835.96
78010	$686.71	78458	$1,078.71	78810	$1,047.36	90993	$208.91
78011	$795.79	78459	$1,033.94	78890	$570.35	90997	$814.42
78015	$843.05	78460	$821.24	78891	$804.87	90999	$196.38
78016	$1,001.94	78461	$1,196.04	78990	$470.35	91000	$424.93
78018	$1,277.16	78464	$1,511.82	79000	$943.05	91010	$1,002.50
78020	$406.59	78465	$2,188.30	79001	$650.34	91011	$1,155.61
78070	$697.60	78466	$853.97	79020	$943.05	91012	$1,181.67
78075	$1,264.12	78468	$1,023.68	79030	$964.27	91020	$1,051.36
78102	$739.41	78469	$1,246.75	79035	$991.80	91030	$384.04
78103	$952.14	78472	$1,290.20	79100	$901.23	91032	$937.34
78104	$1,081.61	78473	$1,700.13	79200	$957.04	91033	$1,181.67
78110	$521.25	78478	$661.24	79300	$1,301.79	91052	$490.35
78111	$804.87	78480	$661.24	79400	$953.95	91055	$482.18
78120	$661.24	78481	$1,251.08	79420	$953.95	91060	$445.37
78121	$872.15	78483	$1,646.54	79440	$957.04	91065	$384.04
78122	$1,130.87	78491	$1,291.72	90700	$50.16	91100	$384.04
78130	$886.69	78492	$1,311.87	90701	$44.75	91105	$322.72
78135	$1,180.12	78494	$1,489.08	90702	$40.02	91122	$862.42
78140	$1,049.75	78496	$642.10	90703	$34.61	91132	$234.21
78160	$993.24	78580	$988.90	90704	$37.31	91133	$234.21
78162	$932.14	78584	$972.97	90705	$37.31	92018	$380.84
78170	$1,225.01	78585	$1,313.37	90706	$37.31	92019	$380.84
78172	$586.71	78586	$823.06	90707	$50.83	92060	$329.11
78185	$783.06	78587	$866.69	90708	$42.05	92065	$309.71
78190	$1,324.97	78588	$1,283.64	90709	$42.05	92081	$283.86
78191	$1,519.08	78591	$868.51	90710	$56.60	92082	$393.76
78195	$1,074.37	78593	$974.43	90712	$32.58	92083	$438.59
78201	$784.87	78594	$1,190.25	90713	$31.24	92135	$454.25
78202	$883.04	78596	$1,523.42	90716	$66.08	92235	$513.38
78205	$1,329.31	78600	$877.61	90717	$22.01	92240	$513.38
78206	$1,316.52	78601	$970.08	90718	$31.24	92250	$348.51

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92265	$264.47	93226	$810.06	93651	$2,639.87	94680	$215.75
92270	$422.64	93231	$552.61	93652	$2,639.87	94681	$453.38
92275	$445.57	93232	$805.98	93660	$909.16	94690	$153.94
92283	$264.47	93236	$981.73	93721	$110.79	94720	$293.92
92284	$367.90	93270	$442.26	93724	$1,500.97	94725	$547.20
92285	$264.47	93271	$879.55	93731	$154.06	94750	$222.00
92286	$477.47	93278	$523.99	93732	$222.71	94770	$115.10
92502	$467.50	93303	$1,227.85	93733	$206.66	94772	$725.05
92506	$407.68	93304	$993.97	93734	$105.84	95805	$1,511.47
92507	$290.34	93307	$1,227.85	93735	$190.62	95806	$1,951.00
92508	$193.37	93308	$953.11	93736	$141.39	95807	$2,201.04
92510	$491.43	93312	$1,256.84	93737	$122.38	95808	$2,364.21
92541	$422.64	93314	$1,183.82	93738	$206.66	95810	$2,364.21
92542	$416.66	93315	$1,256.84	93740	$74.42	95811	$2,480.01
92543	$212.75	93317	$1,183.82	93741	$442.07	95812	$548.18
92544	$380.84	93318	$1,329.35	93742	$669.45	95813	$548.18
92545	$335.59	93320	$797.81	93743	$483.96	95816	$466.59
92546	$408.68	93321	$462.68	93744	$723.30	95819	$535.02
92547	$408.68	93325	$1,025.98	93760	$179.42	95822	$661.35
92548	$540.30	93350	$998.07	93762	$292.23	95824	$260.90
92551	$199.82	93501	$2,811.68	93770	$33.08	95827	$866.64
92552	$348.51	93503	$928.58	93786	$62.84	95829	$116.51
92553	$418.65	93505	$1,253.62	93788	$57.88	95858	$275.70
92555	$309.71	93508	$2,313.46	93875	$487.22	95860	$301.61
92556	$409.68	93510	$4,835.77	93880	$1,148.39	95861	$579.77
92557	$468.51	93511	$4,688.67	93882	$1,006.66	95863	$666.63
92559	$199.82	93514	$4,835.77	93886	$1,202.07	95864	$969.28
92560	$148.11	93524	$4,835.77	93888	$1,043.16	95867	$316.42
92561	$423.64	93526	$4,835.77	93922	$523.99	95868	$566.61
92562	$329.11	93527	$4,835.77	93923	$1,002.36	95869	$97.99
92563	$309.71	93528	$4,835.77	93924	$1,027.05	95870	$97.99
92564	$367.90	93529	$4,835.77	93925	$1,150.53	95872	$360.85
92565	$322.66	93530	$2,842.82	93926	$1,008.79	95875	$120.20
92567	$400.23	93531	$4,835.77	93930	$1,174.17	95900	$127.60
92568	$309.71	93532	$4,835.77	93931	$1,023.85	95903	$116.51
92569	$329.11	93533	$4,835.77	93965	$544.43	95904	$101.70
92571	$316.19	93536	$1,298.72	93970	$1,190.27	95920	$763.99
92572	$128.71	93555	$1,396.44	93971	$1,035.65	95921	$149.83
92573	$290.34	93556	$1,786.23	93975	$1,251.47	95922	$157.23
92575	$264.47	93561	$389.13	93976	$1,076.45	95923	$149.83
92576	$348.51	93562	$156.17	93978	$1,161.28	95925	$457.09
92577	$423.64	93571	$1,275.98	93979	$1,015.23	95926	$457.09
92579	$424.64	93572	$1,261.41	93980	$1,170.95	95927	$457.09
92582	$424.64	93600	$1,175.23	93981	$1,097.93	95930	$205.35
92583	$440.58	93602	$1,029.21	93990	$1,001.28	95933	$360.85
92584	$591.14	93603	$1,132.30	94010	$184.46	95934	$99.85
92585	$679.89	93607	$1,115.11	94015	$130.92	95936	$99.85
92586	$440.99	93609	$1,415.76	94060	$356.45	95937	$183.14
92587	$490.44	93610	$1,111.88	94070	$525.32	95950	$1,969.41
92588	$525.34	93612	$1,141.94	94150	$56.83	95951	$2,385.27
92589	$406.69	93615	$225.66	94200	$105.38	95953	$1,969.41
92596	$411.67	93616	$638.44	94240	$247.01	95954	$671.88
92950	$887.73	93618	$1,634.82	94250	$78.69	95955	$824.54
92953	$78.92	93619	$2,377.87	94260	$178.23	95956	$2,045.75
92960	$728.34	93620	$3,011.41	94350	$200.11	95957	$653.47
92961	$570.14	93621	$3,049.51	94360	$318.92	95958	$1,348.29
92978	$1,306.24	93622	$3,058.61	94370	$115.10	95961	$763.99
92979	$1,050.68	93623	$1,194.81	94375	$181.36	95962	$763.99
93005	$135.76	93624	$1,249.34	94400	$212.62	96400	$711.09
93012	$879.55	93631	$1,973.06	94450	$166.07	96405	$870.21
93017	$613.91	93640	$1,875.35	94620	$612.86	96406	$984.77
93024	$924.49	93641	$2,159.90	94621	$612.86	96408	$1,213.94
93041	$44.20	93642	$2,037.48	94660	$193.84	96410	$1,714.17
93225	$442.26	93650	$1,966.62	94662	$90.82	96412	$1,357.85

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96414	$1,521.57
96420	$1,444.55
96422	$1,425.26
96423	$921.15
96425	$1,608.22
96440	$1,143.90
96445	$1,252.10
96450	$1,182.11
96520	$1,169.37
96530	$1,271.20
96542	$1,348.25
96545	$825.65
96570	$103.90
96571	$70.15
96900	$49.40
96902	$37.69
96910	$88.16
96912	$106.40
96913	$200.64
97001	$76.59
97002	$85.24
97003	$76.59
97004	$85.24
97010	$63.55
97012	$64.04
97014	$62.62
97016	$67.29
97018	$66.34
97020	$62.62
97022	$64.04
97024	$63.55
97026	$64.04
97028	$64.04
97032	$71.11
97033	$71.11
97034	$76.76
97035	$75.35
97036	$63.55
97110	$109.42
97112	$109.42
97113	$120.84
97116	$106.17
97124	$106.17
97140	$129.81
97150	$120.84
97504	$111.05
97520	$112.70
97530	$115.95
97532	$113.56
97533	$120.16
97535	$115.95
97537	$115.95
97542	$115.95
97545	$987.47
97546	$459.53
97601	$251.23
97602	$136.87
97703	$117.57
97750	$160.67
99185	$529.25
99186	$1,615.05
99201	$188.33
99202	$219.39
99203	$251.79
99204	$373.25
99205	$406.76
99211	$115.87
99212	$153.82
99213	$191.78
99214	$243.39
99215	$364.87
99218	$1,195.79
99219	$1,779.43
99220	$2,273.85
99281	$171.87
99282	$233.24
99283	$402.27
99284	$732.49
99285	$1,424.18

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TABLE D. — OUTPATIENT FACILITY GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS); BY VA FACILITY LOCATION

VA Facility Location	GAAF
NATIONWIDE AVERAGE	1.00
ANCHORAGE, AK	1.07
FAIRBANKS, AK	0.94
FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK	0.94
KENAI, AK	0.94
ANNISTON, AL	1.07
BIRMINGHAM, AL	1.27
DECATUR, AL	1.17
DOTHAN, AL	0.97
FLORENCE, AL	1.17
GADSDEN, AL	1.12
HUNTSVILLE, AL	1.18
JASPER, AL	1.06
MOBILE, AL	0.86
MONTGOMERY, AL	1.04
TUSCALOOSA, AL	1.05
TUSKEGEE, AL	1.01
EL DORADO, AR	0.81
FAYETTEVILLE, AR	0.71
FORT SMITH, AR	0.76
HARRISON, AR	0.73
HOT SPRINGS, AR	0.81
JONESBORO, AR	0.74
LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.87
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR	0.73
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.87
PARAGOULD, AR	0.74
BELLEMONT, AZ	1.12
BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ	1.19
BUCKEYE, AZ	1.19
CASA GRANDE, AZ	1.22
COTTONWOOD, AZ	1.12
GREEN VALLEY, AZ	1.15
HOLBROOK, AZ	1.12
KINGMAN, AZ	1.30
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ	1.30
MESA/WILLIAMS AFB, AZ	1.22
PAYSON, AZ	1.12
PHOENIX, AZ	1.21
PRESCOTT, AZ	1.12
SAFFORD, AZ	1.12
SHOW LOW, AZ	1.12
SIERRA VISTA, AZ	1.15
SUN CITY, AZ	1.19
TUCSON, AZ	1.13
YUMA, AZ	1.19
ANAHEIM, CA	1.46
ATWATER, CA	1.69
AUBURN, CA	1.68
BAKERSFIELD, CA	1.14
CAPITOLA, CA	1.43
CHICO, CA	1.24
CHULA VISTA, CA	1.32
CORONA, CA	1.46
CULVER CITY, CA	1.50
EAST LOS ANGELES, CA	1.55
EL CENTRO, CA	1.31
ESCONDIDO, CA	1.32
EUREKA, CA	1.31
FAIRFIELD, CA	1.62
FRESNO, CA	1.17
GARDENA, CA	1.50
LANCASTER/ ANTELOPE VALLEY, CA	1.29
LIVERMORE, CA	1.62
LOMA LINDA, CA	1.30
LOMPOC, CA	1.50
LONG BEACH, CA	1.50
LOS ANGELES, CA	1.55
MARE ISLAND, CA	1.62
MARTINEZ, CA	1.62
MCCLELLAN AFB, CA	1.68
MENLO PARK, CA	1.39
MODESTO, CA	1.69
MONTEREY/FORT ORD, CA	1.33
OAKLAND, CA	1.61
PALM DESERT, CA	1.31
PALO ALTO, CA	1.31
PASADENA, CA	1.52
PORT HUENEME/OXNARD, CA	1.34
REDDING, CA	1.46
SACRAMENTO/MATHER AFB, CA	1.76
SAN DIEGO, CA	1.37
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	1.38
SAN JOSE, CA	1.43
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA	1.50
SANTA ANA, CA	1.46
SANTA BARBARA, CA	1.48
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA	1.51
SANTA ROSA, CA	1.24
SEPULVEDA, CA	1.51
SONORA, CA	1.69
STOCKTON, CA	1.65
SUN CITY, CA	1.30
TRAVIS AFB, CA	1.62
TULARE, CA	1.17
UKIAH, CA	1.24
UPLAND, CA	1.57
VALLEJO, CA	1.62
VICTORVILLE, CA	1.30
VISTA, CA	1.32
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA	1.55
WEST LOS ANGELES, CA	1.55
YOUNTVILLE, CA	1.62
ALAMOSA, CO	0.84
AURORA, CO	1.03
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	1.05
DENVER, CO	1.07
DURANGO, CO	0.84
FORT COLLINS, CO	0.82
FORT LYON, CO	0.96
FORT MORGAN, CO	0.81
GRAND JUNCTION, CO	0.80
GREELEY, CO	0.90
LA JUNTA, CO	0.96
LAKEWOOD, CO	1.07
LAMAR, CO	0.96
MONTROSE, CO	0.84
PUEBLO, CO	0.96
DANBURY, CT	0.89
NEW LONDON, CT	0.97
NEWINGTON, CT	0.90
NORWICH, CT	0.97
STAMFORD, CT	0.89
WATERBURY, CT	0.94
WEST HAVEN, CT	0.92
WILLIMANTIC, CT	0.95
WINDHAM, CT	0.95
WINSTED, CT	0.94
WASHINGTON SE, DC	0.96
WASHINGTON, DC	0.96
DOVER AFB, DE	0.82
GEORGETOWN, DE	0.82
MILLSBORO, DE	0.82
NEW CASTLE, DE	0.78
OCEAN VIEW, DE	0.82
REHOBOTH, DE	0.82
SMYRNA, DE	0.82
WILMINGTON, DE	0.78
AVON PARK, FL	1.08
BAY PINES, FL	1.24
BOCA RATON, FL	1.33
BROOKSVILLE, FL	1.23
CLEARWATER, FL	1.23
CORAL SPRINGS, FL	1.31
DAYTONA BEACH, FL	1.17
DEERFIELD BEACH, FL	1.33
DELRAY BEACH, FL	1.33
ELLENTON, FL	1.19
FORT MYERS, FL	1.22
FORT PIERCE, FL	1.33
GAINESVILLE, FL	1.09
HALLANDALE, FL	1.31
HOMESTEAD, FL	1.31
INVERNESS, FL	0.97
JACKSONVILLE, FL	1.16
KEY LARGO, FL	1.31
KEY WEST, FL	1.31
KISSIMMEE, FL	1.19
LAKE CITY, FL	1.11
LAKELAND, FL	1.08
LEESBURG, FL	1.19
MIAMI, FL	1.19
NAPLES, FL	1.17
OAKLAND PARK, FL	1.50
OCALA, FL	0.97
OKEECHOBEE, FL	1.33
ORLANDO, FL	1.20
PANAMA CITY, FL	1.15
PEMBROKE PINES, FL	1.31
PENSACOLA, FL	1.22
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL	1.22
PORT RICHEY, FL	1.23
SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL	1.11
SAINT PETERSBURG, FL	1.24
SANFORD, FL	1.18
SARASOTA, FL	1.19
STUART, FL	1.33
TALLAHASSEE, FL	1.18
TAMPA, FL	1.22
VERO BEACH, FL	1.14
VIERA/MELBOURNE, FL	1.14
WEST PALM BEACH, FL	1.33
ZEPHYRHILLS, FL	1.24
ALBANY, GA	0.89
ATLANTA/DECATUR, GA	0.81
ATLANTA/MIDTOWN, GA	0.90
AUGUSTA, GA	0.89
COLUMBUS, GA	0.88
DUBLIN, GA	0.94
GAINESVILLE/NE CORRIDOR, GA	0.87
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA	0.81
MACON, GA	0.95
MARIETTA, GA	0.81
OAKWOOD/NE CORRIDOR, GA	0.87
SAVANNAH, GA	0.96
VALDOSTA, GA	0.90
GUAM, GU	0.91
HILO, HI	0.91
HONOLULU, HI	0.92
KAHULUI, HI	0.91

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VA Facility Location	GAAF
KAILUA KONA, HI	0.91
LIHUE, HI	0.91
BETTENDORF, IA	0.72
DES MOINES, IA	0.75
DUBUQUE, IA	0.74
FORT DODGE, IA	0.72
IOWA CITY, IA	0.69
KNOXVILLE, IA	0.74
MARSHALLTOWN, IA	0.74
MASON CITY, IA	0.75
OTTUMWA, IA	0.74
SIOUX CITY, IA	0.76
WATERLOO, IA	0.76
BOISE, ID	0.76
LEWISTON, ID	0.81
POCATELLO, ID	0.84
TWIN FALLS, ID	0.81
AURORA, IL	1.18
BELLEVILLE, IL	0.97
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL	1.21
CHICAGO, IL	1.19
CHICAGO/WOODLAWN, IL	1.19
DANVILLE, IL	0.85
DECATUR, IL	0.78
EFFINGHAM, IL	0.81
ELGIN, IL	1.11
EVANSTON, IL	1.09
GALESBURG, IL	0.87
HINES, IL	1.11
JOLIET, IL	1.21
LA SALLE, IL	0.87
MANTENO, IL	1.01
MARION, IL	0.86
MCHENRY, IL	1.13
MOUNT VERNON, IL	0.81
NORTH CHICAGO, IL	1.13
OAK LAWN, IL	1.21
OAK PARK, IL	1.09
PEORIA, IL	1.04
QUINCY, IL	0.78
ROCKFORD, IL	0.85
SPRINGFIELD, IL	0.81
BLOOMINGTON, IN	0.86
CROWN POINT, IN	0.93
EVANSVILLE, IN	0.79
FORT WAYNE, IN	0.82
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	0.78
LAFAYETTE, IN	0.80
LAWRENCEBURG, IN	0.85
MARION, IN	0.80
MUNCIE, IN	0.82
NEW ALBANY, IN	0.88
RICHMOND, IN	0.82
SOUTH BEND, IN	0.94
TERRE HAUTE, IN	0.89
ABILENE, KS	0.74
CHANUTE, KS	0.72
DODGE CITY, KS	0.74
EMPORIA, KS	0.72
FORT RILEY, KS	0.76
FORT SCOTT, KS	0.72
GARNETT, KS	0.91
HAYS, KS	0.74
HOLTON, KS	0.76
JUNCTION CITY, KS	0.76
KANSAS CITY/WYANDOTTE, KS	0.94
LAWRENCE, KS	0.91
LEAVENWORTH, KS	0.91
LIBERAL, KS	0.74
PAOLA, KS	0.91
PARSONS, KS	0.72
RUSSELL, KS	0.74
SALINA, KS	0.74
SENECA, KS	0.76
TOPEKA, KS	0.79
WICHITA, KS	1.08
BELLEVUE, KY	0.80
BOWLING GREEN, KY	0.75
FORT KNOX, KY	0.90
HOPKINSVILLE, KY	0.77
LEXINGTON, KY	0.78
LOUISVILLE, KY	0.99
PADUCAH, KY	0.75
PRESTONSBURG, KY	0.89
SOMERSET, KY	0.80
WHITESBURG, KY	0.89
ALEXANDRIA, LA	0.96
BATON ROUGE, LA	0.88
JENNINGS, LA	0.96
LAFAYETTE, LA	0.96
MONROE, LA	0.97
NEW ORLEANS, LA	1.15
SHREVEPORT, LA	1.05
BEDFORD, MA	0.94
BOSTON, MA	0.94
BROCKTON, MA	0.94
DORCHESTER, MA	0.94
FITCHBURG, MA	0.89
FRAMINGHAM, MA	0.94
GLOUCESTER, MA	0.92
GREENFIELD, MA	0.90
HAVERHILL, MA	0.89
HYANNIS, MA	0.88
LOWELL, MA	0.89
LYNN, MA	0.92
NANTUCKET, MA	0.87
NEW BEDFORD, MA	0.92
NORTHAMPTON, MA	0.88
OAK BLUFFS, MA	0.87
PITTSFIELD, MA	0.82
PLYMOUTH, MA	0.92
QUINCY, MA	0.94
SPRINGFIELD, MA	0.88
WEST ROXBURY, MA	0.94
WINCHINDON, MA	0.89
WORCESTER, MA	0.81
BALTIMORE, MD	0.65
CAMBRIDGE, MD	0.57
CHARLOTTE HALL, MD	0.68
CUMBERLAND, MD	0.55
FORT HOWARD, MD	0.58
GLEN BURNIE, MD	0.58
HAGERSTOWN, MD	0.64
LANDOVER, MD	0.72
MILLINGTON, MD	0.57
PERRY POINT, MD	0.66
POCOMOKE CITY, MD	0.56
BANGOR, ME	0.81
CALAIS, ME	0.83
CARIBOU, ME	0.83
MACHIAS, ME	0.83
PORTLAND, ME	0.72
RUMFORD, ME	0.84
SACO, ME	0.77
TOGUS, ME	0.83
ANN ARBOR, MI	1.03
BATTLE CREEK, MI	0.89
BENTON HARBOR, MI	0.89
DETROIT, MI	1.07
FLINT, MI	1.02
GAYLORD, MI	0.78
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	0.74
HANCOCK/PORTAGE, MI	0.82
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI	0.82
IRONWOOD, MI	0.82
JACKSON, MI	0.90
LANSING, MI	0.92
MARQUETTE, MI	0.82
MENOMINEE, MI	0.82
MUSKEGON, MI	0.74
OSCODA, MI	0.88
PONTIAC, MI	1.04
SAGINAW, MI	0.89
SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI	0.78
TRAVERSE CITY, MI	0.76
YALE, MI	1.01
BRAINERD, MN	0.79
FERGUS FALLS, MN	0.74
HIBBING, MN	0.74
MANKATO, MN	0.74
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	0.95
MONTEVIDEO, MN	0.77
ROCHESTER, MN	0.73
SAINT CLOUD, MN	0.79
SAINT PAUL, MN	1.06
VIRGINIA, MN	0.74
BELTON, MO	1.05
CAMERON, MO	0.88
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO	0.80
COLUMBIA, MO	0.90
FARMINGTON, MO	0.80
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO	0.82
KANSAS CITY, MO	1.05
KIRKSVILLE, MO	0.85
MEXICO, MO	0.90
MOUNT VERNON, MO	0.80
NEVADA, MO	0.84
OSAGE BEACH, MO	0.86
POPLAR BLUFF, MO	0.82
SAINT CHARLES, MO	0.99
SAINT JAMES, MO	0.82
SAINT JOSEPH, MO	0.88
SAINT LOUIS, MO	0.97
SALEM, MO	0.82
WARRENSBURG, MO	1.05
WEST PLAINS, MO	0.80
WHITEMAN AFB/ KNOB NOSTER, MO	0.82
BILOXI, MS	0.93
BYHALIA, MS	0.77
GREENVILLE, MS	0.75
GULFPORT, MS	0.93
HATTIESBURG, MS	0.80
JACKSON, MS	0.74
KOSCIUSKO, MS	0.76
MERIDIAN, MS	0.75
NATCHEZ, MS	0.77
SMITHVILLE, MS	0.75
ANACONDA, MT	0.71
BILLINGS, MT	0.72
BOZEMAN, MT	0.71

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VA Facility Location	GAAF
FORT HARRISON, MT	0.71
GLASGOW, MT	0.71
GREAT FALLS, MT	0.68
KALISPELL, MT	0.71
LAME DEER, MT	0.71
MILES CITY, MT	0.71
MISSOULA, MT	0.71
SIDNEY, MT	0.71
ASHEVILLE, NC	0.76
CHARLOTTE, NC	0.81
DURHAM, NC	0.81
FAYETTEVILLE, NC	0.80
GREENVILLE, NC	0.77
JACKSONVILLE, NC	0.78
RALEIGH, NC	0.78
SALISBURY, NC	0.77
WILMINGTON, NC	0.82
WINSTON-SALEM, NC	0.63
BISMARCK, ND	0.72
FARGO, ND	0.82
GRAFTON, ND	0.75
MINOT, ND	0.73
ALLIANCE, NE	0.71
GERING, NE	0.71
GRAND ISLAND, NE	0.71
LINCOLN, NE	0.80
NORFOLK, NE	0.71
NORTH PLATTE, NE	0.71
OMAHA, NE	0.91
RUSHVILLE, NE	0.71
SIDNEY, NE	0.71
CONWAY, NH	0.92
KEENE, NH	0.79
MANCHESTER, NH	0.90
PORTSMOUTH, NH	0.92
TILTON, NH	0.79
WOLFEBORO, NH	0.92
BLACKWOOD, NJ	1.18
BRICK, NJ	1.12
CAPE MAY, NJ	0.99
EAST ORANGE, NJ	0.96
ELIZABETH, NJ	0.97
FORT DIX, NJ	1.09
HACKENSACK, NJ	0.93
JAMESBURG, NJ	1.02
JERSEY CITY, NJ	0.98
LYONS, NJ	0.83
MORRISTOWN, NJ	0.83
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ	1.03
NEWARK, NJ	0.97
TRENTON, NJ	1.09
VENTNOR CITY, NJ	0.99
VINELAND, NJ	1.08
ALAMOGORDO, NM	0.84
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	0.86
ARTESIA, NM	0.84
CLAYTON, NM	0.84
CLOVIS, NM	0.84
ESPANOLA, NM	0.84
FARMINGTON, NM	0.84
GALLUP, NM	0.84
HOBBS, NM	0.84
LAS CRUCES, NM	0.90
LAS VEGAS, NM	0.82
RATON, NM	0.84
SANTA FE, NM	0.82
SANTA ROSA, NM	0.84
SILVER CITY, NM	0.90
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM	0.87
ELY, NV	1.25
HENDERSON, NV	1.41
LAS VEGAS, NV	1.41
MINDEN, NV	1.26
PAHRUMP, NV	1.41
RENO, NV	1.27
ALBANY, NY	0.67
AUBURN, NY	0.63
BAINBRIDGE, NY	0.62
BATAVIA, NY	0.61
BATH, NY	0.59
BINGHAMTON, NY	0.62
BRONX, NY	1.02
BROOKLYN, NY	1.01
BUFFALO, NY	0.61
CANANDAIGUA, NY	0.56
CARMEL, NY	0.92
CASTLE POINT, NY	0.72
CATSKILL, NY	0.67
CLIFTON PARK, NY	0.67
CORTLAND, NY	0.63
DUNKIRK, NY	0.61
ELIZABETHTOWN, NY	0.67
ELMIRA, NY	0.58
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY	0.88
FONDA, NY	0.67
GLENS FALLS, NY	0.68
HARLEM, NY	0.91
HARRIS, NY	0.69
HICKSVILLE, NY	0.88
ISLIP, NY	0.88
JAMESTOWN, NY	0.63
KINGSTON, NY	0.67
LACKAWANNA, NY	0.61
LINDENHURST, NY	0.88
LOCKPORT, NY	0.61
LYNBROOK, NY	0.88
MALONE, NY	0.67
MASSENA, NY	0.66
MONTROSE, NY	0.92
MOUNT MORRIS, NY	0.57
MOUNT SINAI, NY	0.88
NEW CITY, NY	0.89
NEW YORK, NY	0.91
NIAGARA FALLS, NY	0.61
NORTHPORT/LONG ISLAND, NY	0.88
OLEAN, NY	0.63
OSWEGO, NY	0.63
PATCHOGUE, NY	0.88
PENN YAN, NY	0.57
PLAINVIEW, NY	0.88
PLATTSBURGH, NY	0.67
PORT JERVIS, NY	0.69
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY	0.72
QUEENS, NY	1.02
RIVERHEAD, NY	0.88
ROCHESTER, NY	0.56
ROME, NY	0.67
SAINT ALBANS, NY	1.01
SAYVILLE, NY	0.88
SCHENECTADY, NY	0.67
SOUTH BRONX, NY	1.02
STATEN ISLAND, NY	1.02
SYRACUSE, NY	0.63
TROY, NY	0.67
WALLKILL, NY	0.72
WATERTOWN/FORT DRUM, NY	0.66
WELLSVILLE, NY	0.59
WHITE PLAINS/BRONX, NY	0.89
YONKERS, NY	0.92
AKRON, OH	0.87
ASHTABULA, OH	0.88
ATHENS, OH	0.75
CANTON, OH	0.60
CHILLICOTHE, OH	0.81
CINCINNATI, OH	0.75
CLEVELAND, OH	0.90
COLUMBUS, OH	0.83
DAYTON, OH	0.92
EAST LIVERPOOL, OH	0.79
GROVE CITY, OH	0.77
LANCASTER, OH	0.77
LIMA, OH	0.79
LORAIN, OH	0.88
MANSFIELD, OH	0.77
MARIETTA, OH	0.75
MIDDLETOWN, OH	0.82
PAINESVILLE, OH	0.88
PORTSMOUTH, OH	0.81
SAINT CLAIRSVILLE, OH	0.79
SANDUSKY, OH	0.78
SPRINGFIELD, OH	0.88
TOLEDO, OH	0.96
WARREN, OH	0.87
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OH	0.77
WELLSTON, OH	0.81
YOUNGSTOWN, OH	0.87
ZANESVILLE, OH	0.78
ARDMORE, OK	0.77
CLINTON, OK	0.81
KONAWA, OK	0.79
LAWTON/FORT SILL, OK	0.89
MCALESTER, OK	0.77
MUSKOGEE, OK	0.77
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	0.91
PONCA CITY, OK	0.81
TALIHINA, OK	0.77
TULSA, OK	0.83
BANDON, OR	0.77
BEND, OR	0.79
BROOKINGS, OR	0.77
EUGENE, OR	0.77
KLAMATH FALLS, OR	0.77
NORTH COAST, OR	0.95
ONTARIO, OR	0.84
PORTLAND, OR	0.89
ROSEBURG, OR	0.77
SALEM, OR	0.84
WHITE CITY, OR	0.76
ALIQUIPPA, PA	1.07
ALLENTOWN, PA	0.78
ALTOONA, PA	0.86
BERWICK, PA	0.83
BUTLER, PA	0.94
CAMP HILL, PA	0.83
COATESVILLE, PA	1.44
DU BOIS, PA	0.81
ERIE, PA	0.88
GREENSBURG, PA	1.01
JOHNSTOWN, PA	0.87
KITTANNING, PA	0.81
KNOX, PA	0.81

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VA Facility Location	GAAF
LANCASTER, PA	0.64
LEBANON, PA	0.83
MEADVILLE, PA	0.80
MERCER, PA	0.80
NEW CASTLE, PA	0.80
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1.49
PITTSBURGH, PA	1.07
POTTSVILLE/SCHUYLKILL/ SHENANDOAH, PA	0.69
READING, PA	0.66
SAYRE, PA	0.79
SCRANTON, PA	0.83
SMETHPORT, PA	0.80
SPRING CITY, PA	1.44
SPRINGFIELD, PA	1.49
STATE COLLEGE, PA	0.87
TOBYHANNA, PA	0.81
WASHINGTON, PA	0.99
WILKES-BARRE, PA	0.83
WILLIAMSPORT, PA	0.76
WILLOW GROVE, PA	1.49
YORK, PA	0.78
ARECIBO, PR	0.55
MAYAGUEZ, PR	0.55
PONCE, PR	0.55
SAN JUAN, PR	0.55
MIDDLETOWN, RI	0.95
PROVIDENCE, RI	0.95
ANDERSON, SC	0.81
BEAUFORT, SC	0.92
CHARLESTON, SC	0.94
COLUMBIA, SC	0.83
FLORENCE, SC	0.93
GREENVILLE, SC	0.81
MYRTLE BEACH, SC	0.93
ORANGEBURG, SC	0.85
ROCK HILL, SC	0.81
SUMTER, SC	0.85
ABERDEEN, SD	0.64
EAGLE BUTTE, SD	0.64
ELLSWORTH AFB, SD	0.68
FORT MEADE, SD	0.68
HOT SPRINGS, SD	0.68
KYLE, SD	0.68
MCLAUGHLIN, SD	0.64
PIERRE, SD	0.64
PINE RIDGE, SD	0.68
RAPID CITY, SD	0.68
ROSEBUD, SD	0.64
SIOUX FALLS, SD	0.62
WINNER, SD	0.64
WORTHING, SD	0.63
CHATTANOOGA, TN	0.96
CLARKSVILLE, TN	0.90
COOKEVILLE, TN	0.92
DOVER, TN	0.90
KNOXVILLE, TN	0.96
MADISON, TN	0.90
MEMPHIS, TN	0.85
MOUNTAIN CITY, TN	0.93
MOUNTAIN HOME, TN	0.93
MURFREESBORO, TN	0.90
NASHVILLE, TN	0.87
ROGERSVILLE, TN	0.93
SAVANNAH, TN	0.77
TULLAHOMA/ARNOLD AFB, TN	0.93
ABILENE, TX	1.18
ALICE, TX	1.16
AMARILLO, TX	1.02
AUSTIN, TX	0.89
BEAUMONT, TX	1.13
BEEVILLE, TX	0.92
BIG SPRING, TX	0.92
BONHAM, TX	1.01
BROWNSVILLE, TX	1.25
BROWNWOOD, TX	0.92
BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, TX	0.97
CEDAR PARK, TX	0.89
CHILDRESS, TX	0.98
CLEBURNE, TX	1.05
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	1.21
DALLAS, TX	0.99
DALLAS/PLEASANT GROVE, TX	0.99
DECATUR, TX	0.95
DEL RIO, TX	0.92
DENTON, TX	0.95
EAGLE PASS, TX	0.92
EASTLAND, TX	0.90
EL PASO, TX	1.41
FORT STOCKTON, TX	0.92
FORT WORTH, TX	1.05
FORT WORTH/DIAMOND HILL, TX	1.05
GREENVILLE, TX	1.01
HAMILTON, TX	0.88
HOUSTON, TX	1.14
KERRVILLE, TX	0.90
KINGSVILLE, TX	1.16
LAREDO, TX	0.90
LONGVIEW, TX	1.00
LUBBOCK, TX	1.27
LUFKIN, TX	0.98
MARLIN, TX	0.83
MCALLEN, TX	1.25
MCKINNEY, TX	1.06
MONAHANS, TX	0.92
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX	0.92
ODESSA, TX	0.92
PALESTINE, TX	0.98
SAN ANGELO, TX	0.91
SAN ANTONIO, TX	0.94
SAN MARCOS, TX	0.89
SEGUIN, TX	0.92
SOUTH BEXAR COUNTY, TX	0.94
STAMFORD, TX	1.09
STRATFORD, TX	0.98
TEMPLE, TX	0.88
TEXARKANA, TX	0.97
TYLER, TX	1.06
UVALDE, TX	0.92
VICTORIA, TX	0.87
WACO, TX	0.82
WICHITA FALLS, TX	0.85
NEPHI, UT	0.83
OGDEN, UT	0.85
OREM, UT	0.84
ROOSEVELT, UT	0.84
SAINT GEORGE, UT	0.80
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	0.87
ALEXANDRIA, VA	0.94
COVINGTON, VA	0.74
DANVILLE, VA	0.76
FREDERICKSBURG, VA	0.96
HAMPTON, VA	0.92
HARRISONBURG, VA	0.74
HILLSVILLE, VA	0.81
LYNCHBURG, VA	0.76
MARION, VA	0.81
MARTINSVILLE, VA	0.81
NORFOLK, VA	0.92
NORTON, VA	0.81
PULASKI, VA	0.81
RICHMOND, VA	1.06
SAINT CHARLES, VA	0.81
SALEM, VA	0.81
STEPHENS CITY, VA	0.75
STUARTS DRAFT, VA	0.74
TAZEWELL, VA	0.81
KINGSHILL, VI	0.55
SAINT CROIX, VI	0.55
SAINT THOMAS, VI	0.55
BENNINGTON, VT	0.77
BURLINGTON, VT	0.78
MONTPELIER, VT	0.77
NEWPORT, VT	0.77
RUTLAND, VT	0.77
SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT	0.77
WHITE RIVER JCT, VT	0.77
WILDER, VT	0.77
AMERICAN LAKE/TACOMA, WA	0.97
BREMERTON, WA	0.96
LONGVIEW, WA	0.77
LYNNWOOD/NORTHGATE, WA	0.77
RICHLAND, WA	0.85
SEATTLE, WA	0.82
SPOKANE, WA	0.87
VANCOUVER, WA	0.77
WALLA WALLA, WA	0.85
YAKIMA, WA	0.79
APPLETON, WI	0.71
BARABOO, WI	0.79
BEAVER DAM, WI	0.79
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI	0.79
CLEVELAND, WI	0.88
EDGERTON, WI	0.89
KENOSHA, WI	1.05
LA CROSSE, WI	0.76
LOYAL, WI	0.71
MADISON, WI	0.72
MILWAUKEE, WI	0.98
RHINELANDER, WI	0.75
SUPERIOR, WI	0.76
TOMAH, WI	0.76
UNION GROVE, WI	1.05
WAUSAU, WI	0.71
WAUTOMA, WI	0.71
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI	0.71
BECKLEY, WV	0.80
CHARLESTON, WV	0.78
CLARKSBURG, WV	0.71
FRANKLIN, WV	0.71
GASSAWAY, WV	0.80
HUNTINGTON, WV	0.81
LOGAN, WV	0.80
MARTINSBURG, WV	0.78
PARKERSBURG, WV	0.72
PARSONS, WV	0.71
PETERSBURG, WV	0.71
WILLIAMSON, WV	0.80
CASPER, WY	0.91
CHEYENNE, WY	0.85
GILLETTE, WY	0.84

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VA Facility Location	GAAF	VA Facility Location	GAAF	VA Facility Location	GAAF
GREEN RIVER, WY	0.84	ZIP Code 222	0.94	ZIP Code 404	0.79
NEWCASTLE, WY	0.84	ZIP Code 225	0.95	ZIP Code 406	0.82
POWELL, WY	0.84	ZIP Code 227	0.77	ZIP Code 407	0.89
RIVERTON, WY	0.84	ZIP Code 229	0.73	ZIP Code 408	0.89
SHERIDAN, WY	0.84	ZIP Code 230	0.99	ZIP Code 409	0.89
ZIP Code 002	0.94	ZIP Code 231	1.02	ZIP Code 411	0.87
ZIP Code 005	0.89	ZIP Code 233	0.92	ZIP Code 412	0.89
ZIP Code 015	0.90	ZIP Code 234	0.92	ZIP Code 413	0.89
ZIP Code 020	0.92	ZIP Code 237	0.92	ZIP Code 414	0.89
ZIP Code 022	0.97	ZIP Code 238	1.02	ZIP Code 415	0.89
ZIP Code 030	0.90	ZIP Code 239	0.79	ZIP Code 417	0.89
ZIP Code 033	0.79	ZIP Code 240	0.81	ZIP Code 423	0.76
ZIP Code 035	0.79	ZIP Code 247	0.80	ZIP Code 424	0.74
ZIP Code 036	0.79	ZIP Code 248	0.80	ZIP Code 426	0.80
ZIP Code 037	0.79	ZIP Code 249	0.80	ZIP Code 427	0.80
ZIP Code 039	0.83	ZIP Code 250	0.79	ZIP Code 430	0.77
ZIP Code 045	0.83	ZIP Code 251	0.79	ZIP Code 433	0.76
ZIP Code 048	0.83	ZIP Code 252	0.80	ZIP Code 434	0.92
ZIP Code 049	0.83	ZIP Code 255	0.80	ZIP Code 435	0.93
ZIP Code 051	0.77	ZIP Code 259	0.80	ZIP Code 438	0.78
ZIP Code 053	0.77	ZIP Code 260	0.76	ZIP Code 442	0.85
ZIP Code 055	0.94	ZIP Code 264	0.71	ZIP Code 446	0.76
ZIP Code 059	0.77	ZIP Code 265	0.71	ZIP Code 451	0.81
ZIP Code 064	0.94	ZIP Code 267	0.67	ZIP Code 453	0.87
ZIP Code 066	0.92	ZIP Code 270	0.66	ZIP Code 459	0.77
ZIP Code 074	0.93	ZIP Code 272	0.65	ZIP Code 460	0.81
ZIP Code 075	0.93	ZIP Code 273	0.67	ZIP Code 461	0.81
ZIP Code 077	1.12	ZIP Code 274	0.64	ZIP Code 464	0.94
ZIP Code 078	0.82	ZIP Code 275	0.79	ZIP Code 465	0.91
ZIP Code 081	1.19	ZIP Code 279	0.79	ZIP Code 467	0.81
ZIP Code 085	1.10	ZIP Code 280	0.77	ZIP Code 472	0.85
ZIP Code 101	0.91	ZIP Code 286	0.81	ZIP Code 475	0.82
ZIP Code 102	0.91	ZIP Code 287	0.78	ZIP Code 476	0.80
ZIP Code 108	0.92	ZIP Code 289	0.78	ZIP Code 484	1.02
ZIP Code 110	1.01	ZIP Code 290	0.85	ZIP Code 488	0.92
ZIP Code 113	1.01	ZIP Code 293	0.81	ZIP Code 491	0.91
ZIP Code 133	0.67	ZIP Code 298	0.92	ZIP Code 493	0.75
ZIP Code 135	0.68	ZIP Code 301	0.92	ZIP Code 500	0.75
ZIP Code 138	0.63	ZIP Code 302	0.93	ZIP Code 502	0.75
ZIP Code 141	0.61	ZIP Code 304	0.92	ZIP Code 506	0.75
ZIP Code 151	1.07	ZIP Code 306	0.87	ZIP Code 508	0.72
ZIP Code 154	1.02	ZIP Code 307	0.87	ZIP Code 509	0.75
ZIP Code 155	0.85	ZIP Code 308	0.88	ZIP Code 510	0.73
ZIP Code 157	0.82	ZIP Code 311	0.90	ZIP Code 512	0.72
ZIP Code 164	0.86	ZIP Code 313	0.94	ZIP Code 513	0.72
ZIP Code 169	0.73	ZIP Code 315	0.92	ZIP Code 514	0.72
ZIP Code 171	0.84	ZIP Code 318	0.89	ZIP Code 515	0.80
ZIP Code 172	0.78	ZIP Code 332	1.19	ZIP Code 516	0.72
ZIP Code 173	0.77	ZIP Code 350	1.11	ZIP Code 521	0.75
ZIP Code 175	0.71	ZIP Code 351	1.12	ZIP Code 523	0.70
ZIP Code 178	0.74	ZIP Code 357	1.18	ZIP Code 524	0.68
ZIP Code 180	0.81	ZIP Code 364	0.99	ZIP Code 526	0.74
ZIP Code 182	0.81	ZIP Code 365	0.87	ZIP Code 528	0.73
ZIP Code 183	0.77	ZIP Code 367	0.99	ZIP Code 534	0.77
ZIP Code 189	1.44	ZIP Code 368	0.97	ZIP Code 538	0.89
ZIP Code 192	1.52	ZIP Code 369	0.99	ZIP Code 540	0.88
ZIP Code 195	0.69	ZIP Code 375	0.83	ZIP Code 541	0.71
ZIP Code 201	0.94	ZIP Code 377	0.93	ZIP Code 542	0.72
ZIP Code 202	0.96	ZIP Code 380	0.84	ZIP Code 543	0.68
ZIP Code 203	0.96	ZIP Code 382	0.79	ZIP Code 550	0.90
ZIP Code 205	0.96	ZIP Code 384	0.88	ZIP Code 553	0.93
ZIP Code 208	0.72	ZIP Code 389	0.75	ZIP Code 555	0.94
ZIP Code 209	0.72	ZIP Code 396	0.79	ZIP Code 556	0.74
ZIP Code 211	0.58	ZIP Code 397	0.75	ZIP Code 558	0.77
ZIP Code 214	0.58	ZIP Code 399	0.91	ZIP Code 561	0.74
ZIP Code 220	0.94	ZIP Code 400	0.90	ZIP Code 566	0.74
ZIP Code 221	0.94	ZIP Code 403	0.79	ZIP Code 567	0.73

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VA Facility Location	GAAF
ZIP Code 572	0.64
ZIP Code 573	0.64
ZIP Code 580	0.75
ZIP Code 583	0.73
ZIP Code 584	0.73
ZIP Code 586	0.73
ZIP Code 588	0.73
ZIP Code 595	0.71
ZIP Code 607	1.19
ZIP Code 608	1.19
ZIP Code 610	0.84
ZIP Code 612	0.80
ZIP Code 615	0.94
ZIP Code 617	1.03
ZIP Code 619	0.81
ZIP Code 620	1.01
ZIP Code 626	0.77
ZIP Code 630	0.99
ZIP Code 634	0.93
ZIP Code 638	0.80
ZIP Code 646	0.85
ZIP Code 648	0.83
ZIP Code 649	1.03
ZIP Code 651	0.86
ZIP Code 656	0.81
ZIP Code 658	0.67
ZIP Code 662	1.07
ZIP Code 669	0.74
ZIP Code 670	0.79
ZIP Code 671	0.78
ZIP Code 675	0.74
ZIP Code 677	0.74
ZIP Code 680	0.80
ZIP Code 683	0.72
ZIP Code 684	0.72
ZIP Code 686	0.71
ZIP Code 689	0.71
ZIP Code 690	0.71
ZIP Code 692	0.71
ZIP Code 700	1.08
ZIP Code 703	0.96
ZIP Code 704	1.04
ZIP Code 706	0.97
ZIP Code 707	0.89
ZIP Code 710	1.02
ZIP Code 714	0.98
ZIP Code 716	0.81
ZIP Code 718	0.83
ZIP Code 720	0.87
ZIP Code 723	0.81
ZIP Code 725	0.73
ZIP Code 728	0.81
ZIP Code 730	0.89
ZIP Code 733	0.89
ZIP Code 737	0.87
ZIP Code 738	0.81
ZIP Code 739	0.81
ZIP Code 740	0.82
ZIP Code 743	0.77
ZIP Code 747	0.77
ZIP Code 749	0.75
ZIP Code 751	1.05
ZIP Code 753	0.99
ZIP Code 772	1.14
ZIP Code 773	1.13
ZIP Code 774	1.13
ZIP Code 775	1.15
ZIP Code 776	1.06
ZIP Code 789	0.88
ZIP Code 793	1.12
ZIP Code 798	1.10
ZIP Code 801	0.98
ZIP Code 803	0.95
ZIP Code 804	1.01
ZIP Code 808	1.01
ZIP Code 812	0.84
ZIP Code 816	0.88
ZIP Code 821	0.84
ZIP Code 822	0.84
ZIP Code 823	0.84
ZIP Code 830	0.84
ZIP Code 831	0.84
ZIP Code 834	0.83
ZIP Code 836	0.82
ZIP Code 838	0.81
ZIP Code 842	0.85
ZIP Code 843	0.82
ZIP Code 845	0.80
ZIP Code 865	1.12
ZIP Code 870	0.85
ZIP Code 872	0.86
ZIP Code 878	0.84
ZIP Code 885	1.20
ZIP Code 889	1.41
ZIP Code 897	1.25
ZIP Code 898	1.25
ZIP Code 901	1.55
ZIP Code 903	1.50
ZIP Code 904	1.50
ZIP Code 905	1.50
ZIP Code 907	1.50
ZIP Code 910	1.44
ZIP Code 912	1.44
ZIP Code 914	1.49
ZIP Code 915	1.52
ZIP Code 916	1.49
ZIP Code 918	1.59
ZIP Code 924	1.30
ZIP Code 925	1.30
ZIP Code 926	1.46
ZIP Code 936	1.18
ZIP Code 938	1.22
ZIP Code 942	1.76
ZIP Code 944	1.32
ZIP Code 947	1.61
ZIP Code 948	1.61
ZIP Code 949	1.48
ZIP Code 957	1.71
ZIP Code 961	1.43
ZIP Code 970	0.96
ZIP Code 978	0.84
ZIP Code 982	0.89
ZIP Code 985	0.83
ZIP Code 988	0.82
ZIP Code 990	0.86
ZIP Code 991	0.85
ZIP Code 994	0.82
ZIP Code 998	0.94
ZIP Code 999	0.94

TABLE E. — PHYSICIAN NATIONWIDE RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS FOR CPT CODES WITH WORK EXPENSE AND PRACTICE EXPENSE RVUS

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CPT Code	Modifider	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
10021		FNA W/O IMAGE	Surgery	1.27	1.02	$129.17
10022		FNA W/IMAGE	Surgery	1.27	1.11	$129.17
10040		ACNE SURGERY	Surgery	1.18	1.00	$129.17
10060		DRAINAGE OF SKIN ABSCESS	Surgery	1.17	1.51	$129.17
10061		DRAINAGE OF SKIN ABSCESS	Surgery	2.40	1.88	$129.17
10080		DRAINAGE OF PILONIDAL CYST	Surgery	1.17	2.18	$129.17
10081		DRAINAGE OF PILONIDAL CYST	Surgery	2.45	1.61	$129.17
10120		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.22	1.52	$129.17
10121		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	2.69	1.83	$129.17
10140		DRAINAGE OF HEMATOMA/FLUID	Surgery	1.53	1.54	$129.17
10160		PUNCTURE DRAINAGE OF LESION	Surgery	1.20	0.74	$129.17
10180		COMPLEX DRAINAGE, WOUND	Surgery	2.25	1.33	$129.17
11000		DEBRIDE INFECTED SKIN	Surgery	0.60	0.66	$129.17
11001		DEBRIDE INFECTED SKIN ADD-ON	Surgery	0.30	0.37	$129.17
11010		DEBRIDE SKIN, FX	Surgery	4.20	2.10	$129.17
11011		DEBRIDE SKIN/MUSCLE, FX	Surgery	4.95	2.69	$129.17
11012		DEBRIDE SKIN/MUSCLE/BONE, FX	Surgery	6.88	4.35	$129.17
11040		DEBRIDE SKIN, PARTIAL	Surgery	0.50	0.22	$129.17
11041		DEBRIDE SKIN, FULL	Surgery	0.82	0.34	$129.17
11042		DEBRIDE SKIN/TISSUE	Surgery	1.12	0.47	$129.17
11043		DEBRIDE TISSUE/MUSCLE	Surgery	2.38	1.42	$129.17
11044		DEBRIDE TISSUE/MUSCLE/BONE	Surgery	3.06	1.86	$129.17
11055		TRIM SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.43	0.52	$129.17
11056		TRIM SKIN LESIONS, 2 TO 4	Surgery	0.61	0.59	$129.17
11057		TRIM SKIN LESIONS, OVER 4	Surgery	0.79	0.66	$129.17
11100		BIOPSY OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.81	1.49	$129.17
11101		BIOPSY, SKIN ADD-ON	Surgery	0.41	0.71	$129.17
11200		REMOVAL OF SKIN TAGS	Surgery	0.77	1.20	$129.17
11201		REMOVE SKIN TAGS ADD-ON	Surgery	0.29	0.53	$129.17
11300		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.51	1.05	$129.17
11301		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.85	1.12	$129.17
11302		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.05	1.21	$129.17
11303		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.24	1.36	$129.17
11305		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.67	0.77	$129.17
11306		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.99	1.02	$129.17
11307		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.14	1.15	$129.17
11308		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.41	1.29	$129.17
11310		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.73	1.15	$129.17
11311		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.05	1.24	$129.17
11312		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.20	1.32	$129.17
11313		SHAVE SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.62	1.63	$129.17
11400		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	0.91	1.68	$129.17
11401		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.32	1.83	$129.17
11402		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.61	2.61	$129.17
11403		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.92	2.84	$129.17
11404		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.20	1.19	$129.17
11406		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.76	1.41	$129.17
11420		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.06	1.52	$129.17
11421		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.53	1.84	$129.17
11422		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.76	2.60	$129.17
11423		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.17	1.26	$129.17
11424		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.62	1.43	$129.17
11426		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	3.78	1.89	$129.17
11440		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.15	2.26	$129.17
11441		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.61	2.48	$129.17
11442		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.87	2.91	$129.17
11443		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.49	3.41	$129.17
11444		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	3.42	2.08	$129.17
11446		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	4.49	2.58	$129.17
11450		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	2.73	1.03	$129.17
11451		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	3.95	1.33	$129.17

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11462		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	2.51	0.98	$129.17
11463		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	3.95	1.67	$129.17
11470		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	3.25	1.26	$129.17
11471		REMOVAL, SWEAT GLAND LESION	Surgery	4.41	1.74	$129.17
11600		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.41	2.48	$129.17
11601		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.93	2.52	$129.17
11602		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.09	2.66	$129.17
11603		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.35	2.93	$129.17
11604		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.58	1.56	$129.17
11606		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	3.43	1.85	$129.17
11620		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.34	2.47	$129.17
11621		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.97	2.56	$129.17
11622		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.34	2.87	$129.17
11623		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.93	3.30	$129.17
11624		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	3.43	2.08	$129.17
11626		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	4.30	2.57	$129.17
11640		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	1.53	2.51	$129.17
11641		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.44	2.94	$129.17
11642		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	2.93	3.37	$129.17
11643		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	3.50	2.32	$129.17
11644		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	4.55	2.95	$129.17
11646		REMOVAL OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	5.95	3.77	$129.17
11719		TRIM NAIL(S)	Surgery	0.17	0.25	$129.17
11720		DEBRIDE NAIL, 1-5	Surgery	0.32	0.34	$129.17
11721		DEBRIDE NAIL, 6 OR MORE	Surgery	0.54	0.44	$129.17
11730		REMOVAL OF NAIL PLATE	Surgery	1.13	0.83	$129.17
11732		REMOVE NAIL PLATE, ADD-ON	Surgery	0.57	0.30	$129.17
11740		DRAIN BLOOD FROM UNDER NAIL	Surgery	0.37	0.81	$129.17
11750		REMOVAL OF NAIL BED	Surgery	1.86	1.75	$129.17
11752		REMOVE NAIL BED/FINGER TIP	Surgery	2.67	1.77	$129.17
11755		BIOPSY, NAIL UNIT	Surgery	1.31	1.10	$129.17
11760		REPAIR OF NAIL BED	Surgery	1.58	1.80	$129.17
11762		RECONSTRUCTION OF NAIL BED	Surgery	2.89	1.95	$129.17
11765		EXCISION OF NAIL FOLD, TOE	Surgery	0.69	1.14	$129.17
11770		REMOVAL OF PILONIDAL LESION	Surgery	2.61	1.26	$129.17
11771		REMOVAL OF PILONIDAL LESION	Surgery	5.74	4.01	$129.17
11772		REMOVAL OF PILONIDAL LESION	Surgery	6.98	4.44	$129.17
11900		INJECTION INTO SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	0.52	0.77	$129.17
11901		ADDED SKIN LESIONS INJECTION	Surgery	0.80	0.89	$129.17
11920		CORRECT SKIN COLOR DEFECTS	Surgery	1.61	2.25	$129.17
11921		CORRECT SKIN COLOR DEFECTS	Surgery	1.93	2.78	$129.17
11922		CORRECT SKIN COLOR DEFECTS	Surgery	0.49	0.40	$129.17
11950		THERAPY FOR CONTOUR DEFECTS	Surgery	0.84	1.23	$129.17
11951		THERAPY FOR CONTOUR DEFECTS	Surgery	1.19	1.47	$129.17
11952		THERAPY FOR CONTOUR DEFECTS	Surgery	1.69	0.64	$129.17
11954		THERAPY FOR CONTOUR DEFECTS	Surgery	1.85	0.97	$129.17
11960		INSERT TISSUE EXPANDER(S)	Surgery	9.08	11.54	$129.17
11970		REPLACE TISSUE EXPANDER	Surgery	7.06	5.15	$129.17
11971		REMOVE TISSUE EXPANDER(S)	Surgery	2.13	4.07	$129.17
11975		INSERT CONTRACEPTIVE CAP	Surgery	1.48	1.58	$129.17
11976		REMOVAL OF CONTRACEPTIVE CAP	Surgery	1.78	1.72	$129.17
11977		REMOVAL/REINSERT CONTRA CAP	Surgery	3.30	2.31	$129.17
11980		IMPLANT HORMONE PELLET(S)	Surgery	1.48	1.14	$129.17
11981		INSERT DRUG IMPLANT DEVICE	Surgery	1.48	0.59	$129.17
11982		REMOVE DRUG IMPLANT DEVICE	Surgery	1.78	0.71	$129.17
11983		REMOVE/INSERT DRUG IMPLANT	Surgery	3.30	1.32	$129.17
12001		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	1.70	2.13	$129.17
12002		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	1.86	2.21	$129.17
12004		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.24	1.07	$129.17
12005		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.86	1.25	$129.17
12006		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.67	1.59	$129.17

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12007		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.12	1.85	$129.17
12011		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	1.76	2.30	$129.17
12013		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	1.99	0.99	$129.17
12014		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.46	1.11	$129.17
12015		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.19	1.31	$129.17
12016		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.93	1.58	$129.17
12017		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.71	1.93	$129.17
12018		REPAIR SUPERFICIAL WOUND(S)	Surgery	5.53	2.18	$129.17
12020		CLOSURE OF SPLIT WOUND	Surgery	2.62	1.44	$129.17
12021		CLOSURE OF SPLIT WOUND	Surgery	1.84	1.02	$129.17
12031		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.15	2.21	$129.17
12032		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.47	1.36	$129.17
12034		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.92	1.51	$129.17
12035		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.43	1.73	$129.17
12036		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.05	2.50	$129.17
12037		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.67	2.86	$129.17
12041		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.37	2.41	$129.17
12042		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.74	1.49	$129.17
12044		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.14	1.67	$129.17
12045		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.64	1.93	$129.17
12046		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.25	2.62	$129.17
12047		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.65	2.86	$129.17
12051		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.47	3.11	$129.17
12052		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	2.77	1.47	$129.17
12053		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.12	1.63	$129.17
12054		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	3.46	1.72	$129.17
12055		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	4.43	2.27	$129.17
12056		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	5.24	3.26	$129.17
12057		LAYER CLOSURE OF WOUND(S)	Surgery	5.96	3.66	$129.17
13100		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	3.12	1.93	$129.17
13101		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	3.92	2.39	$129.17
13102		REPAIR WOUND/LESION ADD-ON	Surgery	1.24	0.60	$129.17
13120		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	3.30	1.95	$129.17
13121		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	4.33	2.52	$129.17
13122		REPAIR WOUND/LESION ADD-ON	Surgery	1.44	0.67	$129.17
13131		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	3.79	2.30	$129.17
13132		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	5.95	3.38	$129.17
13133		REPAIR WOUND/LESION ADD-ON	Surgery	2.19	1.08	$129.17
13150		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	3.81	2.75	$129.17
13151		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	4.45	3.19	$129.17
13152		REPAIR OF WOUND OR LESION	Surgery	6.33	4.14	$129.17
13153		REPAIR WOUND/LESION ADD-ON	Surgery	2.38	1.20	$129.17
13160		LATE CLOSURE OF WOUND	Surgery	10.48	6.47	$129.17
14000		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	5.89	7.58	$129.17
14001		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	8.47	6.18	$129.17
14020		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	6.59	5.56	$129.17
14021		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	10.06	7.38	$129.17
14040		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	7.87	6.27	$129.17
14041		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	11.49	8.17	$129.17
14060		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	8.50	7.13	$129.17
14061		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	12.29	9.08	$129.17
14300		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	11.76	8.68	$129.17
14350		SKIN TISSUE REARRANGEMENT	Surgery	9.61	6.48	$129.17
15000		SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	4.00	1.91	$129.17
15001		SKIN GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.00	0.43	$129.17
15050		SKIN PINCH GRAFT	Surgery	4.30	4.12	$129.17
15100		SKIN SPLIT GRAFT	Surgery	9.05	6.26	$129.17
15101		SKIN SPLIT GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.72	0.76	$129.17
15120		SKIN SPLIT GRAFT	Surgery	9.83	6.97	$129.17
15121		SKIN SPLIT GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	2.67	1.23	$129.17
15200		SKIN FULL GRAFT	Surgery	8.03	5.64	$129.17

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15201		SKIN FULL GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.32	0.68	$129.17
15220		SKIN FULL GRAFT	Surgery	7.87	6.47	$129.17
15221		SKIN FULL GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.19	0.60	$129.17
15240		SKIN FULL GRAFT	Surgery	9.04	7.27	$129.17
15241		SKIN FULL GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.86	0.95	$129.17
15260		SKIN FULL GRAFT	Surgery	10.06	7.74	$129.17
15261		SKIN FULL GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	2.23	1.16	$129.17
15342		CULTURED SKIN GRAFT, 25 CM	Surgery	1.00	1.04	$129.17
15343		CULTURE SKN GRAFT ADDL 25 CM	Surgery	0.25	0.10	$129.17
15350		SKIN HOMOGRAFT	Surgery	4.00	4.23	$129.17
15351		SKIN HOMOGRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.00	0.42	$129.17
15400		SKIN HETEROGRAFT	Surgery	4.00	4.89	$129.17
15401		SKIN HETEROGRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	1.00	0.47	$129.17
15570		FORM SKIN PEDICLE FLAP	Surgery	9.21	6.37	$129.17
15572		FORM SKIN PEDICLE FLAP	Surgery	9.27	6.34	$129.17
15574		FORM SKIN PEDICLE FLAP	Surgery	9.88	7.14	$129.17
15576		FORM SKIN PEDICLE FLAP	Surgery	8.69	6.55	$129.17
15600		SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	1.91	2.51	$129.17
15610		SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	2.42	2.67	$129.17
15620		SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	2.94	3.54	$129.17
15630		SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	3.27	3.83	$129.17
15650		TRANSFER SKIN PEDICLE FLAP	Surgery	3.97	3.99	$129.17
15732		MUSCLE-SKIN GRAFT, HEAD/NECK	Surgery	17.84	11.63	$129.17
15734		MUSCLE-SKIN GRAFT, TRUNK	Surgery	17.79	11.49	$129.17
15736		MUSCLE-SKIN GRAFT, ARM	Surgery	16.27	11.14	$129.17
15738		MUSCLE-SKIN GRAFT, LEG	Surgery	17.92	11.47	$129.17
15740		ISLAND PEDICLE FLAP GRAFT	Surgery	10.25	7.20	$129.17
15750		NEUROVASCULAR PEDICLE GRAFT	Surgery	11.41	8.45	$129.17
15756		FREE MUSCLE FLAP, MICROVASC	Surgery	35.23	22.50	$129.17
15757		FREE SKIN FLAP, MICROVASC	Surgery	35.23	22.54	$129.17
15758		FREE FASCIAL FLAP, MICROVASC	Surgery	35.10	22.75	$129.17
15760		COMPOSITE SKIN GRAFT	Surgery	8.74	6.93	$129.17
15770		DERMA-FAT-FASCIA GRAFT	Surgery	7.52	6.14	$129.17
15775		HAIR TRANSPLANT PUNCH GRAFTS	Surgery	3.96	3.12	$129.17
15776		HAIR TRANSPLANT PUNCH GRAFTS	Surgery	5.54	3.97	$129.17
15780		ABRASION TREATMENT OF SKIN	Surgery	7.29	6.13	$129.17
15781		ABRASION TREATMENT OF SKIN	Surgery	4.85	5.17	$129.17
15782		ABRASION TREATMENT OF SKIN	Surgery	4.32	4.37	$129.17
15783		ABRASION TREATMENT OF SKIN	Surgery	4.29	3.51	$129.17
15786		ABRASION, LESION, SINGLE	Surgery	2.03	1.73	$129.17
15787		ABRASION, LESIONS, ADD-ON	Surgery	0.33	0.39	$129.17
15788		CHEMICAL PEEL, FACE, EPIDERM	Surgery	2.09	3.15	$129.17
15789		CHEMICAL PEEL, FACE, DERMAL	Surgery	4.92	5.65	$129.17
15792		CHEMICAL PEEL, NONFACIAL	Surgery	1.86	2.87	$129.17
15793		CHEMICAL PEEL, NONFACIAL	Surgery	3.74	3.81	$129.17
15810		SALABRASION	Surgery	4.74	4.04	$129.17
15811		SALABRASION	Surgery	5.39	5.06	$129.17
15819		PLASTIC SURGERY, NECK	Surgery	9.38	6.24	$129.17
15820		REVISION OF LOWER EYELID	Surgery	5.15	7.13	$129.17
15821		REVISION OF LOWER EYELID	Surgery	5.72	7.34	$129.17
15822		REVISION OF UPPER EYELID	Surgery	4.45	6.58	$129.17
15823		REVISION OF UPPER EYELID	Surgery	7.05	7.60	$129.17
15831		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	12.40	8.14	$129.17
15832		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	11.59	8.04	$129.17
15833		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	10.64	7.34	$129.17
15834		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	10.85	7.59	$129.17
15835		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	11.67	7.94	$129.17
15836		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	9.34	6.51	$129.17
15837		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	8.43	6.38	$129.17
15838		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	7.13	5.70	$129.17
15839		EXCISE EXCESSIVE SKIN TISSUE	Surgery	9.38	5.97	$129.17

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15840		GRAFT FOR FACE NERVE PALSY	Surgery	13.26	10.10	$129.17
15841		GRAFT FOR FACE NERVE PALSY	Surgery	23.26	14.68	$129.17
15842		FLAP FOR FACE NERVE PALSY	Surgery	37.96	22.81	$129.17
15845		SKIN AND MUSCLE REPAIR, FACE	Surgery	12.57	8.81	$129.17
15850		REMOVAL OF SUTURES	Surgery	0.78	1.43	$129.17
15851		REMOVAL OF SUTURES	Surgery	0.86	1.64	$129.17
15852		DRESSING CHANGE,NOT FOR BURN	Surgery	0.86	1.93	$129.17
15860		TEST FOR BLOOD FLOW IN GRAFT	Surgery	1.95	1.35	$129.17
15920		REMOVAL OF TAIL BONE ULCER	Surgery	7.95	5.90	$129.17
15922		REMOVAL OF TAIL BONE ULCER	Surgery	9.90	7.78	$129.17
15931		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	9.24	5.89	$129.17
15933		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	10.85	8.32	$129.17
15934		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	12.69	8.48	$129.17
15935		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	14.57	10.12	$129.17
15936		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	12.38	8.81	$129.17
15937		REMOVE SACRUM PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	14.21	10.75	$129.17
15940		REMOVE HIP PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	9.34	6.17	$129.17
15941		REMOVE HIP PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	11.43	10.44	$129.17
15944		REMOVE HIP PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	11.46	8.77	$129.17
15945		REMOVE HIP PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	12.69	9.73	$129.17
15946		REMOVE HIP PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	21.57	14.65	$129.17
15950		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	7.54	5.43	$129.17
15951		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	10.72	8.07	$129.17
15952		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	11.39	7.86	$129.17
15953		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	12.63	9.24	$129.17
15956		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	15.52	10.71	$129.17
15958		REMOVE THIGH PRESSURE SORE	Surgery	15.48	11.20	$129.17
16000		INITIAL TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	0.89	1.09	$129.17
16010		TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	0.87	1.21	$129.17
16015		TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	2.35	1.03	$129.17
16020		TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	0.80	1.20	$129.17
16025		TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	1.85	1.94	$129.17
16030		TREATMENT OF BURN(S)	Surgery	2.08	0.97	$129.17
16035		INCISION OF BURN SCAB, INITI	Surgery	3.75	1.56	$129.17
16036		INCISE BURN SCAB, ADDL INCIS	Surgery	1.50	0.62	$129.17
17000		DETROY BENIGN/PREMAL LESION	Surgery	0.60	1.10	$129.17
17003		DESTROY LESIONS, 2-14	Surgery	0.15	0.24	$129.17
17004		DESTROY LESIONS, 15 OR MORE	Surgery	2.79	2.56	$129.17
17106		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	4.59	4.88	$129.17
17107		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	9.16	6.92	$129.17
17108		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	13.20	7.26	$129.17
17110		DESTRUCT LESION, 1-14	Surgery	0.65	1.11	$129.17
17111		DESTRUCT LESION, 15 OR MORE	Surgery	0.92	1.13	$129.17
17250		CHEMICAL CAUTERY, TISSUE	Surgery	0.50	0.76	$129.17
17260		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	0.91	1.37	$129.17
17261		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.17	1.48	$129.17
17262		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.58	1.69	$129.17
17263		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.79	1.80	$129.17
17264		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.94	1.87	$129.17
17266		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	2.34	2.08	$129.17
17270		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.32	1.57	$129.17
17271		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.49	1.65	$129.17
17272		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.77	1.79	$129.17
17273		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	2.05	1.93	$129.17
17274		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	2.59	2.21	$129.17
17276		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	3.20	2.52	$129.17
17280		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.17	1.41	$129.17
17281		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	1.72	1.77	$129.17
17282		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	2.04	1.93	$129.17
17283		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	2.64	2.23	$129.17
17284		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	3.21	2.52	$129.17

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17286		DESTRUCTION OF SKIN LESIONS	Surgery	4.44	3.23	$129.17
17304		CHEMOSURGERY OF SKIN LESION	Surgery	7.60	7.76	$129.17
17305		2ND STAGE CHEMOSURGERY	Surgery	2.85	3.60	$129.17
17306		3RD STAGE CHEMOSURGERY	Surgery	2.85	3.64	$129.17
17307		FOLLOWUP SKIN LESION THERAPY	Surgery	2.85	3.62	$129.17
17310		EXTENSIVE SKIN CHEMOSURGERY	Surgery	0.95	1.54	$129.17
17340		CRYOTHERAPY OF SKIN	Surgery	0.76	0.39	$129.17
17360		SKIN PEEL THERAPY	Surgery	1.43	1.46	$129.17
19000		DRAINAGE OF BREAST LESION	Surgery	0.84	1.27	$129.17
19001		DRAIN BREAST LESION ADD-ON	Surgery	0.42	0.86	$129.17
19020		INCISION OF BREAST LESION	Surgery	3.57	3.51	$129.17
19030		INJECTION FOR BREAST X-RAY	Surgery	1.53	3.70	$129.17
19100		BX BREAST PERCUT W/O IMAGE	Surgery	1.27	0.45	$129.17
19101		BIOPSY OF BREAST, OPEN	Surgery	3.18	1.97	$129.17
19102		BX BREAST PERCUT W/IMAGE	Surgery	2.00	0.71	$129.17
19103		BX BREAST PERCUT W/DEVICE	Surgery	3.70	1.31	$129.17
19110		NIPPLE EXPLORATION	Surgery	4.30	4.56	$129.17
19112		EXCISE BREAST DUCT FISTULA	Surgery	3.67	3.19	$129.17
19120		REMOVAL OF BREAST LESION	Surgery	5.56	3.20	$129.17
19125		EXCISION, BREAST LESION	Surgery	6.06	3.36	$129.17
19126		EXCISION, ADDL BREAST LESION	Surgery	2.93	1.06	$129.17
19140		REMOVAL OF BREAST TISSUE	Surgery	5.14	3.79	$129.17
19160		REMOVAL OF BREAST TISSUE	Surgery	5.99	4.62	$129.17
19162		REMOVE BREAST TISSUE, NODES	Surgery	13.53	8.07	$129.17
19180		REMOVAL OF BREAST	Surgery	8.80	6.08	$129.17
19182		REMOVAL OF BREAST	Surgery	7.73	5.06	$129.17
19200		REMOVAL OF BREAST	Surgery	15.49	9.33	$129.17
19220		REMOVAL OF BREAST	Surgery	15.72	9.52	$129.17
19240		REMOVAL OF BREAST	Surgery	16.00	8.94	$129.17
19260		REMOVAL OF CHEST WALL LESION	Surgery	15.44	9.12	$129.17
19271		REVISION OF CHEST WALL	Surgery	18.90	11.13	$129.17
19272		EXTENSIVE CHEST WALL SURGERY	Surgery	21.55	12.36	$129.17
19290		PLACE NEEDLE WIRE, BREAST	Surgery	1.27	0.45	$129.17
19291		PLACE NEEDLE WIRE, BREAST	Surgery	0.63	0.22	$129.17
19295		PLACE BREAST CLIP, PERCUT	Surgery	0.00	2.83	$129.17
19316		SUSPENSION OF BREAST	Surgery	10.69	8.00	$129.17
19318		REDUCTION OF LARGE BREAST	Surgery	15.62	10.64	$129.17
19324		ENLARGE BREAST	Surgery	5.85	4.41	$129.17
19325		ENLARGE BREAST WITH IMPLANT	Surgery	8.45	7.00	$129.17
19328		REMOVAL OF BREAST IMPLANT	Surgery	5.68	4.73	$129.17
19330		REMOVAL OF IMPLANT MATERIAL	Surgery	7.59	5.41	$129.17
19340		IMMEDIATE BREAST PROSTHESIS	Surgery	6.33	3.30	$129.17
19342		DELAYED BREAST PROSTHESIS	Surgery	11.20	8.15	$129.17
19350		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	8.92	7.09	$129.17
19355		CORRECT INVERTED NIPPLE(S)	Surgery	7.57	5.93	$129.17
19357		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	18.16	14.40	$129.17
19361		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	19.26	12.45	$129.17
19364		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	41.00	25.45	$129.17
19366		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	21.28	12.02	$129.17
19367		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	25.73	15.77	$129.17
19368		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	32.42	19.04	$129.17
19369		BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	29.82	18.29	$129.17
19370		SURGERY OF BREAST CAPSULE	Surgery	8.05	6.39	$129.17
19371		REMOVAL OF BREAST CAPSULE	Surgery	9.35	7.46	$129.17
19380		REVISE BREAST RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	9.14	7.35	$129.17
19396		DESIGN CUSTOM BREAST IMPLANT	Surgery	2.17	0.87	$129.17
20000		INCISION OF ABSCESS	Surgery	2.12	2.23	$129.17
20005		INCISION OF DEEP ABSCESS	Surgery	3.42	2.22	$129.17
20100		EXPLORE WOUND, NECK	Surgery	10.08	4.12	$129.17
20101		EXPLORE WOUND, CHEST	Surgery	3.22	1.64	$129.17
20102		EXPLORE WOUND, ABDOMEN	Surgery	3.94	1.85	$129.17

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20103		EXPLORE WOUND, EXTREMITY	Surgery	5.30	3.01	$129.17
20150		EXCISE EPIPHYSEAL BAR	Surgery	13.69	9.72	$129.17
20200		MUSCLE BIOPSY	Surgery	1.46	0.62	$129.17
20205		DEEP MUSCLE BIOPSY	Surgery	2.35	0.98	$129.17
20206		NEEDLE BIOPSY, MUSCLE	Surgery	0.99	0.36	$129.17
20220		BONE BIOPSY, TROCAR/NEEDLE	Surgery	1.27	2.98	$129.17
20225		BONE BIOPSY, TROCAR/NEEDLE	Surgery	1.87	3.06	$129.17
20240		BONE BIOPSY, EXCISIONAL	Surgery	3.23	4.15	$129.17
20245		BONE BIOPSY, EXCISIONAL	Surgery	7.78	6.91	$129.17
20250		OPEN BONE BIOPSY	Surgery	5.03	4.37	$129.17
20251		OPEN BONE BIOPSY	Surgery	5.56	4.86	$129.17
20500		INJECTION OF SINUS TRACT	Surgery	1.23	5.34	$129.17
20501		INJECT SINUS TRACT FOR X-RAY	Surgery	0.76	3.32	$129.17
20520		REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.85	5.62	$129.17
20525		REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	3.50	4.40	$129.17
20526		THER INJECTION CARPAL TUNNEL	Surgery	0.86	0.78	$129.17
20550		INJECT TENDON/LIGAMENT/CYST	Surgery	0.86	0.85	$129.17
20551		INJECT TENDON ORIGIN/INSERT	Surgery	0.86	0.78	$129.17
20552		INJECT TRIGGER POINT, 1 OR 2	Surgery	0.86	0.78	$129.17
20553		INJECT TRIGGER POINTS, > 3	Surgery	0.86	0.78	$129.17
20600		DRAIN/INJECT, JOINT/BURSA	Surgery	0.66	0.67	$129.17
20605		DRAIN/INJECT, JOINT/BURSA	Surgery	0.68	0.78	$129.17
20610		DRAIN/INJECT, JOINT/BURSA	Surgery	0.79	0.96	$129.17
20615		TREATMENT OF BONE CYST	Surgery	2.28	4.89	$129.17
20650		INSERT AND REMOVE BONE PIN	Surgery	2.23	3.19	$129.17
20660		APPLY,REMOVE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	2.51	1.49	$129.17
20661		APPLICATION OF HEAD BRACE	Surgery	4.89	6.74	$129.17
20662		APPLICATION OF PELVIS BRACE	Surgery	6.07	5.12	$129.17
20663		APPLICATION OF THIGH BRACE	Surgery	5.43	4.94	$129.17
20664		HALO BRACE APPLICATION	Surgery	8.06	8.55	$129.17
20665		REMOVAL OF FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	1.31	1.25	$129.17
20670		REMOVAL OF SUPPORT IMPLANT	Surgery	1.74	3.42	$129.17
20680		REMOVAL OF SUPPORT IMPLANT	Surgery	3.35	5.04	$129.17
20690		APPLY BONE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	3.52	1.91	$129.17
20692		APPLY BONE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	6.41	3.57	$129.17
20693		ADJUST BONE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	5.86	12.98	$129.17
20694		REMOVE BONE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	4.16	6.30	$129.17
20802		REPLANTATION, ARM, COMPLETE	Surgery	41.15	28.95	$129.17
20805		REPLANT, FOREARM, COMPLETE	Surgery	50.00	38.72	$129.17
20808		REPLANTATION HAND, COMPLETE	Surgery	61.65	56.41	$129.17
20816		REPLANTATION DIGIT, COMPLETE	Surgery	30.94	49.50	$129.17
20822		REPLANTATION DIGIT, COMPLETE	Surgery	25.59	45.97	$129.17
20824		REPLANTATION THUMB, COMPLETE	Surgery	30.94	49.10	$129.17
20827		REPLANTATION THUMB, COMPLETE	Surgery	26.41	45.65	$129.17
20838		REPLANTATION FOOT, COMPLETE	Surgery	41.41	25.82	$129.17
20900		REMOVAL OF BONE FOR GRAFT	Surgery	5.58	5.97	$129.17
20902		REMOVAL OF BONE FOR GRAFT	Surgery	7.55	8.91	$129.17
20910		REMOVE CARTILAGE FOR GRAFT	Surgery	5.34	6.94	$129.17
20912		REMOVE CARTILAGE FOR GRAFT	Surgery	6.35	7.68	$129.17
20920		REMOVAL OF FASCIA FOR GRAFT	Surgery	5.31	5.44	$129.17
20922		REMOVAL OF FASCIA FOR GRAFT	Surgery	6.61	6.28	$129.17
20924		REMOVAL OF TENDON FOR GRAFT	Surgery	6.48	7.03	$129.17
20926		REMOVAL OF TISSUE FOR GRAFT	Surgery	5.53	6.54	$129.17
20931		SPINAL BONE ALLOGRAFT	Surgery	1.81	0.98	$129.17
20937		SPINAL BONE AUTOGRAFT	Surgery	2.79	1.54	$129.17
20938		SPINAL BONE AUTOGRAFT	Surgery	3.02	1.64	$129.17
20950		FLUID PRESSURE, MUSCLE	Surgery	1.26	2.15	$129.17
20955		FIBULA BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC	Surgery	39.21	30.52	$129.17
20956		ILIAC BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC	Surgery	39.27	28.18	$129.17
20957		MT BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC	Surgery	40.65	21.71	$129.17
20962		OTHER BONE GRAFT, MICROVASC	Surgery	39.27	28.54	$129.17

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20969		BONE/SKIN GRAFT, MICROVASC	Surgery	43.92	33.31	$129.17
20970		BONE/SKIN GRAFT, ILIAC CREST	Surgery	43.06	30.08	$129.17
20972		BONE/SKIN GRAFT, METATARSAL	Surgery	42.99	18.23	$129.17
20973		BONE/SKIN GRAFT, GREAT TOE	Surgery	45.76	30.52	$129.17
20974		ELECTRICAL BONE STIMULATION	Surgery	0.62	0.47	$129.17
20975		ELECTRICAL BONE STIMULATION	Surgery	2.60	1.42	$129.17
20979		US BONE STIMULATION	Surgery	0.62	0.58	$129.17
21010		INCISION OF JAW JOINT	Surgery	10.14	7.24	$129.17
21015		RESECTION OF FACIAL TUMOR	Surgery	5.29	7.38	$129.17
21025		EXCISION OF BONE, LOWER JAW	Surgery	10.06	7.00	$129.17
21026		EXCISION OF FACIAL BONE(S)	Surgery	4.85	5.12	$129.17
21029		CONTOUR OF FACE BONE LESION	Surgery	7.71	6.73	$129.17
21030		REMOVAL OF FACE BONE LESION	Surgery	6.46	5.47	$129.17
21031		REMOVE EXOSTOSIS, MANDIBLE	Surgery	3.24	3.39	$129.17
21032		REMOVE EXOSTOSIS, MAXILLA	Surgery	3.24	3.38	$129.17
21034		REMOVAL OF FACE BONE LESION	Surgery	16.17	10.59	$129.17
21040		REMOVAL OF JAW BONE LESION	Surgery	2.11	1.81	$129.17
21041		REMOVAL OF JAW BONE LESION	Surgery	6.71	4.46	$129.17
21044		REMOVAL OF JAW BONE LESION	Surgery	11.86	8.33	$129.17
21045		EXTENSIVE JAW SURGERY	Surgery	16.17	10.63	$129.17
21050		REMOVAL OF JAW JOINT	Surgery	10.77	11.93	$129.17
21060		REMOVE JAW JOINT CARTILAGE	Surgery	10.23	10.59	$129.17
21070		REMOVE CORONOID PROCESS	Surgery	8.20	6.36	$129.17
21076		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	13.42	9.87	$129.17
21077		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	33.75	24.83	$129.17
21079		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	22.34	17.55	$129.17
21080		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	25.10	19.72	$129.17
21081		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	22.88	17.97	$129.17
21082		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	20.87	15.35	$129.17
21083		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	19.30	15.16	$129.17
21084		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	22.51	17.68	$129.17
21085		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	9.00	6.62	$129.17
21086		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	24.92	19.58	$129.17
21087		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	24.92	18.33	$129.17
21100		MAXILLOFACIAL FIXATION	Surgery	4.22	3.70	$129.17
21110		INTERDENTAL FIXATION	Surgery	5.21	5.25	$129.17
21116		INJECTION, JAW JOINT X-RAY	Surgery	0.81	7.88	$129.17
21120		RECONSTRUCTION OF CHIN	Surgery	4.93	4.98	$129.17
21121		RECONSTRUCTION OF CHIN	Surgery	7.64	6.65	$129.17
21122		RECONSTRUCTION OF CHIN	Surgery	8.52	7.95	$129.17
21123		RECONSTRUCTION OF CHIN	Surgery	11.16	7.68	$129.17
21125		AUGMENTATION, LOWER JAW BONE	Surgery	10.62	7.84	$129.17
21127		AUGMENTATION, LOWER JAW BONE	Surgery	11.12	7.33	$129.17
21137		REDUCTION OF FOREHEAD	Surgery	9.82	8.20	$129.17
21138		REDUCTION OF FOREHEAD	Surgery	12.19	8.82	$129.17
21139		REDUCTION OF FOREHEAD	Surgery	14.61	8.23	$129.17
21141		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	18.10	10.69	$129.17
21142		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	18.81	13.80	$129.17
21143		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	19.58	11.21	$129.17
21145		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	19.94	11.69	$129.17
21146		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	20.71	11.61	$129.17
21147		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	21.77	12.07	$129.17
21150		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	25.24	17.20	$129.17
21151		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	28.30	21.35	$129.17
21154		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	30.52	21.03	$129.17
21155		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	34.45	23.20	$129.17
21159		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	42.38	21.72	$129.17
21160		RECONSTRUCT MIDFACE, LEFORT	Surgery	46.44	30.39	$129.17
21172		RECONSTRUCT ORBIT/FOREHEAD	Surgery	27.80	16.39	$129.17
21175		RECONSTRUCT ORBIT/FOREHEAD	Surgery	33.17	19.79	$129.17
21179		RECONSTRUCT ENTIRE FOREHEAD	Surgery	22.25	18.94	$129.17

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21180		RECONSTRUCT ENTIRE FOREHEAD	Surgery	25.19	18.33	$129.17
21181		CONTOUR CRANIAL BONE LESION	Surgery	9.90	8.46	$129.17
21182		RECONSTRUCT CRANIAL BONE	Surgery	32.19	21.97	$129.17
21183		RECONSTRUCT CRANIAL BONE	Surgery	35.31	22.93	$129.17
21184		RECONSTRUCT CRANIAL BONE	Surgery	38.24	19.54	$129.17
21188		RECONSTRUCTION OF MIDFACE	Surgery	22.46	15.86	$129.17
21193		RECONST LWR JAW W/O GRAFT	Surgery	17.15	10.77	$129.17
21194		RECONST LWR JAW W/GRAFT	Surgery	19.84	12.44	$129.17
21195		RECONST LWR JAW W/O FIXATION	Surgery	17.24	12.36	$129.17
21196		RECONST LWR JAW W/FIXATION	Surgery	18.91	12.83	$129.17
21198		RECONSTR LWR JAW SEGMENT	Surgery	14.16	12.30	$129.17
21199		RECONSTR LWR JAW W/ADVANCE	Surgery	16.00	10.85	$129.17
21206		RECONSTRUCT UPPER JAW BONE	Surgery	14.10	9.39	$129.17
21208		AUGMENTATION OF FACIAL BONES	Surgery	10.23	8.62	$129.17
21209		REDUCTION OF FACIAL BONES	Surgery	6.72	6.54	$129.17
21210		FACE BONE GRAFT	Surgery	10.23	8.28	$129.17
21215		LOWER JAW BONE GRAFT	Surgery	10.77	7.48	$129.17
21230		RIB CARTILAGE GRAFT	Surgery	10.77	10.85	$129.17
21235		EAR CARTILAGE GRAFT	Surgery	6.72	8.36	$129.17
21240		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW JOINT	Surgery	14.05	11.79	$129.17
21242		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW JOINT	Surgery	12.95	10.85	$129.17
21243		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW JOINT	Surgery	20.79	13.97	$129.17
21244		RECONSTRUCTION OF LOWER JAW	Surgery	11.86	9.56	$129.17
21245		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW	Surgery	11.86	10.25	$129.17
21246		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW	Surgery	12.47	10.20	$129.17
21247		RECONSTRUCT LOWER JAW BONE	Surgery	22.63	20.17	$129.17
21248		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW	Surgery	11.48	7.86	$129.17
21249		RECONSTRUCTION OF JAW	Surgery	17.52	10.35	$129.17
21255		RECONSTRUCT LOWER JAW BONE	Surgery	16.72	13.16	$129.17
21256		RECONSTRUCTION OF ORBIT	Surgery	16.19	13.87	$129.17
21260		REVISE EYE SOCKETS	Surgery	16.52	13.54	$129.17
21261		REVISE EYE SOCKETS	Surgery	31.49	20.04	$129.17
21263		REVISE EYE SOCKETS	Surgery	28.42	15.09	$129.17
21267		REVISE EYE SOCKETS	Surgery	18.90	14.75	$129.17
21268		REVISE EYE SOCKETS	Surgery	24.48	15.15	$129.17
21270		AUGMENTATION, CHEEK BONE	Surgery	10.23	9.99	$129.17
21275		REVISION, ORBITOFACIAL BONES	Surgery	11.24	11.02	$129.17
21280		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	6.03	6.27	$129.17
21282		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	3.49	5.38	$129.17
21295		REVISION OF JAW MUSCLE/BONE	Surgery	1.53	4.34	$129.17
21296		REVISION OF JAW MUSCLE/BONE	Surgery	4.25	4.09	$129.17
21300		TREATMENT OF SKULL FRACTURE	Surgery	0.72	0.30	$129.17
21310		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	0.58	0.15	$129.17
21315		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.51	1.27	$129.17
21320		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.85	2.10	$129.17
21325		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.77	3.73	$129.17
21330		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.38	5.67	$129.17
21335		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	8.61	7.34	$129.17
21336		TREAT NASAL SEPTAL FRACTURE	Surgery	5.72	5.74	$129.17
21337		TREAT NASAL SEPTAL FRACTURE	Surgery	2.70	3.42	$129.17
21338		TREAT NASOETHMOID FRACTURE	Surgery	6.46	5.75	$129.17
21339		TREAT NASOETHMOID FRACTURE	Surgery	8.09	6.97	$129.17
21340		TREATMENT OF NOSE FRACTURE	Surgery	10.77	8.78	$129.17
21343		TREATMENT OF SINUS FRACTURE	Surgery	12.95	9.48	$129.17
21344		TREATMENT OF SINUS FRACTURE	Surgery	19.72	13.82	$129.17
21345		TREAT NOSE/JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	8.16	7.91	$129.17
21346		TREAT NOSE/JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	10.61	10.12	$129.17
21347		TREAT NOSE/JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	12.69	9.68	$129.17
21348		TREAT NOSE/JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	16.69	11.57	$129.17
21355		TREAT CHEEK BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.77	2.54	$129.17
21356		TREAT CHEEK BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	4.15	3.31	$129.17

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21365		TREAT CHEEK BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	14.95	11.72	$129.17
21366		TREAT CHEEK BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	17.77	14.28	$129.17
21385		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	9.16	8.04	$129.17
21386		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	9.16	8.43	$129.17
21387		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	9.70	8.55	$129.17
21390		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	10.13	8.73	$129.17
21395		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	12.68	9.24	$129.17
21400		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	1.40	1.05	$129.17
21401		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	3.26	3.65	$129.17
21406		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	7.01	7.20	$129.17
21407		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	8.61	7.99	$129.17
21408		TREAT EYE SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	12.38	10.29	$129.17
21421		TREAT MOUTH ROOF FRACTURE	Surgery	5.14	6.84	$129.17
21422		TREAT MOUTH ROOF FRACTURE	Surgery	8.32	7.93	$129.17
21423		TREAT MOUTH ROOF FRACTURE	Surgery	10.40	8.63	$129.17
21431		TREAT CRANIOFACIAL FRACTURE	Surgery	7.05	8.44	$129.17
21432		TREAT CRANIOFACIAL FRACTURE	Surgery	8.61	8.06	$129.17
21433		TREAT CRANIOFACIAL FRACTURE	Surgery	25.35	17.29	$129.17
21435		TREAT CRANIOFACIAL FRACTURE	Surgery	17.25	12.97	$129.17
21436		TREAT CRANIOFACIAL FRACTURE	Surgery	28.04	16.02	$129.17
21440		TREAT DENTAL RIDGE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.70	3.73	$129.17
21445		TREAT DENTAL RIDGE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.38	5.04	$129.17
21450		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	2.97	2.90	$129.17
21451		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	4.87	6.11	$129.17
21452		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	1.98	4.35	$129.17
21453		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	5.54	6.69	$129.17
21454		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	6.46	5.72	$129.17
21461		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	8.09	8.26	$129.17
21462		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	9.79	8.18	$129.17
21465		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	11.91	8.42	$129.17
21470		TREAT LOWER JAW FRACTURE	Surgery	15.34	10.31	$129.17
21480		RESET DISLOCATED JAW	Surgery	0.61	1.62	$129.17
21485		RESET DISLOCATED JAW	Surgery	3.99	3.34	$129.17
21490		REPAIR DISLOCATED JAW	Surgery	11.86	7.69	$129.17
21493		TREAT HYOID BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.27	3.68	$129.17
21494		TREAT HYOID BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	6.28	4.21	$129.17
21495		TREAT HYOID BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.69	5.28	$129.17
21497		INTERDENTAL WIRING	Surgery	3.86	3.81	$129.17
21501		DRAIN NECK/CHEST LESION	Surgery	3.81	3.64	$129.17
21502		DRAIN CHEST LESION	Surgery	7.12	7.05	$129.17
21510		DRAINAGE OF BONE LESION	Surgery	5.74	7.47	$129.17
21550		BIOPSY OF NECK/CHEST	Surgery	2.06	1.25	$129.17
21555		REMOVE LESION, NECK/CHEST	Surgery	4.35	2.43	$129.17
21556		REMOVE LESION, NECK/CHEST	Surgery	5.57	3.29	$129.17
21557		REMOVE TUMOR, NECK/CHEST	Surgery	8.88	7.87	$129.17
21600		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RIB	Surgery	6.89	7.80	$129.17
21610		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RIB	Surgery	14.61	11.26	$129.17
21615		REMOVAL OF RIB	Surgery	9.87	7.90	$129.17
21616		REMOVAL OF RIB AND NERVES	Surgery	12.04	8.94	$129.17
21620		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF STERNUM	Surgery	6.79	8.13	$129.17
21627		STERNAL DEBRIDEMENT	Surgery	6.81	12.16	$129.17
21630		EXTENSIVE STERNUM SURGERY	Surgery	17.38	14.03	$129.17
21632		EXTENSIVE STERNUM SURGERY	Surgery	18.14	12.35	$129.17
21700		REVISION OF NECK MUSCLE	Surgery	6.19	7.19	$129.17
21705		REVISION OF NECK MUSCLE/RIB	Surgery	9.60	7.87	$129.17
21720		REVISION OF NECK MUSCLE	Surgery	5.68	5.93	$129.17
21725		REVISION OF NECK MUSCLE	Surgery	6.99	7.28	$129.17
21740		RECONSTRUCTION OF STERNUM	Surgery	16.50	12.85	$129.17
21750		REPAIR OF STERNUM SEPARATION	Surgery	10.77	9.41	$129.17
21800		TREATMENT OF RIB FRACTURE	Surgery	0.96	1.11	$129.17

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21805		TREATMENT OF RIB FRACTURE	Surgery	2.75	4.08	$129.17
21810		TREATMENT OF RIB FRACTURE(S)	Surgery	6.86	7.49	$129.17
21820		TREAT STERNUM FRACTURE	Surgery	1.28	1.58	$129.17
21825		TREAT STERNUM FRACTURE	Surgery	7.41	9.90	$129.17
21920		BIOPSY SOFT TISSUE OF BACK	Surgery	2.06	2.40	$129.17
21925		BIOPSY SOFT TISSUE OF BACK	Surgery	4.49	4.79	$129.17
21930		REMOVE LESION, BACK OR FLANK	Surgery	5.00	2.66	$129.17
21935		REMOVE TUMOR, BACK	Surgery	17.96	13.53	$129.17
22100		REMOVE PART OF NECK VERTEBRA	Surgery	9.73	8.36	$129.17
22101		REMOVE PART, THORAX VERTEBRA	Surgery	9.81	9.04	$129.17
22102		REMOVE PART, LUMBAR VERTEBRA	Surgery	9.81	9.18	$129.17
22103		REMOVE EXTRA SPINE SEGMENT	Surgery	2.34	1.27	$129.17
22110		REMOVE PART OF NECK VERTEBRA	Surgery	12.74	11.06	$129.17
22112		REMOVE PART, THORAX VERTEBRA	Surgery	12.81	10.95	$129.17
22114		REMOVE PART, LUMBAR VERTEBRA	Surgery	12.81	10.71	$129.17
22116		REMOVE EXTRA SPINE SEGMENT	Surgery	2.32	1.26	$129.17
22210		REVISION OF NECK SPINE	Surgery	23.82	17.42	$129.17
22212		REVISION OF THORAX SPINE	Surgery	19.42	14.60	$129.17
22214		REVISION OF LUMBAR SPINE	Surgery	19.45	15.32	$129.17
22216		REVISE, EXTRA SPINE SEGMENT	Surgery	6.04	3.31	$129.17
22220		REVISION OF NECK SPINE	Surgery	21.37	15.61	$129.17
22222		REVISION OF THORAX SPINE	Surgery	21.52	15.08	$129.17
22224		REVISION OF LUMBAR SPINE	Surgery	21.52	15.70	$129.17
22226		REVISE, EXTRA SPINE SEGMENT	Surgery	6.04	3.22	$129.17
22305		TREAT SPINE PROCESS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.05	2.01	$129.17
22310		TREAT SPINE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.61	3.54	$129.17
22315		TREAT SPINE FRACTURE	Surgery	8.84	9.32	$129.17
22318		TREAT ODONTOID FX W/O GRAFT	Surgery	21.50	15.02	$129.17
22319		TREAT ODONTOID FX W/GRAFT	Surgery	24.00	17.42	$129.17
22325		TREAT SPINE FRACTURE	Surgery	18.30	14.94	$129.17
22326		TREAT NECK SPINE FRACTURE	Surgery	19.59	15.67	$129.17
22327		TREAT THORAX SPINE FRACTURE	Surgery	19.20	15.43	$129.17
22328		TREAT EACH ADD SPINE FX	Surgery	4.61	2.43	$129.17
22505		MANIPULATION OF SPINE	Surgery	1.87	3.20	$129.17
22520		PERCUT VERTEBROPLASTY THOR	Surgery	8.91	4.15	$129.17
22521		PERCUT VERTEBROPLASTY LUMB	Surgery	8.34	3.92	$129.17
22522		PERCUT VERTEBROPLASTY ADDL	Surgery	4.31	1.75	$129.17
22548		NECK SPINE FUSION	Surgery	25.82	18.08	$129.17
22554		NECK SPINE FUSION	Surgery	18.62	13.94	$129.17
22556		THORAX SPINE FUSION	Surgery	23.46	16.80	$129.17
22558		LUMBAR SPINE FUSION	Surgery	22.28	15.27	$129.17
22585		ADDITIONAL SPINAL FUSION	Surgery	5.53	2.94	$129.17
22590		SPINE & SKULL SPINAL FUSION	Surgery	20.51	15.56	$129.17
22595		NECK SPINAL FUSION	Surgery	19.39	14.58	$129.17
22600		NECK SPINE FUSION	Surgery	16.14	12.66	$129.17
22610		THORAX SPINE FUSION	Surgery	16.02	12.98	$129.17
22612		LUMBAR SPINE FUSION	Surgery	21.00	15.75	$129.17
22614		SPINE FUSION, EXTRA SEGMENT	Surgery	6.44	3.54	$129.17
22630		LUMBAR SPINE FUSION	Surgery	20.84	16.01	$129.17
22632		SPINE FUSION, EXTRA SEGMENT	Surgery	5.23	2.75	$129.17
22800		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	18.25	14.30	$129.17
22802		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	30.88	21.88	$129.17
22804		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	36.27	24.48	$129.17
22808		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	26.27	18.27	$129.17
22810		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	30.27	19.63	$129.17
22812		FUSION OF SPINE	Surgery	32.70	21.89	$129.17
22818		KYPHECTOMY, 1-2 SEGMENTS	Surgery	31.83	21.69	$129.17
22819		KYPHECTOMY, 3 OR MORE	Surgery	36.44	22.19	$129.17
22830		EXPLORATION OF SPINAL FUSION	Surgery	10.85	10.05	$129.17
22840		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	12.54	6.84	$129.17
22842		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	12.58	6.83	$129.17

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22843		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	13.46	7.39	$129.17
22844		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	16.44	9.26	$129.17
22845		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	11.96	6.38	$129.17
22846		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	12.42	6.70	$129.17
22847		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	13.80	7.08	$129.17
22848		INSERT PELV FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	6.00	3.38	$129.17
22849		REINSERT SPINAL FIXATION	Surgery	18.51	14.22	$129.17
22850		REMOVE SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	9.52	8.89	$129.17
22851		APPLY SPINE PROSTH DEVICE	Surgery	6.71	3.54	$129.17
22852		REMOVE SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	9.01	8.60	$129.17
22855		REMOVE SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	15.13	11.67	$129.17
22900		REMOVE ABDOMINAL WALL LESION	Surgery	5.80	4.42	$129.17
23000		REMOVAL OF CALCIUM DEPOSITS	Surgery	4.36	6.97	$129.17
23020		RELEASE SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	8.93	10.53	$129.17
23030		DRAIN SHOULDER LESION	Surgery	3.43	4.44	$129.17
23031		DRAIN SHOULDER BURSA	Surgery	2.74	5.80	$129.17
23035		DRAIN SHOULDER BONE LESION	Surgery	8.61	16.13	$129.17
23040		EXPLORATORY SHOULDER SURGERY	Surgery	9.20	11.71	$129.17
23044		EXPLORATORY SHOULDER SURGERY	Surgery	7.12	10.73	$129.17
23065		BIOPSY SHOULDER TISSUES	Surgery	2.27	1.34	$129.17
23066		BIOPSY SHOULDER TISSUES	Surgery	4.16	6.16	$129.17
23075		REMOVAL OF SHOULDER LESION	Surgery	2.39	3.17	$129.17
23076		REMOVAL OF SHOULDER LESION	Surgery	7.63	8.36	$129.17
23077		REMOVE TUMOR OF SHOULDER	Surgery	16.09	14.41	$129.17
23100		BIOPSY OF SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	6.03	8.73	$129.17
23101		SHOULDER JOINT SURGERY	Surgery	5.58	8.63	$129.17
23105		REMOVE SHOULDER JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.23	10.18	$129.17
23106		INCISION OF COLLARBONE JOINT	Surgery	5.96	9.27	$129.17
23107		EXPLORE TREAT SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	8.62	10.41	$129.17
23120		PARTIAL REMOVAL, COLLAR BONE	Surgery	7.11	9.55	$129.17
23125		REMOVAL OF COLLAR BONE	Surgery	9.39	10.78	$129.17
23130		REMOVE SHOULDER BONE, PART	Surgery	7.55	9.82	$129.17
23140		REMOVAL OF BONE LESION	Surgery	6.89	8.31	$129.17
23145		REMOVAL OF BONE LESION	Surgery	9.09	10.87	$129.17
23146		REMOVAL OF BONE LESION	Surgery	7.83	10.70	$129.17
23150		REMOVAL OF HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	8.48	10.14	$129.17
23155		REMOVAL OF HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	10.35	12.33	$129.17
23156		REMOVAL OF HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	8.68	10.45	$129.17
23170		REMOVE COLLAR BONE LESION	Surgery	6.86	11.33	$129.17
23172		REMOVE SHOULDER BLADE LESION	Surgery	6.90	9.59	$129.17
23174		REMOVE HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	9.51	11.74	$129.17
23180		REMOVE COLLAR BONE LESION	Surgery	8.53	16.16	$129.17
23182		REMOVE SHOULDER BLADE LESION	Surgery	8.15	16.18	$129.17
23184		REMOVE HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	9.38	16.43	$129.17
23190		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF SCAPULA	Surgery	7.24	8.74	$129.17
23195		REMOVAL OF HEAD OF HUMERUS	Surgery	9.81	10.03	$129.17
23200		REMOVAL OF COLLAR BONE	Surgery	12.08	14.39	$129.17
23210		REMOVAL OF SHOULDER BLADE	Surgery	12.49	13.96	$129.17
23220		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HUMERUS	Surgery	14.56	15.57	$129.17
23221		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HUMERUS	Surgery	17.74	16.93	$129.17
23222		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HUMERUS	Surgery	23.92	20.66	$129.17
23330		REMOVE SHOULDER FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.85	3.49	$129.17
23331		REMOVE SHOULDER FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	7.38	9.70	$129.17
23332		REMOVE SHOULDER FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	11.62	12.12	$129.17
23350		INJECTION FOR SHOULDER X-RAY	Surgery	1.00	7.22	$129.17
23395		MUSCLE TRANSFER,SHOULDER/ARM	Surgery	16.85	14.09	$129.17
23397		MUSCLE TRANSFERS	Surgery	16.13	13.86	$129.17
23400		FIXATION OF SHOULDER BLADE	Surgery	13.54	14.52	$129.17
23405		INCISION OF TENDON & MUSCLE	Surgery	8.37	9.66	$129.17
23406		INCISE TENDON(S) & MUSCLE(S)	Surgery	10.79	11.55	$129.17
23410		REPAIR OF TENDON(S)	Surgery	12.45	12.55	$129.17

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23412		REPAIR OF TENDON(S)	Surgery	13.31	13.05	$129.17
23415		RELEASE OF SHOULDER LIGAMENT	Surgery	9.97	10.22	$129.17
23420		REPAIR OF SHOULDER	Surgery	13.30	13.94	$129.17
23430		REPAIR BICEPS TENDON	Surgery	9.98	11.15	$129.17
23440		REMOVE/TRANSPLANT TENDON	Surgery	10.48	11.54	$129.17
23450		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	13.40	13.02	$129.17
23455		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	14.37	13.62	$129.17
23460		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	15.37	14.21	$129.17
23462		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	15.30	13.68	$129.17
23465		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	15.85	14.47	$129.17
23466		REPAIR SHOULDER CAPSULE	Surgery	14.22	13.63	$129.17
23470		RECONSTRUCT SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	17.15	15.16	$129.17
23472		RECONSTRUCT SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	21.10	17.40	$129.17
23480		REVISION OF COLLAR BONE	Surgery	11.18	11.94	$129.17
23485		REVISION OF COLLAR BONE	Surgery	13.43	13.10	$129.17
23490		REINFORCE CLAVICLE	Surgery	11.86	13.74	$129.17
23491		REINFORCE SHOULDER BONES	Surgery	14.21	13.54	$129.17
23500		TREAT CLAVICLE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.08	2.60	$129.17
23505		TREAT CLAVICLE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.69	4.02	$129.17
23515		TREAT CLAVICLE FRACTURE	Surgery	7.41	8.24	$129.17
23520		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.16	2.67	$129.17
23525		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.60	4.08	$129.17
23530		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.31	7.94	$129.17
23532		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	8.01	8.67	$129.17
23540		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.23	2.63	$129.17
23545		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.25	3.65	$129.17
23550		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.24	8.29	$129.17
23552		TREAT CLAVICLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	8.45	8.82	$129.17
23570		TREAT SHOULDER BLADE FX	Surgery	2.23	2.70	$129.17
23575		TREAT SHOULDER BLADE FX	Surgery	4.06	4.18	$129.17
23585		TREAT SCAPULA FRACTURE	Surgery	8.96	9.31	$129.17
23600		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.93	3.71	$129.17
23605		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	4.87	6.55	$129.17
23615		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	9.35	10.19	$129.17
23616		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	21.27	16.26	$129.17
23620		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.40	3.43	$129.17
23625		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	3.93	5.57	$129.17
23630		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	7.35	8.20	$129.17
23650		TREAT SHOULDER DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.39	3.67	$129.17
23655		TREAT SHOULDER DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.57	4.39	$129.17
23660		TREAT SHOULDER DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.49	8.27	$129.17
23665		TREAT DISLOCATION/FRACTURE	Surgery	4.47	5.81	$129.17
23670		TREAT DISLOCATION/FRACTURE	Surgery	7.90	8.72	$129.17
23675		TREAT DISLOCATION/FRACTURE	Surgery	6.05	6.71	$129.17
23680		TREAT DISLOCATION/FRACTURE	Surgery	10.06	9.89	$129.17
23700		FIXATION OF SHOULDER	Surgery	2.52	3.48	$129.17
23800		FUSION OF SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	14.16	14.28	$129.17
23802		FUSION OF SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	16.60	15.83	$129.17
23900		AMPUTATION OF ARM & GIRDLE	Surgery	19.72	16.35	$129.17
23920		AMPUTATION AT SHOULDER JOINT	Surgery	14.61	13.70	$129.17
23921		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	5.49	6.67	$129.17
23930		DRAINAGE OF ARM LESION	Surgery	2.94	4.01	$129.17
23931		DRAINAGE OF ARM BURSA	Surgery	1.79	3.74	$129.17
23935		DRAIN ARM/ELBOW BONE LESION	Surgery	6.09	12.90	$129.17
24000		EXPLORATORY ELBOW SURGERY	Surgery	5.82	6.06	$129.17
24006		RELEASE ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	9.31	8.64	$129.17
24065		BIOPSY ARM/ELBOW SOFT TISSUE	Surgery	2.08	3.25	$129.17
24066		BIOPSY ARM/ELBOW SOFT TISSUE	Surgery	5.21	6.40	$129.17
24075		REMOVE ARM/ELBOW LESION	Surgery	3.92	5.91	$129.17
24076		REMOVE ARM/ELBOW LESION	Surgery	6.30	7.39	$129.17
24077		REMOVE TUMOR OF ARM/ELBOW	Surgery	11.76	14.23	$129.17

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24100		BIOPSY ELBOW JOINT LINING	Surgery	4.93	5.83	$129.17
24101		EXPLORE/TREAT ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	6.13	6.82	$129.17
24102		REMOVE ELBOW JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.03	7.81	$129.17
24105		REMOVAL OF ELBOW BURSA	Surgery	3.61	5.26	$129.17
24110		REMOVE HUMERUS LESION	Surgery	7.39	9.75	$129.17
24115		REMOVE/GRAFT BONE LESION	Surgery	9.63	10.80	$129.17
24116		REMOVE/GRAFT BONE LESION	Surgery	11.81	12.20	$129.17
24120		REMOVE ELBOW LESION	Surgery	6.65	6.96	$129.17
24125		REMOVE/GRAFT BONE LESION	Surgery	7.89	6.67	$129.17
24126		REMOVE/GRAFT BONE LESION	Surgery	8.31	7.79	$129.17
24130		REMOVAL OF HEAD OF RADIUS	Surgery	6.25	6.91	$129.17
24134		REMOVAL OF ARM BONE LESION	Surgery	9.73	16.50	$129.17
24136		REMOVE RADIUS BONE LESION	Surgery	7.99	7.09	$129.17
24138		REMOVE ELBOW BONE LESION	Surgery	8.05	8.06	$129.17
24140		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ARM BONE	Surgery	9.18	16.67	$129.17
24145		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RADIUS	Surgery	7.58	11.43	$129.17
24147		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ELBOW	Surgery	7.54	11.40	$129.17
24149		RADICAL RESECTION OF ELBOW	Surgery	14.20	11.28	$129.17
24150		EXTENSIVE HUMERUS SURGERY	Surgery	13.27	14.92	$129.17
24151		EXTENSIVE HUMERUS SURGERY	Surgery	15.58	16.64	$129.17
24152		EXTENSIVE RADIUS SURGERY	Surgery	10.06	9.96	$129.17
24153		EXTENSIVE RADIUS SURGERY	Surgery	11.54	7.55	$129.17
24155		REMOVAL OF ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	11.73	9.66	$129.17
24160		REMOVE ELBOW JOINT IMPLANT	Surgery	7.83	7.77	$129.17
24164		REMOVE RADIUS HEAD IMPLANT	Surgery	6.23	6.93	$129.17
24200		REMOVAL OF ARM FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.76	5.80	$129.17
24201		REMOVAL OF ARM FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	4.56	6.97	$129.17
24220		INJECTION FOR ELBOW X-RAY	Surgery	1.31	11.16	$129.17
24300		MANIPULATE ELBOW W/ANESTH	Surgery	3.75	5.46	$129.17
24301		MUSCLE/TENDON TRANSFER	Surgery	10.20	9.11	$129.17
24305		ARM TENDON LENGTHENING	Surgery	7.45	7.70	$129.17
24310		REVISION OF ARM TENDON	Surgery	5.98	8.43	$129.17
24320		REPAIR OF ARM TENDON	Surgery	10.56	11.29	$129.17
24330		REVISION OF ARM MUSCLES	Surgery	9.60	8.79	$129.17
24331		REVISION OF ARM MUSCLES	Surgery	10.65	9.25	$129.17
24332		TENOLYSIS, TRICEPS	Surgery	7.45	5.23	$129.17
24340		REPAIR OF BICEPS TENDON	Surgery	7.89	7.74	$129.17
24341		REPAIR ARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	7.90	7.85	$129.17
24342		REPAIR OF RUPTURED TENDON	Surgery	10.62	9.37	$129.17
24343		REPR ELBOW LAT LIGMNT W/TISS	Surgery	8.65	7.91	$129.17
24344		RECONSTRUCT ELBOW LAT LIGMNT	Surgery	14.00	10.87	$129.17
24345		REPR ELBW MED LIGMNT W/TISS	Surgery	8.65	7.91	$129.17
24346		RECONSTRUCT ELBOW MED LIGMNT	Surgery	14.00	10.87	$129.17
24350		REPAIR OF TENNIS ELBOW	Surgery	5.25	6.25	$129.17
24351		REPAIR OF TENNIS ELBOW	Surgery	5.91	6.72	$129.17
24352		REPAIR OF TENNIS ELBOW	Surgery	6.43	7.01	$129.17
24354		REPAIR OF TENNIS ELBOW	Surgery	6.48	6.85	$129.17
24356		REVISION OF TENNIS ELBOW	Surgery	6.68	7.21	$129.17
24360		RECONSTRUCT ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	12.34	10.26	$129.17
24361		RECONSTRUCT ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	14.08	11.30	$129.17
24362		RECONSTRUCT ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	14.99	11.30	$129.17
24363		REPLACE ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	18.49	13.80	$129.17
24365		RECONSTRUCT HEAD OF RADIUS	Surgery	8.39	7.96	$129.17
24366		RECONSTRUCT HEAD OF RADIUS	Surgery	9.13	8.48	$129.17
24400		REVISION OF HUMERUS	Surgery	11.06	12.48	$129.17
24410		REVISION OF HUMERUS	Surgery	14.82	13.75	$129.17
24420		REVISION OF HUMERUS	Surgery	13.44	16.08	$129.17
24430		REPAIR OF HUMERUS	Surgery	12.81	12.88	$129.17
24435		REPAIR HUMERUS WITH GRAFT	Surgery	13.17	13.98	$129.17
24470		REVISION OF ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	8.74	6.59	$129.17
24495		DECOMPRESSION OF FOREARM	Surgery	8.12	10.33	$129.17

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24498		REINFORCE HUMERUS	Surgery	11.92	12.31	$129.17
24500		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	3.21	3.38	$129.17
24505		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	5.17	6.81	$129.17
24515		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	11.65	11.40	$129.17
24516		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	11.65	11.85	$129.17
24530		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	3.50	4.86	$129.17
24535		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	6.87	6.72	$129.17
24538		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	9.43	10.61	$129.17
24545		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	10.46	10.18	$129.17
24546		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	15.69	13.69	$129.17
24560		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.80	3.23	$129.17
24565		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	5.56	5.82	$129.17
24566		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	7.79	9.96	$129.17
24575		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	10.66	8.49	$129.17
24576		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.86	3.26	$129.17
24577		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	5.79	6.13	$129.17
24579		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	11.60	11.32	$129.17
24582		TREAT HUMERUS FRACTURE	Surgery	8.55	10.46	$129.17
24586		TREAT ELBOW FRACTURE	Surgery	15.21	11.23	$129.17
24587		TREAT ELBOW FRACTURE	Surgery	15.16	11.13	$129.17
24600		TREAT ELBOW DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.23	5.12	$129.17
24605		TREAT ELBOW DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.42	5.02	$129.17
24615		TREAT ELBOW DISLOCATION	Surgery	9.42	7.94	$129.17
24620		TREAT ELBOW FRACTURE	Surgery	6.98	6.63	$129.17
24635		TREAT ELBOW FRACTURE	Surgery	13.19	16.55	$129.17
24640		TREAT ELBOW DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.20	1.88	$129.17
24650		TREAT RADIUS FRACTURE	Surgery	2.16	2.92	$129.17
24655		TREAT RADIUS FRACTURE	Surgery	4.40	5.22	$129.17
24665		TREAT RADIUS FRACTURE	Surgery	8.14	9.40	$129.17
24666		TREAT RADIUS FRACTURE	Surgery	9.49	10.18	$129.17
24670		TREAT ULNAR FRACTURE	Surgery	2.54	3.10	$129.17
24675		TREAT ULNAR FRACTURE	Surgery	4.72	5.49	$129.17
24685		TREAT ULNAR FRACTURE	Surgery	8.80	9.79	$129.17
24800		FUSION OF ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	11.20	9.90	$129.17
24802		FUSION/GRAFT OF ELBOW JOINT	Surgery	13.69	11.50	$129.17
24900		AMPUTATION OF UPPER ARM	Surgery	9.60	11.37	$129.17
24920		AMPUTATION OF UPPER ARM	Surgery	9.54	13.96	$129.17
24925		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	7.07	9.64	$129.17
24930		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	10.25	10.86	$129.17
24931		AMPUTATE UPPER ARM & IMPLANT	Surgery	12.72	11.63	$129.17
24935		REVISION OF AMPUTATION	Surgery	15.56	13.22	$129.17
25000		INCISION OF TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	3.38	7.49	$129.17
25001		INCISE FLEXOR CARPI RADIALIS	Surgery	3.38	4.30	$129.17
25020		DECOMPRESS FOREARM 1 SPACE	Surgery	5.92	11.49	$129.17
25023		DECOMPRESS FOREARM 1 SPACE	Surgery	12.96	17.50	$129.17
25024		DECOMPRESS FOREARM 2 SPACES	Surgery	9.50	8.17	$129.17
25025		DECOMPRESS FORARM 2 SPACES	Surgery	16.54	12.05	$129.17
25028		DRAINAGE OF FOREARM LESION	Surgery	5.25	10.20	$129.17
25031		DRAINAGE OF FOREARM BURSA	Surgery	4.14	10.24	$129.17
25035		TREAT FOREARM BONE LESION	Surgery	7.36	16.18	$129.17
25040		EXPLORE/TREAT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	7.18	9.40	$129.17
25065		BIOPSY FOREARM SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	1.99	2.53	$129.17
25066		BIOPSY FOREARM SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	4.13	8.40	$129.17
25075		REMOVE FOREARM LESION SUBCUT	Surgery	3.74	7.13	$129.17
25076		REMOVE FOREARM LESION DEEP	Surgery	4.92	12.68	$129.17
25077		REMOVE TUMOR, FOREARM/WRIST	Surgery	9.76	15.66	$129.17
25085		INCISION OF WRIST CAPSULE	Surgery	5.50	11.29	$129.17
25100		BIOPSY OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	3.90	7.99	$129.17
25101		EXPLORE/TREAT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	4.69	7.75	$129.17
25105		REMOVE WRIST JOINT LINING	Surgery	5.85	11.22	$129.17
25107		REMOVE WRIST JOINT CARTILAGE	Surgery	6.43	11.41	$129.17

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25110		REMOVE WRIST TENDON LESION	Surgery	3.92	8.94	$129.17
25111		REMOVE WRIST TENDON LESION	Surgery	3.39	6.70	$129.17
25112		REREMOVE WRIST TENDON LESION	Surgery	4.53	7.43	$129.17
25115		REMOVE WRIST/FOREARM LESION	Surgery	8.82	17.19	$129.17
25116		REMOVE WRIST/FOREARM LESION	Surgery	7.11	16.20	$129.17
25118		EXCISE WRIST TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	4.37	7.93	$129.17
25119		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ULNA	Surgery	6.04	11.45	$129.17
25120		REMOVAL OF FOREARM LESION	Surgery	6.10	14.87	$129.17
25125		REMOVE/GRAFT FOREARM LESION	Surgery	7.48	16.11	$129.17
25126		REMOVE/GRAFT FOREARM LESION	Surgery	7.55	15.76	$129.17
25130		REMOVAL OF WRIST LESION	Surgery	5.26	8.33	$129.17
25135		REMOVE & GRAFT WRIST LESION	Surgery	6.89	9.00	$129.17
25136		REMOVE & GRAFT WRIST LESION	Surgery	5.97	9.26	$129.17
25145		REMOVE FOREARM BONE LESION	Surgery	6.37	15.43	$129.17
25150		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ULNA	Surgery	7.09	12.00	$129.17
25151		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RADIUS	Surgery	7.39	16.22	$129.17
25170		EXTENSIVE FOREARM SURGERY	Surgery	11.09	17.56	$129.17
25210		REMOVAL OF WRIST BONE	Surgery	5.95	8.71	$129.17
25215		REMOVAL OF WRIST BONES	Surgery	7.89	12.27	$129.17
25230		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RADIUS	Surgery	5.23	8.23	$129.17
25240		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ULNA	Surgery	5.17	10.78	$129.17
25246		INJECTION FOR WRIST X-RAY	Surgery	1.45	10.20	$129.17
25248		REMOVE FOREARM FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	5.14	10.66	$129.17
25250		REMOVAL OF WRIST PROSTHESIS	Surgery	6.60	8.91	$129.17
25251		REMOVAL OF WRIST PROSTHESIS	Surgery	9.57	12.52	$129.17
25259		MANIPULATE WRIST W/ANESTHES	Surgery	3.75	5.35	$129.17
25260		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	7.80	17.11	$129.17
25263		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	7.82	15.65	$129.17
25265		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	9.88	17.11	$129.17
25270		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	6.00	16.04	$129.17
25272		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	7.04	16.50	$129.17
25274		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON/MUSCLE	Surgery	8.75	17.36	$129.17
25275		REPAIR FOREARM TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	8.50	7.53	$129.17
25280		REVISE WRIST/FOREARM TENDON	Surgery	7.22	15.80	$129.17
25290		INCISE WRIST/FOREARM TENDON	Surgery	5.29	18.17	$129.17
25295		RELEASE WRIST/FOREARM TENDON	Surgery	6.55	15.16	$129.17
25300		FUSION OF TENDONS AT WRIST	Surgery	8.80	10.02	$129.17
25301		FUSION OF TENDONS AT WRIST	Surgery	8.40	10.15	$129.17
25310		TRANSPLANT FOREARM TENDON	Surgery	8.14	16.47	$129.17
25312		TRANSPLANT FOREARM TENDON	Surgery	9.57	17.24	$129.17
25315		REVISE PALSY HAND TENDON(S)	Surgery	10.20	18.59	$129.17
25316		REVISE PALSY HAND TENDON(S)	Surgery	12.33	18.40	$129.17
25320		REPAIR/REVISE WRIST JOINT	Surgery	10.77	11.53	$129.17
25332		REVISE WRIST JOINT	Surgery	11.41	11.89	$129.17
25335		REALIGNMENT OF HAND	Surgery	12.88	13.60	$129.17
25337		RECONSTRUCT ULNA/RADIOULNAR	Surgery	10.17	13.80	$129.17
25350		REVISION OF RADIUS	Surgery	8.78	16.68	$129.17
25355		REVISION OF RADIUS	Surgery	10.17	17.17	$129.17
25360		REVISION OF ULNA	Surgery	8.43	16.86	$129.17
25365		REVISE RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	12.40	18.74	$129.17
25370		REVISE RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	13.36	17.84	$129.17
25375		REVISE RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	13.04	16.44	$129.17
25390		SHORTEN RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	10.40	17.38	$129.17
25391		LENGTHEN RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	13.65	19.01	$129.17
25392		SHORTEN RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	13.95	15.59	$129.17
25393		LENGTHEN RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	15.87	21.72	$129.17
25394		REPAIR CARPAL BONE, SHORTEN	Surgery	10.40	8.43	$129.17
25400		REPAIR RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	10.92	17.98	$129.17
25405		REPAIR/GRAFT RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	14.38	20.38	$129.17
25415		REPAIR RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	13.35	19.14	$129.17
25420		REPAIR/GRAFT RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	16.33	21.72	$129.17

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25425		REPAIR/GRAFT RADIUS OR ULNA	Surgery	13.21	24.75	$129.17
25426		REPAIR/GRAFT RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	15.82	18.15	$129.17
25430		VASC GRAFT INTO CARPAL BONE	Surgery	9.25	7.82	$129.17
25431		REPAIR NONUNION CARPAL BONE	Surgery	10.44	6.42	$129.17
25440		REPAIR/GRAFT WRIST BONE	Surgery	10.44	11.05	$129.17
25441		RECONSTRUCT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	12.90	12.24	$129.17
25442		RECONSTRUCT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	10.85	11.46	$129.17
25443		RECONSTRUCT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	10.39	13.29	$129.17
25444		RECONSTRUCT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	11.15	14.29	$129.17
25445		RECONSTRUCT WRIST JOINT	Surgery	9.69	13.50	$129.17
25446		WRIST REPLACEMENT	Surgery	16.55	14.45	$129.17
25447		REPAIR WRIST JOINT(S)	Surgery	10.37	11.27	$129.17
25449		REMOVE WRIST JOINT IMPLANT	Surgery	14.49	16.20	$129.17
25450		REVISION OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	7.87	13.91	$129.17
25455		REVISION OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	9.49	15.22	$129.17
25490		REINFORCE RADIUS	Surgery	9.54	16.70	$129.17
25491		REINFORCE ULNA	Surgery	9.96	16.98	$129.17
25492		REINFORCE RADIUS AND ULNA	Surgery	12.33	16.09	$129.17
25500		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	2.45	4.27	$129.17
25505		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	5.21	5.65	$129.17
25515		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	9.18	10.00	$129.17
25520		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	6.26	6.28	$129.17
25525		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	12.24	11.65	$129.17
25526		TREAT FRACTURE OF RADIUS	Surgery	12.98	15.01	$129.17
25530		TREAT FRACTURE OF ULNA	Surgery	2.09	2.87	$129.17
25535		TREAT FRACTURE OF ULNA	Surgery	5.14	5.72	$129.17
25545		TREAT FRACTURE OF ULNA	Surgery	8.90	9.88	$129.17
25560		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	2.44	2.93	$129.17
25565		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	5.63	5.94	$129.17
25574		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS & ULNA	Surgery	7.01	8.72	$129.17
25575		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS/ULNA	Surgery	10.45	10.74	$129.17
25600		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS/ULNA	Surgery	2.63	4.53	$129.17
25605		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS/ULNA	Surgery	5.81	6.11	$129.17
25611		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS/ULNA	Surgery	7.77	10.04	$129.17
25620		TREAT FRACTURE RADIUS/ULNA	Surgery	8.55	9.67	$129.17
25622		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.61	4.48	$129.17
25624		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	4.53	7.40	$129.17
25628		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	8.43	9.68	$129.17
25630		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.88	4.66	$129.17
25635		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	4.39	7.45	$129.17
25645		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	7.25	9.56	$129.17
25650		TREAT WRIST BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.05	4.75	$129.17
25651		PIN ULNAR STYLOID FRACTURE	Surgery	5.36	4.39	$129.17
25652		TREAT FRACTURE ULNAR STYLOID	Surgery	7.60	6.90	$129.17
25660		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.76	5.45	$129.17
25670		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.92	9.54	$129.17
25671		PIN RADIOULNAR DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.00	6.02	$129.17
25675		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.67	5.39	$129.17
25676		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	8.04	9.52	$129.17
25680		TREAT WRIST FRACTURE	Surgery	5.99	6.45	$129.17
25685		TREAT WRIST FRACTURE	Surgery	9.78	10.20	$129.17
25690		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.50	7.00	$129.17
25695		TREAT WRIST DISLOCATION	Surgery	8.34	9.68	$129.17
25800		FUSION OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	9.76	10.87	$129.17
25805		FUSION/GRAFT OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	11.28	11.61	$129.17
25810		FUSION/GRAFT OF WRIST JOINT	Surgery	10.57	11.33	$129.17
25820		FUSION OF HAND BONES	Surgery	7.45	9.54	$129.17
25825		FUSE HAND BONES WITH GRAFT	Surgery	9.27	10.51	$129.17
25830		FUSION, RADIOULNAR JNT/ULNA	Surgery	10.06	16.99	$129.17
25900		AMPUTATION OF FOREARM	Surgery	9.01	15.04	$129.17
25905		AMPUTATION OF FOREARM	Surgery	9.12	14.25	$129.17

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25907		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	7.80	15.26	$129.17
25909		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	8.96	14.51	$129.17
25915		AMPUTATION OF FOREARM	Surgery	17.08	15.11	$129.17
25920		AMPUTATE HAND AT WRIST	Surgery	8.68	10.12	$129.17
25922		AMPUTATE HAND AT WRIST	Surgery	7.42	7.58	$129.17
25924		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	8.46	10.19	$129.17
25927		AMPUTATION OF HAND	Surgery	8.80	14.11	$129.17
25929		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	7.59	7.42	$129.17
25931		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	7.81	15.79	$129.17
26010		DRAINAGE OF FINGER ABSCESS	Surgery	1.54	5.24	$129.17
26011		DRAINAGE OF FINGER ABSCESS	Surgery	2.19	6.50	$129.17
26020		DRAIN HAND TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	4.67	13.10	$129.17
26025		DRAINAGE OF PALM BURSA	Surgery	4.82	13.26	$129.17
26030		DRAINAGE OF PALM BURSA(S)	Surgery	5.93	14.02	$129.17
26034		TREAT HAND BONE LESION	Surgery	6.23	14.84	$129.17
26035		DECOMPRESS FINGERS/HAND	Surgery	9.51	15.17	$129.17
26037		DECOMPRESS FINGERS/HAND	Surgery	7.25	12.67	$129.17
26040		RELEASE PALM CONTRACTURE	Surgery	3.33	12.87	$129.17
26045		RELEASE PALM CONTRACTURE	Surgery	5.56	14.17	$129.17
26055		INCISE FINGER TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	2.69	7.69	$129.17
26060		INCISION OF FINGER TENDON	Surgery	2.81	7.57	$129.17
26070		EXPLORE/TREAT HAND JOINT	Surgery	3.69	11.69	$129.17
26075		EXPLORE/TREAT FINGER JOINT	Surgery	3.79	12.47	$129.17
26080		EXPLORE/TREAT FINGER JOINT	Surgery	4.24	13.09	$129.17
26100		BIOPSY HAND JOINT LINING	Surgery	3.67	8.43	$129.17
26105		BIOPSY FINGER JOINT LINING	Surgery	3.71	12.95	$129.17
26110		BIOPSY FINGER JOINT LINING	Surgery	3.53	12.46	$129.17
26115		REMOVE HAND LESION SUBCUT	Surgery	3.86	7.66	$129.17
26116		REMOVE HAND LESION, DEEP	Surgery	5.53	13.91	$129.17
26117		REMOVE TUMOR, HAND/FINGER	Surgery	8.55	15.41	$129.17
26121		RELEASE PALM CONTRACTURE	Surgery	7.54	15.80	$129.17
26123		RELEASE PALM CONTRACTURE	Surgery	9.29	16.73	$129.17
26125		RELEASE PALM CONTRACTURE	Surgery	4.61	2.60	$129.17
26130		REMOVE WRIST JOINT LINING	Surgery	5.42	15.62	$129.17
26135		REVISE FINGER JOINT, EACH	Surgery	6.96	17.04	$129.17
26140		REVISE FINGER JOINT, EACH	Surgery	6.17	16.33	$129.17
26145		TENDON EXCISION, PALM/FINGER	Surgery	6.32	16.86	$129.17
26160		REMOVE TENDON SHEATH LESION	Surgery	3.15	7.88	$129.17
26170		REMOVAL OF PALM TENDON, EACH	Surgery	4.77	8.53	$129.17
26180		REMOVAL OF FINGER TENDON	Surgery	5.18	9.19	$129.17
26185		REMOVE FINGER BONE	Surgery	5.25	8.76	$129.17
26200		REMOVE HAND BONE LESION	Surgery	5.51	13.97	$129.17
26205		REMOVE/GRAFT BONE LESION	Surgery	7.70	15.35	$129.17
26210		REMOVAL OF FINGER LESION	Surgery	5.15	14.32	$129.17
26215		REMOVE/GRAFT FINGER LESION	Surgery	7.10	14.89	$129.17
26230		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HAND BONE	Surgery	6.33	12.87	$129.17
26235		PARTIAL REMOVAL, FINGER BONE	Surgery	6.19	12.56	$129.17
26236		PARTIAL REMOVAL, FINGER BONE	Surgery	5.32	12.62	$129.17
26250		EXTENSIVE HAND SURGERY	Surgery	7.55	17.33	$129.17
26255		EXTENSIVE HAND SURGERY	Surgery	12.43	18.74	$129.17
26260		EXTENSIVE FINGER SURGERY	Surgery	7.03	16.39	$129.17
26261		EXTENSIVE FINGER SURGERY	Surgery	9.09	16.10	$129.17
26262		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF FINGER	Surgery	5.67	14.81	$129.17
26320		REMOVAL OF IMPLANT FROM HAND	Surgery	3.98	13.08	$129.17
26340		MANIPULATE FINGER W/ANESTH	Surgery	2.50	4.53	$129.17
26350		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	5.99	20.24	$129.17
26352		REPAIR/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	7.68	19.74	$129.17
26356		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	8.07	21.55	$129.17
26357		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	8.58	21.30	$129.17
26358		REPAIR/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	9.14	22.43	$129.17
26370		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	7.11	20.61	$129.17

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26372		REPAIR/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	8.76	20.46	$129.17
26373		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	8.16	22.61	$129.17
26390		REVISE HAND/FINGER TENDON	Surgery	9.19	16.93	$129.17
26392		REPAIR/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	10.26	23.05	$129.17
26410		REPAIR HAND TENDON	Surgery	4.63	16.26	$129.17
26412		REPAIR/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	6.31	16.83	$129.17
26415		EXCISION, HAND/FINGER TENDON	Surgery	8.34	18.14	$129.17
26416		GRAFT HAND OR FINGER TENDON	Surgery	9.37	18.95	$129.17
26418		REPAIR FINGER TENDON	Surgery	4.25	16.34	$129.17
26420		REPAIR/GRAFT FINGER TENDON	Surgery	6.77	17.92	$129.17
26426		REPAIR FINGER/HAND TENDON	Surgery	6.15	17.05	$129.17
26428		REPAIR/GRAFT FINGER TENDON	Surgery	7.21	16.05	$129.17
26432		REPAIR FINGER TENDON	Surgery	4.02	13.49	$129.17
26433		REPAIR FINGER TENDON	Surgery	4.56	14.42	$129.17
26434		REPAIR/GRAFT FINGER TENDON	Surgery	6.09	15.34	$129.17
26437		REALIGNMENT OF TENDONS	Surgery	5.82	14.16	$129.17
26440		RELEASE PALM/FINGER TENDON	Surgery	5.02	18.48	$129.17
26442		RELEASE PALM & FINGER TENDON	Surgery	8.16	19.40	$129.17
26445		RELEASE HAND/FINGER TENDON	Surgery	4.31	18.27	$129.17
26449		RELEASE FOREARM/HAND TENDON	Surgery	7.00	20.16	$129.17
26450		INCISION OF PALM TENDON	Surgery	3.67	8.71	$129.17
26455		INCISION OF FINGER TENDON	Surgery	3.64	8.38	$129.17
26460		INCISE HAND/FINGER TENDON	Surgery	3.46	8.06	$129.17
26471		FUSION OF FINGER TENDONS	Surgery	5.73	13.93	$129.17
26474		FUSION OF FINGER TENDONS	Surgery	5.32	13.30	$129.17
26476		TENDON LENGTHENING	Surgery	5.18	12.72	$129.17
26477		TENDON SHORTENING	Surgery	5.15	13.73	$129.17
26478		LENGTHENING OF HAND TENDON	Surgery	5.80	14.73	$129.17
26479		SHORTENING OF HAND TENDON	Surgery	5.74	13.71	$129.17
26480		TRANSPLANT HAND TENDON	Surgery	6.69	19.63	$129.17
26483		TRANSPLANT/GRAFT HAND TENDON	Surgery	8.29	19.79	$129.17
26485		TRANSPLANT PALM TENDON	Surgery	7.70	20.08	$129.17
26489		TRANSPLANT/GRAFT PALM TENDON	Surgery	9.55	17.34	$129.17
26490		REVISE THUMB TENDON	Surgery	8.41	14.87	$129.17
26492		TENDON TRANSFER WITH GRAFT	Surgery	9.62	15.84	$129.17
26494		HAND TENDON/MUSCLE TRANSFER	Surgery	8.47	13.52	$129.17
26496		REVISE THUMB TENDON	Surgery	9.59	15.53	$129.17
26497		FINGER TENDON TRANSFER	Surgery	9.57	16.42	$129.17
26498		FINGER TENDON TRANSFER	Surgery	14.00	18.19	$129.17
26499		REVISION OF FINGER	Surgery	8.98	14.61	$129.17
26500		HAND TENDON RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	5.96	15.16	$129.17
26502		HAND TENDON RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	7.14	15.14	$129.17
26504		HAND TENDON RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	7.47	14.31	$129.17
26508		RELEASE THUMB CONTRACTURE	Surgery	6.01	14.11	$129.17
26510		THUMB TENDON TRANSFER	Surgery	5.43	14.18	$129.17
26516		FUSION OF KNUCKLE JOINT	Surgery	7.15	15.06	$129.17
26517		FUSION OF KNUCKLE JOINTS	Surgery	8.83	15.89	$129.17
26518		FUSION OF KNUCKLE JOINTS	Surgery	9.02	15.91	$129.17
26520		RELEASE KNUCKLE CONTRACTURE	Surgery	5.30	18.59	$129.17
26525		RELEASE FINGER CONTRACTURE	Surgery	5.33	18.67	$129.17
26530		REVISE KNUCKLE JOINT	Surgery	6.69	19.35	$129.17
26531		REVISE KNUCKLE WITH IMPLANT	Surgery	7.91	19.41	$129.17
26535		REVISE FINGER JOINT	Surgery	5.24	11.10	$129.17
26536		REVISE/IMPLANT FINGER JOINT	Surgery	6.37	17.97	$129.17
26540		REPAIR HAND JOINT	Surgery	6.43	14.54	$129.17
26541		REPAIR HAND JOINT WITH GRAFT	Surgery	8.62	16.36	$129.17
26542		REPAIR HAND JOINT WITH GRAFT	Surgery	6.78	14.51	$129.17
26545		RECONSTRUCT FINGER JOINT	Surgery	6.92	16.16	$129.17
26546		REPAIR NONUNION HAND	Surgery	8.92	15.95	$129.17
26548		RECONSTRUCT FINGER JOINT	Surgery	8.03	16.13	$129.17
26550		CONSTRUCT THUMB REPLACEMENT	Surgery	21.24	30.36	$129.17

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26551		GREAT TOE-HAND TRANSFER	Surgery	46.58	29.35	$129.17
26553		SINGLE TRANSFER, TOE-HAND	Surgery	46.27	29.23	$129.17
26554		DOUBLE TRANSFER, TOE-HAND	Surgery	54.95	32.69	$129.17
26555		POSITIONAL CHANGE OF FINGER	Surgery	16.63	24.00	$129.17
26556		TOE JOINT TRANSFER	Surgery	47.26	29.62	$129.17
26560		REPAIR OF WEB FINGER	Surgery	5.38	12.55	$129.17
26561		REPAIR OF WEB FINGER	Surgery	10.92	18.61	$129.17
26562		REPAIR OF WEB FINGER	Surgery	15.00	13.44	$129.17
26565		CORRECT METACARPAL FLAW	Surgery	6.74	14.77	$129.17
26567		CORRECT FINGER DEFORMITY	Surgery	6.82	15.10	$129.17
26568		LENGTHEN METACARPAL/FINGER	Surgery	9.08	19.48	$129.17
26580		REPAIR HAND DEFORMITY	Surgery	18.18	17.22	$129.17
26587		RECONSTRUCT EXTRA FINGER	Surgery	14.05	4.67	$129.17
26590		REPAIR FINGER DEFORMITY	Surgery	17.96	14.62	$129.17
26591		REPAIR MUSCLES OF HAND	Surgery	3.25	14.22	$129.17
26593		RELEASE MUSCLES OF HAND	Surgery	5.31	13.33	$129.17
26596		EXCISION CONSTRICTING TISSUE	Surgery	8.95	10.26	$129.17
26600		TREAT METACARPAL FRACTURE	Surgery	1.96	2.83	$129.17
26605		TREAT METACARPAL FRACTURE	Surgery	2.85	4.29	$129.17
26607		TREAT METACARPAL FRACTURE	Surgery	5.36	8.33	$129.17
26608		TREAT METACARPAL FRACTURE	Surgery	5.36	8.85	$129.17
26615		TREAT METACARPAL FRACTURE	Surgery	5.33	8.43	$129.17
26641		TREAT THUMB DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.94	4.99	$129.17
26645		TREAT THUMB FRACTURE	Surgery	4.41	5.30	$129.17
26650		TREAT THUMB FRACTURE	Surgery	5.72	9.02	$129.17
26665		TREAT THUMB FRACTURE	Surgery	7.60	9.24	$129.17
26670		TREAT HAND DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.69	6.46	$129.17
26675		TREAT HAND DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.64	4.71	$129.17
26676		PIN HAND DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.52	9.36	$129.17
26685		TREAT HAND DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.98	8.88	$129.17
26686		TREAT HAND DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.94	9.84	$129.17
26700		TREAT KNUCKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.69	5.01	$129.17
26705		TREAT KNUCKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.19	4.33	$129.17
26706		PIN KNUCKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.12	5.87	$129.17
26715		TREAT KNUCKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.74	8.62	$129.17
26720		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	1.66	1.72	$129.17
26725		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	3.33	3.26	$129.17
26727		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	5.23	8.88	$129.17
26735		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	5.98	8.99	$129.17
26740		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	1.94	3.86	$129.17
26742		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	3.85	5.13	$129.17
26746		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	5.81	8.93	$129.17
26750		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	1.70	3.66	$129.17
26755		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	3.10	3.27	$129.17
26756		PIN FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	4.39	8.74	$129.17
26765		TREAT FINGER FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	4.17	8.02	$129.17
26770		TREAT FINGER DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.02	4.87	$129.17
26775		TREAT FINGER DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.71	4.09	$129.17
26776		PIN FINGER DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.80	8.61	$129.17
26785		TREAT FINGER DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.21	7.95	$129.17
26820		THUMB FUSION WITH GRAFT	Surgery	8.26	15.80	$129.17
26841		FUSION OF THUMB	Surgery	7.13	15.37	$129.17
26842		THUMB FUSION WITH GRAFT	Surgery	8.24	15.49	$129.17
26843		FUSION OF HAND JOINT	Surgery	7.61	13.91	$129.17
26844		FUSION/GRAFT OF HAND JOINT	Surgery	8.73	15.63	$129.17
26850		FUSION OF KNUCKLE	Surgery	6.97	14.63	$129.17
26852		FUSION OF KNUCKLE WITH GRAFT	Surgery	8.46	15.19	$129.17
26860		FUSION OF FINGER JOINT	Surgery	4.69	13.45	$129.17
26861		FUSION OF FINGER JNT, ADD-ON	Surgery	1.74	0.99	$129.17
26862		FUSION/GRAFT OF FINGER JOINT	Surgery	7.37	15.18	$129.17
26863		FUSE/GRAFT ADDED JOINT	Surgery	3.90	2.25	$129.17

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26910		AMPUTATE METACARPAL BONE	Surgery	7.60	13.98	$129.17
26951		AMPUTATION OF FINGER/THUMB	Surgery	4.59	13.06	$129.17
26952		AMPUTATION OF FINGER/THUMB	Surgery	6.31	14.47	$129.17
26990		DRAINAGE OF PELVIS LESION	Surgery	7.48	15.92	$129.17
26991		DRAINAGE OF PELVIS BURSA	Surgery	6.68	9.39	$129.17
26992		DRAINAGE OF BONE LESION	Surgery	13.02	19.95	$129.17
27000		INCISION OF HIP TENDON	Surgery	5.62	7.48	$129.17
27001		INCISION OF HIP TENDON	Surgery	6.94	8.42	$129.17
27003		INCISION OF HIP TENDON	Surgery	7.34	9.01	$129.17
27005		INCISION OF HIP TENDON	Surgery	9.66	10.50	$129.17
27006		INCISION OF HIP TENDONS	Surgery	9.68	10.59	$129.17
27025		INCISION OF HIP/THIGH FASCIA	Surgery	11.16	10.53	$129.17
27030		DRAINAGE OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	13.01	12.45	$129.17
27033		EXPLORATION OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	13.39	12.62	$129.17
27035		DENERVATION OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	16.69	19.67	$129.17
27036		EXCISION OF HIP JOINT/MUSCLE	Surgery	12.88	14.03	$129.17
27040		BIOPSY OF SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	2.87	4.00	$129.17
27041		BIOPSY OF SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	9.89	8.60	$129.17
27047		REMOVE HIP/PELVIS LESION	Surgery	7.45	7.03	$129.17
27048		REMOVE HIP/PELVIS LESION	Surgery	6.25	7.94	$129.17
27049		REMOVE TUMOR, HIP/PELVIS	Surgery	13.66	13.77	$129.17
27050		BIOPSY OF SACROILIAC JOINT	Surgery	4.36	7.52	$129.17
27052		BIOPSY OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	6.23	8.24	$129.17
27054		REMOVAL OF HIP JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.54	10.67	$129.17
27060		REMOVAL OF ISCHIAL BURSA	Surgery	5.43	7.21	$129.17
27062		REMOVE FEMUR LESION/BURSA	Surgery	5.37	7.32	$129.17
27065		REMOVAL OF HIP BONE LESION	Surgery	5.90	8.65	$129.17
27066		REMOVAL OF HIP BONE LESION	Surgery	10.33	12.53	$129.17
27067		REMOVE/GRAFT HIP BONE LESION	Surgery	13.83	14.54	$129.17
27070		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HIP BONE	Surgery	10.72	17.71	$129.17
27071		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HIP BONE	Surgery	11.46	18.67	$129.17
27075		EXTENSIVE HIP SURGERY	Surgery	35.00	25.75	$129.17
27076		EXTENSIVE HIP SURGERY	Surgery	22.12	20.08	$129.17
27077		EXTENSIVE HIP SURGERY	Surgery	40.00	30.55	$129.17
27078		EXTENSIVE HIP SURGERY	Surgery	13.44	16.30	$129.17
27079		EXTENSIVE HIP SURGERY	Surgery	13.75	13.43	$129.17
27080		REMOVAL OF TAIL BONE	Surgery	6.39	7.64	$129.17
27086		REMOVE HIP FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.87	5.85	$129.17
27087		REMOVE HIP FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	8.54	9.04	$129.17
27090		REMOVAL OF HIP PROSTHESIS	Surgery	11.15	11.37	$129.17
27091		REMOVAL OF HIP PROSTHESIS	Surgery	22.14	15.14	$129.17
27093		INJECTION FOR HIP X-RAY	Surgery	1.30	13.59	$129.17
27095		INJECTION FOR HIP X-RAY	Surgery	1.50	11.00	$129.17
27096		INJECT SACROILIAC JOINT	Surgery	1.40	8.86	$129.17
27097		REVISION OF HIP TENDON	Surgery	8.80	8.13	$129.17
27098		TRANSFER TENDON TO PELVIS	Surgery	8.83	9.18	$129.17
27100		TRANSFER OF ABDOMINAL MUSCLE	Surgery	11.08	13.03	$129.17
27105		TRANSFER OF SPINAL MUSCLE	Surgery	11.77	12.14	$129.17
27110		TRANSFER OF ILIOPSOAS MUSCLE	Surgery	13.26	12.99	$129.17
27111		TRANSFER OF ILIOPSOAS MUSCLE	Surgery	12.15	11.77	$129.17
27120		RECONSTRUCTION OF HIP SOCKET	Surgery	18.01	14.28	$129.17
27122		RECONSTRUCTION OF HIP SOCKET	Surgery	14.98	14.48	$129.17
27125		PARTIAL HIP REPLACEMENT	Surgery	14.69	14.02	$129.17
27130		TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY	Surgery	20.12	17.18	$129.17
27132		TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY	Surgery	23.30	19.00	$129.17
27134		REVISE HIP JOINT REPLACEMENT	Surgery	28.52	21.82	$129.17
27137		REVISE HIP JOINT REPLACEMENT	Surgery	21.17	17.54	$129.17
27138		REVISE HIP JOINT REPLACEMENT	Surgery	22.17	17.94	$129.17
27140		TRANSPLANT FEMUR RIDGE	Surgery	12.24	11.98	$129.17
27146		INCISION OF HIP BONE	Surgery	17.43	15.87	$129.17
27147		REVISION OF HIP BONE	Surgery	20.58	17.87	$129.17

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CPT Code	Modifider	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
27151		INCISION OF HIP BONES	Surgery	22.51	18.97	$129.17
27156		REVISION OF HIP BONES	Surgery	24.63	19.84	$129.17
27158		REVISION OF PELVIS	Surgery	19.74	15.58	$129.17
27161		INCISION OF NECK OF FEMUR	Surgery	16.71	14.47	$129.17
27165		INCISION/FIXATION OF FEMUR	Surgery	17.91	14.92	$129.17
27170		REPAIR/GRAFT FEMUR HEAD/NECK	Surgery	16.07	14.16	$129.17
27175		TREAT SLIPPED EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	8.46	7.26	$129.17
27176		TREAT SLIPPED EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	12.05	10.23	$129.17
27177		TREAT SLIPPED EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	15.08	12.22	$129.17
27178		TREAT SLIPPED EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	11.99	10.13	$129.17
27179		REVISE HEAD/NECK OF FEMUR	Surgery	12.98	10.90	$129.17
27181		TREAT SLIPPED EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	14.68	11.92	$129.17
27185		REVISION OF FEMUR EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	9.18	10.04	$129.17
27187		REINFORCE HIP BONES	Surgery	13.54	13.53	$129.17
27193		TREAT PELVIC RING FRACTURE	Surgery	5.56	5.36	$129.17
27194		TREAT PELVIC RING FRACTURE	Surgery	9.65	7.69	$129.17
27200		TREAT TAIL BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.84	3.13	$129.17
27202		TREAT TAIL BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	7.04	21.62	$129.17
27215		TREAT PELVIC FRACTURE(S)	Surgery	10.05	10.60	$129.17
27216		TREAT PELVIC RING FRACTURE	Surgery	15.19	15.51	$129.17
27217		TREAT PELVIC RING FRACTURE	Surgery	14.11	12.83	$129.17
27218		TREAT PELVIC RING FRACTURE	Surgery	20.15	16.68	$129.17
27220		TREAT HIP SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	6.18	5.72	$129.17
27222		TREAT HIP SOCKET FRACTURE	Surgery	12.70	10.37	$129.17
27226		TREAT HIP WALL FRACTURE	Surgery	14.91	10.36	$129.17
27227		TREAT HIP FRACTURE(S)	Surgery	23.45	17.22	$129.17
27228		TREAT HIP FRACTURE(S)	Surgery	27.16	19.67	$129.17
27230		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	5.50	6.30	$129.17
27232		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	10.68	9.31	$129.17
27235		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	12.16	11.24	$129.17
27236		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	15.60	12.99	$129.17
27238		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	5.52	6.36	$129.17
27240		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	12.50	10.38	$129.17
27244		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	15.94	13.25	$129.17
27245		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	20.31	15.61	$129.17
27246		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	4.71	5.93	$129.17
27248		TREAT THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	10.45	10.20	$129.17
27250		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.95	6.55	$129.17
27252		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	10.39	8.31	$129.17
27253		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	12.92	11.10	$129.17
27254		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	18.26	14.29	$129.17
27256		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.12	4.31	$129.17
27257		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.22	4.59	$129.17
27258		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	15.43	13.93	$129.17
27259		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	21.55	18.02	$129.17
27265		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.05	6.09	$129.17
27266		TREAT HIP DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.49	7.50	$129.17
27275		MANIPULATION OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	2.27	3.62	$129.17
27280		FUSION OF SACROILIAC JOINT	Surgery	13.39	13.95	$129.17
27282		FUSION OF PUBIC BONES	Surgery	11.34	12.33	$129.17
27284		FUSION OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	23.45	18.86	$129.17
27286		FUSION OF HIP JOINT	Surgery	23.45	19.13	$129.17
27290		AMPUTATION OF LEG AT HIP	Surgery	23.28	17.37	$129.17
27295		AMPUTATION OF LEG AT HIP	Surgery	18.65	14.65	$129.17
27301		DRAIN THIGH/KNEE LESION	Surgery	6.49	14.04	$129.17
27303		DRAINAGE OF BONE LESION	Surgery	8.28	14.63	$129.17
27305		INCISE THIGH TENDON & FASCIA	Surgery	5.92	8.88	$129.17
27306		INCISION OF THIGH TENDON	Surgery	4.62	7.54	$129.17
27307		INCISION OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	5.80	8.15	$129.17
27310		EXPLORATION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	9.27	10.14	$129.17
27315		PARTIAL REMOVAL, THIGH NERVE	Surgery	6.97	4.04	$129.17

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27320		PARTIAL REMOVAL, THIGH NERVE	Surgery	6.30	5.07	$129.17
27323		BIOPSY, THIGH SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	2.28	3.49	$129.17
27324		BIOPSY, THIGH SOFT TISSUES	Surgery	4.90	6.79	$129.17
27327		REMOVAL OF THIGH LESION	Surgery	4.47	6.35	$129.17
27328		REMOVAL OF THIGH LESION	Surgery	5.57	7.19	$129.17
27329		REMOVE TUMOR, THIGH/KNEE	Surgery	14.14	15.02	$129.17
27330		BIOPSY, KNEE JOINT LINING	Surgery	4.97	6.42	$129.17
27331		EXPLORE/TREAT KNEE JOINT	Surgery	5.88	7.56	$129.17
27332		REMOVAL OF KNEE CARTILAGE	Surgery	8.27	8.84	$129.17
27333		REMOVAL OF KNEE CARTILAGE	Surgery	7.30	8.49	$129.17
27334		REMOVE KNEE JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.70	9.80	$129.17
27335		REMOVE KNEE JOINT LINING	Surgery	10.00	10.58	$129.17
27340		REMOVAL OF KNEECAP BURSA	Surgery	4.18	6.03	$129.17
27345		REMOVAL OF KNEE CYST	Surgery	5.92	7.49	$129.17
27347		REMOVE KNEE CYST	Surgery	5.78	2.64	$129.17
27350		REMOVAL OF KNEECAP	Surgery	8.17	8.95	$129.17
27355		REMOVE FEMUR LESION	Surgery	7.65	10.36	$129.17
27356		REMOVE FEMUR LESION/GRAFT	Surgery	9.48	11.32	$129.17
27357		REMOVE FEMUR LESION/GRAFT	Surgery	10.53	11.75	$129.17
27358		REMOVE FEMUR LESION/FIXATION	Surgery	4.74	2.69	$129.17
27360		PARTIAL REMOVAL, LEG BONE(S)	Surgery	10.50	18.43	$129.17
27365		EXTENSIVE LEG SURGERY	Surgery	16.27	14.69	$129.17
27370		INJECTION FOR KNEE X-RAY	Surgery	0.96	11.10	$129.17
27372		REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	5.07	6.28	$129.17
27380		REPAIR OF KNEECAP TENDON	Surgery	7.16	8.57	$129.17
27381		REPAIR/GRAFT KNEECAP TENDON	Surgery	10.34	10.34	$129.17
27385		REPAIR OF THIGH MUSCLE	Surgery	7.76	8.93	$129.17
27386		REPAIR/GRAFT OF THIGH MUSCLE	Surgery	10.56	11.12	$129.17
27390		INCISION OF THIGH TENDON	Surgery	5.33	8.22	$129.17
27391		INCISION OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	7.20	9.08	$129.17
27392		INCISION OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	9.20	11.15	$129.17
27393		LENGTHENING OF THIGH TENDON	Surgery	6.39	8.45	$129.17
27394		LENGTHENING OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	8.50	10.51	$129.17
27395		LENGTHENING OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	11.73	13.19	$129.17
27396		TRANSPLANT OF THIGH TENDON	Surgery	7.86	9.65	$129.17
27397		TRANSPLANTS OF THIGH TENDONS	Surgery	11.28	11.71	$129.17
27400		REVISE THIGH MUSCLES/TENDONS	Surgery	9.02	10.67	$129.17
27403		REPAIR OF KNEE CARTILAGE	Surgery	8.33	8.88	$129.17
27405		REPAIR OF KNEE LIGAMENT	Surgery	8.65	9.81	$129.17
27407		REPAIR OF KNEE LIGAMENT	Surgery	10.28	10.67	$129.17
27409		REPAIR OF KNEE LIGAMENTS	Surgery	12.90	12.11	$129.17
27418		REPAIR DEGENERATED KNEECAP	Surgery	10.85	10.99	$129.17
27420		REVISION OF UNSTABLE KNEECAP	Surgery	9.83	9.87	$129.17
27422		REVISION OF UNSTABLE KNEECAP	Surgery	9.78	9.83	$129.17
27424		REVISION/REMOVAL OF KNEECAP	Surgery	9.81	9.75	$129.17
27425		LATERAL RETINACULAR RELEASE	Surgery	5.22	7.29	$129.17
27427		RECONSTRUCTION, KNEE	Surgery	9.36	9.57	$129.17
27428		RECONSTRUCTION, KNEE	Surgery	14.00	12.85	$129.17
27429		RECONSTRUCTION, KNEE	Surgery	15.52	13.69	$129.17
27430		REVISION OF THIGH MUSCLES	Surgery	9.67	9.90	$129.17
27435		INCISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	9.49	9.68	$129.17
27437		REVISE KNEECAP	Surgery	8.46	10.06	$129.17
27438		REVISE KNEECAP WITH IMPLANT	Surgery	11.23	11.34	$129.17
27440		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	10.43	10.92	$129.17
27441		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	10.82	11.24	$129.17
27442		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	11.89	11.77	$129.17
27443		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	10.93	11.56	$129.17
27445		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	17.68	14.98	$129.17
27446		REVISION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	15.84	14.26	$129.17
27447		TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY	Surgery	21.48	17.35	$129.17
27448		INCISION OF THIGH	Surgery	11.06	11.98	$129.17

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27450		INCISION OF THIGH	Surgery	13.98	13.83	$129.17
27454		REALIGNMENT OF THIGH BONE	Surgery	17.56	15.83	$129.17
27455		REALIGNMENT OF KNEE	Surgery	12.82	12.57	$129.17
27457		REALIGNMENT OF KNEE	Surgery	13.45	11.73	$129.17
27465		SHORTENING OF THIGH BONE	Surgery	13.87	14.09	$129.17
27466		LENGTHENING OF THIGH BONE	Surgery	16.33	16.19	$129.17
27468		SHORTEN/LENGTHEN THIGHS	Surgery	18.97	14.57	$129.17
27470		REPAIR OF THIGH	Surgery	16.07	16.07	$129.17
27472		REPAIR/GRAFT OF THIGH	Surgery	17.72	16.98	$129.17
27475		SURGERY TO STOP LEG GROWTH	Surgery	8.64	9.51	$129.17
27477		SURGERY TO STOP LEG GROWTH	Surgery	9.85	10.10	$129.17
27479		SURGERY TO STOP LEG GROWTH	Surgery	12.80	12.09	$129.17
27485		SURGERY TO STOP LEG GROWTH	Surgery	8.84	9.40	$129.17
27486		REVISE/REPLACE KNEE JOINT	Surgery	19.27	16.13	$129.17
27487		REVISE/REPLACE KNEE JOINT	Surgery	25.27	19.26	$129.17
27488		REMOVAL OF KNEE PROSTHESIS	Surgery	15.74	14.21	$129.17
27495		REINFORCE THIGH	Surgery	15.55	15.78	$129.17
27496		DECOMPRESSION OF THIGH/KNEE	Surgery	6.11	7.96	$129.17
27497		DECOMPRESSION OF THIGH/KNEE	Surgery	7.17	8.16	$129.17
27498		DECOMPRESSION OF THIGH/KNEE	Surgery	7.99	8.37	$129.17
27499		DECOMPRESSION OF THIGH/KNEE	Surgery	9.00	9.42	$129.17
27500		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	5.92	7.57	$129.17
27501		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	5.92	8.62	$129.17
27502		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	10.58	11.27	$129.17
27503		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	10.58	11.26	$129.17
27506		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	17.45	14.57	$129.17
27507		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	13.99	12.58	$129.17
27508		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	5.83	5.43	$129.17
27509		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	7.71	9.44	$129.17
27510		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	9.13	7.37	$129.17
27511		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	13.64	13.38	$129.17
27513		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	17.92	15.80	$129.17
27514		TREATMENT OF THIGH FRACTURE	Surgery	17.30	14.55	$129.17
27516		TREAT THIGH FX GROWTH PLATE	Surgery	5.37	5.85	$129.17
27517		TREAT THIGH FX GROWTH PLATE	Surgery	8.78	7.90	$129.17
27519		TREAT THIGH FX GROWTH PLATE	Surgery	15.02	13.11	$129.17
27520		TREAT KNEECAP FRACTURE	Surgery	2.86	3.82	$129.17
27524		TREAT KNEECAP FRACTURE	Surgery	10.00	8.98	$129.17
27530		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.78	4.33	$129.17
27532		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE	Surgery	7.30	5.84	$129.17
27535		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE	Surgery	11.50	12.15	$129.17
27536		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE	Surgery	15.65	12.16	$129.17
27538		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE(S)	Surgery	4.87	5.60	$129.17
27540		TREAT KNEE FRACTURE	Surgery	13.10	10.75	$129.17
27550		TREAT KNEE DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.76	5.79	$129.17
27552		TREAT KNEE DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.90	8.04	$129.17
27556		TREAT KNEE DISLOCATION	Surgery	14.41	14.45	$129.17
27557		TREAT KNEE DISLOCATION	Surgery	16.77	15.78	$129.17
27558		TREAT KNEE DISLOCATION	Surgery	17.72	15.91	$129.17
27560		TREAT KNEECAP DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.82	4.04	$129.17
27562		TREAT KNEECAP DISLOCATION	Surgery	5.79	5.67	$129.17
27566		TREAT KNEECAP DISLOCATION	Surgery	12.23	10.09	$129.17
27570		FIXATION OF KNEE JOINT	Surgery	1.74	3.24	$129.17
27580		FUSION OF KNEE	Surgery	19.37	16.63	$129.17
27590		AMPUTATE LEG AT THIGH	Surgery	12.03	12.67	$129.17
27591		AMPUTATE LEG AT THIGH	Surgery	12.68	14.01	$129.17
27592		AMPUTATE LEG AT THIGH	Surgery	10.02	12.55	$129.17
27594		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	6.92	9.05	$129.17
27596		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	10.60	12.64	$129.17
27598		AMPUTATE LOWER LEG AT KNEE	Surgery	10.53	11.69	$129.17
27600		DECOMPRESSION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	5.65	7.67	$129.17

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27601		DECOMPRESSION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	5.64	7.68	$129.17
27602		DECOMPRESSION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	7.35	8.08	$129.17
27603		DRAIN LOWER LEG LESION	Surgery	4.94	10.54	$129.17
27604		DRAIN LOWER LEG BURSA	Surgery	4.47	8.47	$129.17
27605		INCISION OF ACHILLES TENDON	Surgery	2.87	3.67	$129.17
27606		INCISION OF ACHILLES TENDON	Surgery	4.14	5.08	$129.17
27607		TREAT LOWER LEG BONE LESION	Surgery	7.97	12.78	$129.17
27610		EXPLORE/TREAT ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	8.34	10.43	$129.17
27612		EXPLORATION OF ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	7.33	8.32	$129.17
27613		BIOPSY LOWER LEG SOFT TISSUE	Surgery	2.17	5.38	$129.17
27614		BIOPSY LOWER LEG SOFT TISSUE	Surgery	5.66	7.17	$129.17
27615		REMOVE TUMOR, LOWER LEG	Surgery	12.56	17.07	$129.17
27618		REMOVE LOWER LEG LESION	Surgery	5.09	6.72	$129.17
27619		REMOVE LOWER LEG LESION	Surgery	8.40	9.55	$129.17
27620		EXPLORE/TREAT ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	5.98	8.20	$129.17
27625		REMOVE ANKLE JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.30	9.57	$129.17
27626		REMOVE ANKLE JOINT LINING	Surgery	8.91	10.39	$129.17
27630		REMOVAL OF TENDON LESION	Surgery	4.80	6.87	$129.17
27635		REMOVE LOWER LEG BONE LESION	Surgery	7.78	11.13	$129.17
27637		REMOVE/GRAFT LEG BONE LESION	Surgery	9.85	12.36	$129.17
27638		REMOVE/GRAFT LEG BONE LESION	Surgery	10.57	12.55	$129.17
27640		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TIBIA	Surgery	11.37	18.46	$129.17
27641		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF FIBULA	Surgery	9.24	16.52	$129.17
27645		EXTENSIVE LOWER LEG SURGERY	Surgery	14.17	18.78	$129.17
27646		EXTENSIVE LOWER LEG SURGERY	Surgery	12.66	18.50	$129.17
27647		EXTENSIVE ANKLE/HEEL SURGERY	Surgery	12.24	11.31	$129.17
27648		INJECTION FOR ANKLE X-RAY	Surgery	0.96	9.49	$129.17
27650		REPAIR ACHILLES TENDON	Surgery	9.69	9.60	$129.17
27652		REPAIR/GRAFT ACHILLES TENDON	Surgery	10.33	9.90	$129.17
27654		REPAIR OF ACHILLES TENDON	Surgery	10.02	10.34	$129.17
27656		REPAIR LEG FASCIA DEFECT	Surgery	4.57	7.06	$129.17
27658		REPAIR OF LEG TENDON, EACH	Surgery	4.98	9.14	$129.17
27659		REPAIR OF LEG TENDON, EACH	Surgery	6.81	9.97	$129.17
27664		REPAIR OF LEG TENDON, EACH	Surgery	4.59	9.17	$129.17
27665		REPAIR OF LEG TENDON, EACH	Surgery	5.40	8.95	$129.17
27675		REPAIR LOWER LEG TENDONS	Surgery	7.18	8.48	$129.17
27676		REPAIR LOWER LEG TENDONS	Surgery	8.42	9.72	$129.17
27680		RELEASE OF LOWER LEG TENDON	Surgery	5.74	8.27	$129.17
27681		RELEASE OF LOWER LEG TENDONS	Surgery	6.82	8.88	$129.17
27685		REVISION OF LOWER LEG TENDON	Surgery	6.50	8.45	$129.17
27686		REVISE LOWER LEG TENDONS	Surgery	7.46	9.89	$129.17
27687		REVISION OF CALF TENDON	Surgery	6.24	8.70	$129.17
27690		REVISE LOWER LEG TENDON	Surgery	8.71	9.61	$129.17
27691		REVISE LOWER LEG TENDON	Surgery	9.96	11.10	$129.17
27692		REVISE ADDITIONAL LEG TENDON	Surgery	1.87	0.99	$129.17
27695		REPAIR OF ANKLE LIGAMENT	Surgery	6.51	9.20	$129.17
27696		REPAIR OF ANKLE LIGAMENTS	Surgery	8.27	9.54	$129.17
27698		REPAIR OF ANKLE LIGAMENT	Surgery	9.36	9.72	$129.17
27700		REVISION OF ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	9.29	7.95	$129.17
27702		RECONSTRUCT ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	13.67	13.02	$129.17
27703		RECONSTRUCTION, ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	15.87	13.31	$129.17
27704		REMOVAL OF ANKLE IMPLANT	Surgery	7.62	9.40	$129.17
27705		INCISION OF TIBIA	Surgery	10.38	11.55	$129.17
27707		INCISION OF FIBULA	Surgery	4.37	8.48	$129.17
27709		INCISION OF TIBIA & FIBULA	Surgery	9.95	11.48	$129.17
27712		REALIGNMENT OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	14.25	13.92	$129.17
27715		REVISION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	14.39	15.22	$129.17
27720		REPAIR OF TIBIA	Surgery	11.79	13.67	$129.17
27722		REPAIR/GRAFT OF TIBIA	Surgery	11.82	13.46	$129.17
27724		REPAIR/GRAFT OF TIBIA	Surgery	18.20	17.28	$129.17
27725		REPAIR OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	15.59	15.62	$129.17

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CPT Code	Modifider	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
27727		REPAIR OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	14.01	14.43	$129.17
27730		REPAIR OF TIBIA EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	7.41	10.22	$129.17
27732		REPAIR OF FIBULA EPIPHYSIS	Surgery	5.32	7.22	$129.17
27734		REPAIR LOWER LEG EPIPHYSES	Surgery	8.48	10.84	$129.17
27740		REPAIR OF LEG EPIPHYSES	Surgery	9.30	9.72	$129.17
27742		REPAIR OF LEG EPIPHYSES	Surgery	10.30	9.27	$129.17
27745		REINFORCE TIBIA	Surgery	10.07	11.60	$129.17
27750		TREATMENT OF TIBIA FRACTURE	Surgery	3.19	4.00	$129.17
27752		TREATMENT OF TIBIA FRACTURE	Surgery	5.84	6.17	$129.17
27756		TREATMENT OF TIBIA FRACTURE	Surgery	6.78	10.84	$129.17
27758		TREATMENT OF TIBIA FRACTURE	Surgery	11.67	12.22	$129.17
27759		TREATMENT OF TIBIA FRACTURE	Surgery	13.76	13.46	$129.17
27760		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.01	5.42	$129.17
27762		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.25	5.75	$129.17
27766		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	8.36	8.26	$129.17
27780		TREATMENT OF FIBULA FRACTURE	Surgery	2.65	5.37	$129.17
27781		TREATMENT OF FIBULA FRACTURE	Surgery	4.40	4.62	$129.17
27784		TREATMENT OF FIBULA FRACTURE	Surgery	7.11	8.63	$129.17
27786		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.84	5.38	$129.17
27788		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	4.45	6.65	$129.17
27792		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	7.66	8.18	$129.17
27808		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.83	4.50	$129.17
27810		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.13	5.71	$129.17
27814		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	10.68	10.93	$129.17
27816		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.89	4.55	$129.17
27818		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	5.50	5.88	$129.17
27822		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	11.00	13.18	$129.17
27823		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	13.00	14.39	$129.17
27824		TREAT LOWER LEG FRACTURE	Surgery	2.89	4.50	$129.17
27825		TREAT LOWER LEG FRACTURE	Surgery	6.19	6.32	$129.17
27826		TREAT LOWER LEG FRACTURE	Surgery	8.54	11.88	$129.17
27827		TREAT LOWER LEG FRACTURE	Surgery	14.06	15.00	$129.17
27828		TREAT LOWER LEG FRACTURE	Surgery	16.23	15.03	$129.17
27829		TREAT LOWER LEG JOINT	Surgery	5.49	8.67	$129.17
27830		TREAT LOWER LEG DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.79	4.36	$129.17
27831		TREAT LOWER LEG DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.56	4.94	$129.17
27832		TREAT LOWER LEG DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.49	8.06	$129.17
27840		TREAT ANKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.58	6.21	$129.17
27842		TREAT ANKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.21	5.25	$129.17
27846		TREAT ANKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	9.79	10.46	$129.17
27848		TREAT ANKLE DISLOCATION	Surgery	11.20	11.70	$129.17
27860		FIXATION OF ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	2.34	3.78	$129.17
27870		FUSION OF ANKLE JOINT	Surgery	13.91	13.76	$129.17
27871		FUSION OF TIBIOFIBULAR JOINT	Surgery	9.17	11.03	$129.17
27880		AMPUTATION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	11.85	11.95	$129.17
27881		AMPUTATION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	12.34	13.44	$129.17
27882		AMPUTATION OF LOWER LEG	Surgery	8.94	13.13	$129.17
27884		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	8.21	10.78	$129.17
27886		AMPUTATION FOLLOW-UP SURGERY	Surgery	9.32	11.26	$129.17
27888		AMPUTATION OF FOOT AT ANKLE	Surgery	9.67	11.11	$129.17
27889		AMPUTATION OF FOOT AT ANKLE	Surgery	9.98	10.45	$129.17
27892		DECOMPRESSION OF LEG	Surgery	7.39	8.41	$129.17
27893		DECOMPRESSION OF LEG	Surgery	7.35	8.58	$129.17
27894		DECOMPRESSION OF LEG	Surgery	10.49	10.09	$129.17
28001		DRAINAGE OF BURSA OF FOOT	Surgery	2.73	5.62	$129.17
28002		TREATMENT OF FOOT INFECTION	Surgery	4.62	4.22	$129.17
28003		TREATMENT OF FOOT INFECTION	Surgery	8.41	10.63	$129.17
28005		TREAT FOOT BONE LESION	Surgery	8.68	10.26	$129.17
28008		INCISION OF FOOT FASCIA	Surgery	4.45	6.38	$129.17
28010		INCISION OF TOE TENDON	Surgery	2.84	5.37	$129.17
28011		INCISION OF TOE TENDONS	Surgery	4.14	6.79	$129.17

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28020		EXPLORATION OF FOOT JOINT	Surgery	5.01	6.81	$129.17
28022		EXPLORATION OF FOOT JOINT	Surgery	4.67	6.26	$129.17
28024		EXPLORATION OF TOE JOINT	Surgery	4.38	6.64	$129.17
28030		REMOVAL OF FOOT NERVE	Surgery	6.15	3.50	$129.17
28035		DECOMPRESSION OF TIBIA NERVE	Surgery	5.09	5.35	$129.17
28043		EXCISION OF FOOT LESION	Surgery	3.54	4.96	$129.17
28045		EXCISION OF FOOT LESION	Surgery	4.72	5.81	$129.17
28046		RESECTION OF TUMOR, FOOT	Surgery	10.18	11.38	$129.17
28050		BIOPSY OF FOOT JOINT LINING	Surgery	4.25	6.11	$129.17
28052		BIOPSY OF FOOT JOINT LINING	Surgery	3.94	5.76	$129.17
28054		BIOPSY OF TOE JOINT LINING	Surgery	3.45	5.50	$129.17
28060		PARTIAL REMOVAL, FOOT FASCIA	Surgery	5.23	6.51	$129.17
28062		REMOVAL OF FOOT FASCIA	Surgery	6.52	6.87	$129.17
28070		REMOVAL OF FOOT JOINT LINING	Surgery	5.10	6.12	$129.17
28072		REMOVAL OF FOOT JOINT LINING	Surgery	4.58	6.67	$129.17
28080		REMOVAL OF FOOT LESION	Surgery	3.58	5.51	$129.17
28086		EXCISE FOOT TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	4.78	7.11	$129.17
28088		EXCISE FOOT TENDON SHEATH	Surgery	3.86	6.62	$129.17
28090		REMOVAL OF FOOT LESION	Surgery	4.41	5.64	$129.17
28092		REMOVAL OF TOE LESIONS	Surgery	3.64	6.08	$129.17
28100		REMOVAL OF ANKLE/HEEL LESION	Surgery	5.66	7.70	$129.17
28102		REMOVE/GRAFT FOOT LESION	Surgery	7.73	9.00	$129.17
28103		REMOVE/GRAFT FOOT LESION	Surgery	6.50	6.93	$129.17
28104		REMOVAL OF FOOT LESION	Surgery	5.12	6.76	$129.17
28106		REMOVE/GRAFT FOOT LESION	Surgery	7.16	6.97	$129.17
28107		REMOVE/GRAFT FOOT LESION	Surgery	5.56	7.13	$129.17
28108		REMOVAL OF TOE LESIONS	Surgery	4.16	5.36	$129.17
28110		PART REMOVAL OF METATARSAL	Surgery	4.08	6.87	$129.17
28111		PART REMOVAL OF METATARSAL	Surgery	5.01	7.69	$129.17
28112		PART REMOVAL OF METATARSAL	Surgery	4.49	7.47	$129.17
28113		PART REMOVAL OF METATARSAL	Surgery	4.79	7.13	$129.17
28114		REMOVAL OF METATARSAL HEADS	Surgery	9.79	10.85	$129.17
28116		REVISION OF FOOT	Surgery	7.75	6.38	$129.17
28118		REMOVAL OF HEEL BONE	Surgery	5.96	7.24	$129.17
28119		REMOVAL OF HEEL SPUR	Surgery	5.39	6.15	$129.17
28120		PART REMOVAL OF ANKLE/HEEL	Surgery	5.40	9.83	$129.17
28122		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF FOOT BONE	Surgery	7.29	9.50	$129.17
28124		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TOE	Surgery	4.81	7.61	$129.17
28126		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TOE	Surgery	3.52	6.76	$129.17
28130		REMOVAL OF ANKLE BONE	Surgery	8.11	8.77	$129.17
28140		REMOVAL OF METATARSAL	Surgery	6.91	7.92	$129.17
28150		REMOVAL OF TOE	Surgery	4.09	7.07	$129.17
28153		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TOE	Surgery	3.66	6.22	$129.17
28160		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TOE	Surgery	3.74	7.22	$129.17
28171		EXTENSIVE FOOT SURGERY	Surgery	9.60	8.27	$129.17
28173		EXTENSIVE FOOT SURGERY	Surgery	8.80	8.88	$129.17
28175		EXTENSIVE FOOT SURGERY	Surgery	6.05	6.99	$129.17
28190		REMOVAL OF FOOT FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.96	6.54	$129.17
28192		REMOVAL OF FOOT FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	4.64	5.44	$129.17
28193		REMOVAL OF FOOT FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	5.73	6.67	$129.17
28200		REPAIR OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	4.60	6.32	$129.17
28202		REPAIR/GRAFT OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	6.84	6.83	$129.17
28208		REPAIR OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	4.37	6.03	$129.17
28210		REPAIR/GRAFT OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	6.35	6.38	$129.17
28220		RELEASE OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	4.53	6.41	$129.17
28222		RELEASE OF FOOT TENDONS	Surgery	5.62	6.77	$129.17
28225		RELEASE OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	3.66	5.57	$129.17
28226		RELEASE OF FOOT TENDONS	Surgery	4.53	6.66	$129.17
28230		INCISION OF FOOT TENDON(S)	Surgery	4.24	6.83	$129.17
28232		INCISION OF TOE TENDON	Surgery	3.39	6.53	$129.17
28234		INCISION OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	3.37	6.11	$129.17

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28238		REVISION OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	7.73	7.60	$129.17
28240		RELEASE OF BIG TOE	Surgery	4.36	6.40	$129.17
28250		REVISION OF FOOT FASCIA	Surgery	5.92	7.12	$129.17
28260		RELEASE OF MIDFOOT JOINT	Surgery	7.96	8.08	$129.17
28261		REVISION OF FOOT TENDON	Surgery	11.73	9.64	$129.17
28262		REVISION OF FOOT AND ANKLE	Surgery	15.83	15.09	$129.17
28264		RELEASE OF MIDFOOT JOINT	Surgery	10.35	10.98	$129.17
28270		RELEASE OF FOOT CONTRACTURE	Surgery	4.76	7.43	$129.17
28272		RELEASE OF TOE JOINT, EACH	Surgery	3.80	5.50	$129.17
28280		FUSION OF TOES	Surgery	5.19	6.77	$129.17
28285		REPAIR OF HAMMERTOE	Surgery	4.59	6.76	$129.17
28286		REPAIR OF HAMMERTOE	Surgery	4.56	6.75	$129.17
28288		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF FOOT BONE	Surgery	4.74	8.02	$129.17
28289		REPAIR HALLUX RIGIDUS	Surgery	7.04	9.75	$129.17
28290		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	5.66	8.81	$129.17
28292		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	7.04	7.69	$129.17
28293		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	9.15	8.02	$129.17
28294		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	8.56	8.30	$129.17
28296		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	9.18	8.65	$129.17
28297		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	9.18	10.25	$129.17
28298		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	7.94	8.48	$129.17
28299		CORRECTION OF BUNION	Surgery	10.58	9.21	$129.17
28300		INCISION OF HEEL BONE	Surgery	9.54	9.43	$129.17
28302		INCISION OF ANKLE BONE	Surgery	9.55	9.22	$129.17
28304		INCISION OF MIDFOOT BONES	Surgery	9.16	7.88	$129.17
28305		INCISE/GRAFT MIDFOOT BONES	Surgery	10.50	10.07	$129.17
28306		INCISION OF METATARSAL	Surgery	5.86	6.51	$129.17
28307		INCISION OF METATARSAL	Surgery	6.33	7.74	$129.17
28308		INCISION OF METATARSAL	Surgery	5.29	5.60	$129.17
28309		INCISION OF METATARSALS	Surgery	12.78	11.08	$129.17
28310		REVISION OF BIG TOE	Surgery	5.43	6.93	$129.17
28312		REVISION OF TOE	Surgery	4.55	7.87	$129.17
28313		REPAIR DEFORMITY OF TOE	Surgery	5.01	9.06	$129.17
28315		REMOVAL OF SESAMOID BONE	Surgery	4.86	5.82	$129.17
28320		REPAIR OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	9.18	9.02	$129.17
28322		REPAIR OF METATARSALS	Surgery	8.34	8.38	$129.17
28340		RESECT ENLARGED TOE TISSUE	Surgery	6.98	6.28	$129.17
28341		RESECT ENLARGED TOE	Surgery	8.41	6.88	$129.17
28344		REPAIR EXTRA TOE(S)	Surgery	4.26	4.86	$129.17
28345		REPAIR WEBBED TOE(S)	Surgery	5.92	7.58	$129.17
28360		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT FOOT	Surgery	13.34	12.22	$129.17
28400		TREATMENT OF HEEL FRACTURE	Surgery	2.16	4.74	$129.17
28405		TREATMENT OF HEEL FRACTURE	Surgery	4.57	5.87	$129.17
28406		TREATMENT OF HEEL FRACTURE	Surgery	6.31	8.69	$129.17
28415		TREAT HEEL FRACTURE	Surgery	15.97	15.72	$129.17
28420		TREAT/GRAFT HEEL FRACTURE	Surgery	16.64	15.95	$129.17
28430		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.09	5.25	$129.17
28435		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.40	4.57	$129.17
28436		TREATMENT OF ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	4.71	7.86	$129.17
28445		TREAT ANKLE FRACTURE	Surgery	15.62	13.94	$129.17
28450		TREAT MIDFOOT FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	1.90	5.28	$129.17
28455		TREAT MIDFOOT FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	3.09	4.94	$129.17
28456		TREAT MIDFOOT FRACTURE	Surgery	2.68	6.27	$129.17
28465		TREAT MIDFOOT FRACTURE, EACH	Surgery	7.01	8.25	$129.17
28470		TREAT METATARSAL FRACTURE	Surgery	1.99	3.41	$129.17
28475		TREAT METATARSAL FRACTURE	Surgery	2.97	4.38	$129.17
28476		TREAT METATARSAL FRACTURE	Surgery	3.38	6.71	$129.17
28485		TREAT METATARSAL FRACTURE	Surgery	5.71	8.16	$129.17
28490		TREAT BIG TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.09	2.76	$129.17
28495		TREAT BIG TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.58	2.31	$129.17
28496		TREAT BIG TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.33	4.58	$129.17

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28505		TREAT BIG TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.81	6.74	$129.17
28510		TREATMENT OF TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.09	2.51	$129.17
28515		TREATMENT OF TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.46	2.30	$129.17
28525		TREAT TOE FRACTURE	Surgery	3.32	6.16	$129.17
28530		TREAT SESAMOID BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	1.06	2.91	$129.17
28531		TREAT SESAMOID BONE FRACTURE	Surgery	2.35	4.73	$129.17
28540		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.04	3.75	$129.17
28545		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.45	4.76	$129.17
28546		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.20	6.31	$129.17
28555		REPAIR FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	6.30	8.36	$129.17
28570		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.66	3.67	$129.17
28575		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	3.31	5.19	$129.17
28576		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.17	6.85	$129.17
28585		REPAIR FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.99	8.32	$129.17
28600		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.89	4.32	$129.17
28605		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.71	4.40	$129.17
28606		TREAT FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.90	7.09	$129.17
28615		REPAIR FOOT DISLOCATION	Surgery	7.77	9.45	$129.17
28630		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.70	2.35	$129.17
28635		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.91	2.49	$129.17
28636		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.77	3.22	$129.17
28645		REPAIR TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	4.22	4.34	$129.17
28660		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.23	3.11	$129.17
28665		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	1.92	2.47	$129.17
28666		TREAT TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.66	3.00	$129.17
28675		REPAIR OF TOE DISLOCATION	Surgery	2.92	4.90	$129.17
28705		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	18.80	15.67	$129.17
28715		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	13.10	12.57	$129.17
28725		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	11.61	11.48	$129.17
28730		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	10.76	10.76	$129.17
28735		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	10.85	10.45	$129.17
28737		REVISION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	9.64	9.04	$129.17
28740		FUSION OF FOOT BONES	Surgery	8.02	8.94	$129.17
28750		FUSION OF BIG TOE JOINT	Surgery	7.30	9.13	$129.17
28755		FUSION OF BIG TOE JOINT	Surgery	4.74	6.42	$129.17
28760		FUSION OF BIG TOE JOINT	Surgery	7.75	7.82	$129.17
28800		AMPUTATION OF MIDFOOT	Surgery	8.21	8.90	$129.17
28805		AMPUTATION THRU METATARSAL	Surgery	8.39	9.00	$129.17
28810		AMPUTATION TOE & METATARSAL	Surgery	6.21	7.97	$129.17
28820		AMPUTATION OF TOE	Surgery	4.41	7.16	$129.17
28825		PARTIAL AMPUTATION OF TOE	Surgery	3.59	6.95	$129.17
29000		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.25	2.71	$129.17
29010		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.06	2.98	$129.17
29015		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.41	3.17	$129.17
29020		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.11	3.33	$129.17
29025		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.40	3.32	$129.17
29035		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	1.77	3.05	$129.17
29040		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.22	2.54	$129.17
29044		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.12	3.20	$129.17
29046		APPLICATION OF BODY CAST	Surgery	2.41	3.31	$129.17
29049		APPLICATION OF FIGURE EIGHT	Surgery	0.89	1.07	$129.17
29055		APPLICATION OF SHOULDER CAST	Surgery	1.78	2.40	$129.17
29058		APPLICATION OF SHOULDER CAST	Surgery	1.31	1.33	$129.17
29065		APPLICATION OF LONG ARM CAST	Surgery	0.87	0.69	$129.17
29075		APPLICATION OF FOREARM CAST	Surgery	0.77	0.63	$129.17
29085		APPLY HAND/WRIST CAST	Surgery	0.87	0.62	$129.17
29086		APPLY FINGER CAST	Surgery	0.62	0.50	$129.17
29105		APPLY LONG ARM SPLINT	Surgery	0.87	0.52	$129.17
29125		APPLY FOREARM SPLINT	Surgery	0.59	0.41	$129.17
29126		APPLY FOREARM SPLINT	Surgery	0.77	0.47	$129.17
29130		APPLICATION OF FINGER SPLINT	Surgery	0.50	0.18	$129.17

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CPT Code	Modifider	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
29131		APPLICATION OF FINGER SPLINT	Surgery	0.55	0.23	$129.17
29200		STRAPPING OF CHEST	Surgery	0.65	0.37	$129.17
29220		STRAPPING OF LOW BACK	Surgery	0.64	0.41	$129.17
29240		STRAPPING OF SHOULDER	Surgery	0.71	0.39	$129.17
29260		STRAPPING OF ELBOW OR WRIST	Surgery	0.55	0.35	$129.17
29280		STRAPPING OF HAND OR FINGER	Surgery	0.51	0.39	$129.17
29305		APPLICATION OF HIP CAST	Surgery	2.03	2.74	$129.17
29325		APPLICATION OF HIP CASTS	Surgery	2.32	3.05	$129.17
29345		APPLICATION OF LONG LEG CAST	Surgery	1.40	1.02	$129.17
29355		APPLICATION OF LONG LEG CAST	Surgery	1.53	1.47	$129.17
29358		APPLY LONG LEG CAST BRACE	Surgery	1.43	1.72	$129.17
29365		APPLICATION OF LONG LEG CAST	Surgery	1.18	0.90	$129.17
29405		APPLY SHORT LEG CAST	Surgery	0.86	0.66	$129.17
29425		APPLY SHORT LEG CAST	Surgery	1.01	1.05	$129.17
29435		APPLY SHORT LEG CAST	Surgery	1.18	1.35	$129.17
29440		ADDITION OF WALKER TO CAST	Surgery	0.57	0.61	$129.17
29445		APPLY RIGID LEG CAST	Surgery	1.78	0.96	$129.17
29450		APPLICATION OF LEG CAST	Surgery	2.08	1.40	$129.17
29505		APPLICATION, LONG LEG SPLINT	Surgery	0.69	0.48	$129.17
29515		APPLICATION LOWER LEG SPLINT	Surgery	0.73	0.48	$129.17
29520		STRAPPING OF HIP	Surgery	0.54	0.44	$129.17
29530		STRAPPING OF KNEE	Surgery	0.57	0.36	$129.17
29540		STRAPPING OF ANKLE	Surgery	0.51	0.32	$129.17
29550		STRAPPING OF TOES	Surgery	0.47	0.29	$129.17
29580		APPLICATION OF PASTE BOOT	Surgery	0.57	0.36	$129.17
29590		APPLICATION OF FOOT SPLINT	Surgery	0.76	0.30	$129.17
29700		REMOVAL/REVISION OF CAST	Surgery	0.57	0.81	$129.17
29705		REMOVAL/REVISION OF CAST	Surgery	0.76	0.73	$129.17
29710		REMOVAL/REVISION OF CAST	Surgery	1.34	1.50	$129.17
29715		REMOVAL/REVISION OF CAST	Surgery	0.94	0.98	$129.17
29720		REPAIR OF BODY CAST	Surgery	0.68	0.95	$129.17
29730		WINDOWING OF CAST	Surgery	0.75	0.71	$129.17
29740		WEDGING OF CAST	Surgery	1.12	1.02	$129.17
29750		WEDGING OF CLUBFOOT CAST	Surgery	1.26	1.13	$129.17
29800		JAW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.43	9.15	$129.17
29804		JAW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.14	8.73	$129.17
29805		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY, DX	Surgery	5.89	3.23	$129.17
29806		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	14.37	11.33	$129.17
29807		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	13.90	11.06	$129.17
29819		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.62	9.82	$129.17
29820		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.07	9.55	$129.17
29821		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.72	9.84	$129.17
29822		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.43	9.75	$129.17
29823		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.17	10.14	$129.17
29824		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.25	7.48	$129.17
29825		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.62	9.80	$129.17
29826		SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.99	10.65	$129.17
29830		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY	Surgery	5.76	6.14	$129.17
29834		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.28	6.94	$129.17
29835		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.48	6.95	$129.17
29836		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.55	7.62	$129.17
29837		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.87	7.30	$129.17
29838		ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.71	7.73	$129.17
29840		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY	Surgery	5.54	8.38	$129.17
29843		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.01	8.70	$129.17
29844		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.37	8.96	$129.17
29845		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.52	9.56	$129.17
29846		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.75	11.67	$129.17
29847		WRIST ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.08	11.85	$129.17
29848		WRIST ENDOSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	5.44	8.46	$129.17
29850		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.19	7.49	$129.17

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29851		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	13.10	12.00	$129.17
29855		TIBIAL ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	10.62	10.55	$129.17
29856		TIBIAL ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	14.14	12.49	$129.17
29860		HIP ARTHROSCOPY, DX	Surgery	8.05	8.05	$129.17
29861		HIP ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.15	8.71	$129.17
29862		HIP ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.90	9.75	$129.17
29863		HIP ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.90	10.31	$129.17
29870		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY, DX	Surgery	5.07	6.27	$129.17
29871		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/DRAINAGE	Surgery	6.55	8.38	$129.17
29874		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.05	8.15	$129.17
29875		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.31	7.69	$129.17
29876		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.92	9.19	$129.17
29877		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.35	8.29	$129.17
29879		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.04	8.68	$129.17
29880		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.50	8.95	$129.17
29881		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.76	8.53	$129.17
29882		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.65	9.01	$129.17
29883		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	11.05	10.41	$129.17
29884		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.33	8.87	$129.17
29885		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.09	9.85	$129.17
29886		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.54	8.99	$129.17
29887		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.04	9.83	$129.17
29888		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	13.90	12.50	$129.17
29889		KNEE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	16.00	13.71	$129.17
29891		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.40	8.92	$129.17
29892		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	9.00	9.04	$129.17
29893		SCOPE, PLANTAR FASCIOTOMY	Surgery	5.22	5.56	$129.17
29894		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.21	8.04	$129.17
29895		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	6.99	8.01	$129.17
29897		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	7.18	8.73	$129.17
29898		ANKLE ARTHROSCOPY/SURGERY	Surgery	8.32	8.79	$129.17
29900		MCP JOINT ARTHROSCOPY, DX	Surgery	5.42	5.88	$129.17
29901		MCP JOINT ARTHROSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	6.13	6.28	$129.17
29902		MCP JOINT ARTHROSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	6.70	6.60	$129.17
30000		DRAINAGE OF NOSE LESION	Surgery	1.43	2.53	$129.17
30020		DRAINAGE OF NOSE LESION	Surgery	1.43	2.64	$129.17
30100		INTRANASAL BIOPSY	Surgery	0.94	1.34	$129.17
30110		REMOVAL OF NOSE POLYP(S)	Surgery	1.63	2.80	$129.17
30115		REMOVAL OF NOSE POLYP(S)	Surgery	4.35	4.54	$129.17
30117		REMOVAL OF INTRANASAL LESION	Surgery	3.16	3.20	$129.17
30118		REMOVAL OF INTRANASAL LESION	Surgery	9.69	8.55	$129.17
30120		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	5.27	5.71	$129.17
30124		REMOVAL OF NOSE LESION	Surgery	3.10	3.31	$129.17
30125		REMOVAL OF NOSE LESION	Surgery	7.16	6.61	$129.17
30130		REMOVAL OF TURBINATE BONES	Surgery	3.38	3.99	$129.17
30140		REMOVAL OF TURBINATE BONES	Surgery	3.43	4.61	$129.17
30150		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF NOSE	Surgery	9.14	8.83	$129.17
30160		REMOVAL OF NOSE	Surgery	9.58	8.79	$129.17
30200		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NOSE	Surgery	0.78	1.23	$129.17
30210		NASAL SINUS THERAPY	Surgery	1.08	2.15	$129.17
30220		INSERT NASAL SEPTAL BUTTON	Surgery	1.54	0.84	$129.17
30300		REMOVE NASAL FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.04	2.62	$129.17
30310		REMOVE NASAL FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.96	1.92	$129.17
30320		REMOVE NASAL FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	4.52	5.26	$129.17
30400		RECONSTRUCTION OF NOSE	Surgery	9.83	8.95	$129.17
30410		RECONSTRUCTION OF NOSE	Surgery	12.98	10.45	$129.17
30420		RECONSTRUCTION OF NOSE	Surgery	15.88	12.50	$129.17
30430		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	7.21	7.40	$129.17
30435		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	11.71	10.68	$129.17
30450		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	18.65	14.37	$129.17
30460		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	9.96	9.16	$129.17

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30462		REVISION OF NOSE	Surgery	19.57	14.30	$129.17
30465		REPAIR NASAL STENOSIS	Surgery	11.64	9.58	$129.17
30520		REPAIR OF NASAL SEPTUM	Surgery	5.70	5.93	$129.17
30540		REPAIR NASAL DEFECT	Surgery	7.75	6.71	$129.17
30545		REPAIR NASAL DEFECT	Surgery	11.38	9.19	$129.17
30560		RELEASE OF NASAL ADHESIONS	Surgery	1.26	2.37	$129.17
30580		REPAIR UPPER JAW FISTULA	Surgery	6.69	5.00	$129.17
30600		REPAIR MOUTH/NOSE FISTULA	Surgery	6.02	4.90	$129.17
30620		INTRANASAL RECONSTRUCTION	Surgery	5.97	6.69	$129.17
30630		REPAIR NASAL SEPTUM DEFECT	Surgery	7.12	7.23	$129.17
30801		CAUTERIZATION, INNER NOSE	Surgery	1.09	2.57	$129.17
30802		CAUTERIZATION, INNER NOSE	Surgery	2.03	2.87	$129.17
30901		CONTROL OF NOSEBLEED	Surgery	1.21	1.43	$129.17
30903		CONTROL OF NOSEBLEED	Surgery	1.54	0.53	$129.17
30905		CONTROL OF NOSEBLEED	Surgery	1.97	0.80	$129.17
30906		REPEAT CONTROL OF NOSEBLEED	Surgery	2.45	1.27	$129.17
30915		LIGATION, NASAL SINUS ARTERY	Surgery	7.20	7.13	$129.17
30920		LIGATION, UPPER JAW ARTERY	Surgery	9.83	8.64	$129.17
30930		THERAPY, FRACTURE OF NOSE	Surgery	1.26	2.17	$129.17
31000		IRRIGATION, MAXILLARY SINUS	Surgery	1.15	2.43	$129.17
31002		IRRIGATION, SPHENOID SINUS	Surgery	1.91	2.07	$129.17
31020		EXPLORATION, MAXILLARY SINUS	Surgery	2.94	3.68	$129.17
31030		EXPLORATION, MAXILLARY SINUS	Surgery	5.92	4.68	$129.17
31032		EXPLORE SINUS,REMOVE POLYPS	Surgery	6.57	6.16	$129.17
31040		EXPLORATION BEHIND UPPER JAW	Surgery	9.42	7.34	$129.17
31050		EXPLORATION, SPHENOID SINUS	Surgery	5.28	5.12	$129.17
31051		SPHENOID SINUS SURGERY	Surgery	7.11	6.66	$129.17
31070		EXPLORATION OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	4.28	5.04	$129.17
31075		EXPLORATION OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	9.16	8.38	$129.17
31080		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	11.42	9.13	$129.17
31081		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	12.75	9.97	$129.17
31084		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	13.51	10.76	$129.17
31085		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	14.20	11.12	$129.17
31086		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	12.86	10.50	$129.17
31087		REMOVAL OF FRONTAL SINUS	Surgery	13.10	10.32	$129.17
31090		EXPLORATION OF SINUSES	Surgery	9.53	9.05	$129.17
31200		REMOVAL OF ETHMOID SINUS	Surgery	4.97	5.86	$129.17
31201		REMOVAL OF ETHMOID SINUS	Surgery	8.37	7.91	$129.17
31205		REMOVAL OF ETHMOID SINUS	Surgery	10.24	8.66	$129.17
31225		REMOVAL OF UPPER JAW	Surgery	19.23	15.42	$129.17
31230		REMOVAL OF UPPER JAW	Surgery	21.94	17.21	$129.17
31231		NASAL ENDOSCOPY, DX	Surgery	1.10	2.01	$129.17
31233		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, DX	Surgery	2.18	1.24	$129.17
31235		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, DX	Surgery	2.64	1.49	$129.17
31237		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	2.98	1.66	$129.17
31238		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	3.26	1.89	$129.17
31239		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	8.70	6.72	$129.17
31240		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	2.61	1.62	$129.17
31254		REVISION OF ETHMOID SINUS	Surgery	4.65	2.79	$129.17
31255		REMOVAL OF ETHMOID SINUS	Surgery	6.96	4.14	$129.17
31256		EXPLORATION MAXILLARY SINUS	Surgery	3.29	2.01	$129.17
31267		ENDOSCOPY, MAXILLARY SINUS	Surgery	5.46	3.27	$129.17
31276		SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	8.85	5.24	$129.17
31287		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	3.92	2.37	$129.17
31288		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	4.58	2.75	$129.17
31290		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	17.24	11.86	$129.17
31291		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	18.19	12.28	$129.17
31292		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	14.76	10.36	$129.17
31293		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	16.21	11.16	$129.17
31294		NASAL/SINUS ENDOSCOPY, SURG	Surgery	19.06	12.46	$129.17
31300		REMOVAL OF LARYNX LESION	Surgery	14.29	17.46	$129.17

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31320		DIAGNOSTIC INCISION, LARYNX	Surgery	5.26	12.54	$129.17
31360		REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	17.08	19.24	$129.17
31365		REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	24.16	23.20	$129.17
31367		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	21.86	23.92	$129.17
31368		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	27.09	28.64	$129.17
31370		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	21.38	23.46	$129.17
31375		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	20.21	21.16	$129.17
31380		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	20.21	21.41	$129.17
31382		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LARYNX	Surgery	20.52	23.06	$129.17
31390		REMOVAL OF LARYNX & PHARYNX	Surgery	27.53	28.90	$129.17
31395		RECONSTRUCT LARYNX & PHARYNX	Surgery	31.09	35.02	$129.17
31400		REVISION OF LARYNX	Surgery	10.31	15.75	$129.17
31420		REMOVAL OF EPIGLOTTIS	Surgery	10.22	15.60	$129.17
31500		INSERT EMERGENCY AIRWAY	Surgery	2.33	0.69	$129.17
31502		CHANGE OF WINDPIPE AIRWAY	Surgery	0.65	1.97	$129.17
31505		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	0.61	1.85	$129.17
31510		LARYNGOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	1.92	1.04	$129.17
31511		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY, LARYNX	Surgery	2.16	0.75	$129.17
31512		REMOVAL OF LARYNX LESION	Surgery	2.07	1.10	$129.17
31513		INJECTION INTO VOCAL CORD	Surgery	2.10	1.32	$129.17
31515		LARYNGOSCOPY FOR ASPIRATION	Surgery	1.80	0.90	$129.17
31520		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	2.56	1.41	$129.17
31525		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	2.63	1.53	$129.17
31526		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	2.57	1.59	$129.17
31527		LARYNGOSCOPY FOR TREATMENT	Surgery	3.27	1.77	$129.17
31528		LARYNGOSCOPY AND DILATION	Surgery	2.37	1.24	$129.17
31529		LARYNGOSCOPY AND DILATION	Surgery	2.68	1.62	$129.17
31530		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	3.39	1.89	$129.17
31531		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	3.59	2.18	$129.17
31535		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	3.16	1.88	$129.17
31536		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	3.56	2.16	$129.17
31540		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	4.13	2.48	$129.17
31541		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	4.53	2.72	$129.17
31560		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	5.46	3.11	$129.17
31561		OPERATIVE LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	6.00	2.96	$129.17
31570		LARYNGOSCOPY WITH INJECTION	Surgery	3.87	2.31	$129.17
31571		LARYNGOSCOPY WITH INJECTION	Surgery	4.27	2.46	$129.17
31575		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	1.10	2.08	$129.17
31576		LARYNGOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	1.97	1.08	$129.17
31577		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY, LARYNX	Surgery	2.47	1.31	$129.17
31578		REMOVAL OF LARYNX LESION	Surgery	2.84	1.62	$129.17
31579		DIAGNOSTIC LARYNGOSCOPY	Surgery	2.26	2.97	$129.17
31580		REVISION OF LARYNX	Surgery	12.38	16.85	$129.17
31582		REVISION OF LARYNX	Surgery	21.62	22.06	$129.17
31584		TREAT LARYNX FRACTURE	Surgery	19.64	19.05	$129.17
31585		TREAT LARYNX FRACTURE	Surgery	4.64	8.92	$129.17
31586		TREAT LARYNX FRACTURE	Surgery	8.03	12.71	$129.17
31587		REVISION OF LARYNX	Surgery	11.99	14.77	$129.17
31588		REVISION OF LARYNX	Surgery	13.11	17.21	$129.17
31590		REINNERVATE LARYNX	Surgery	6.97	12.63	$129.17
31595		LARYNX NERVE SURGERY	Surgery	8.34	11.90	$129.17
31600		INCISION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	7.18	3.15	$129.17
31601		INCISION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	4.45	2.20	$129.17
31603		INCISION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	4.15	1.88	$129.17
31605		INCISION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	3.58	1.24	$129.17
31610		INCISION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	8.76	10.98	$129.17
31611		SURGERY/SPEECH PROSTHESIS	Surgery	5.64	10.28	$129.17
31612		PUNCTURE/CLEAR WINDPIPE	Surgery	0.91	0.48	$129.17
31613		REPAIR WINDPIPE OPENING	Surgery	4.59	8.94	$129.17
31614		REPAIR WINDPIPE OPENING	Surgery	7.12	12.47	$129.17
31615		VISUALIZATION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	2.09	1.20	$129.17

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31622		DX BRONCHOSCOPE/WASH	Surgery	2.78	1.20	$129.17
31623		DX BRONCHOSCOPE/BRUSH	Surgery	2.88	1.17	$129.17
31624		DX BRONCHOSCOPE/LAVAGE	Surgery	2.88	1.17	$129.17
31625		BRONCHOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	3.37	1.34	$129.17
31628		BRONCHOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	3.81	1.45	$129.17
31629		BRONCHOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	3.37	1.32	$129.17
31630		BRONCHOSCOPY WITH REPAIR	Surgery	3.82	1.99	$129.17
31631		BRONCHOSCOPY WITH DILATION	Surgery	4.37	2.04	$129.17
31635		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY, AIRWAY	Surgery	3.68	1.70	$129.17
31640		BRONCHOSCOPY & REMOVE LESION	Surgery	4.94	2.36	$129.17
31641		BRONCHOSCOPY, TREAT BLOCKAGE	Surgery	5.03	2.20	$129.17
31643		DIAG BRONCHOSCOPE/CATHETER	Surgery	3.50	1.17	$129.17
31645		BRONCHOSCOPY, CLEAR AIRWAYS	Surgery	3.16	1.27	$129.17
31646		BRONCHOSCOPY, RECLEAR AIRWAY	Surgery	2.72	1.12	$129.17
31656		BRONCHOSCOPY, INJ FOR XRAY	Surgery	2.17	1.05	$129.17
31700		INSERTION OF AIRWAY CATHETER	Surgery	1.34	0.68	$129.17
31708		INSTILL AIRWAY CONTRAST DYE	Surgery	1.41	0.64	$129.17
31710		INSERTION OF AIRWAY CATHETER	Surgery	1.30	0.75	$129.17
31715		INJECTION FOR BRONCHUS X-RAY	Surgery	1.11	0.73	$129.17
31717		BRONCHIAL BRUSH BIOPSY	Surgery	2.12	0.89	$129.17
31720		CLEARANCE OF AIRWAYS	Surgery	1.06	0.35	$129.17
31725		CLEARANCE OF AIRWAYS	Surgery	1.96	0.61	$129.17
31730		INTRO, WINDPIPE WIRE/TUBE	Surgery	2.85	1.13	$129.17
31750		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	13.02	16.22	$129.17
31755		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	15.93	19.27	$129.17
31760		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	22.35	12.79	$129.17
31766		RECONSTRUCTION OF WINDPIPE	Surgery	30.43	15.03	$129.17
31770		REPAIR/GRAFT OF BRONCHUS	Surgery	22.51	15.67	$129.17
31775		RECONSTRUCT BRONCHUS	Surgery	23.54	15.14	$129.17
31780		RECONSTRUCT WINDPIPE	Surgery	17.72	12.97	$129.17
31781		RECONSTRUCT WINDPIPE	Surgery	23.53	15.49	$129.17
31785		REMOVE WINDPIPE LESION	Surgery	17.23	13.05	$129.17
31786		REMOVE WINDPIPE LESION	Surgery	23.98	14.41	$129.17
31800		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE INJURY	Surgery	7.43	6.81	$129.17
31805		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE INJURY	Surgery	13.13	10.72	$129.17
31820		CLOSURE OF WINDPIPE LESION	Surgery	4.49	8.07	$129.17
31825		REPAIR OF WINDPIPE DEFECT	Surgery	6.81	10.86	$129.17
31830		REVISE WINDPIPE SCAR	Surgery	4.50	7.82	$129.17
32000		DRAINAGE OF CHEST	Surgery	1.54	0.51	$129.17
32002		TREATMENT OF COLLAPSED LUNG	Surgery	2.19	0.87	$129.17
32005		TREAT LUNG LINING CHEMICALLY	Surgery	2.19	0.88	$129.17
32020		INSERTION OF CHEST TUBE	Surgery	3.98	1.48	$129.17
32035		EXPLORATION OF CHEST	Surgery	8.67	7.83	$129.17
32036		EXPLORATION OF CHEST	Surgery	9.68	8.39	$129.17
32095		BIOPSY THROUGH CHEST WALL	Surgery	8.36	8.05	$129.17
32100		EXPLORATION/BIOPSY OF CHEST	Surgery	15.24	10.30	$129.17
32110		EXPLORE/REPAIR CHEST	Surgery	23.00	12.72	$129.17
32120		RE-EXPLORATION OF CHEST	Surgery	11.54	9.34	$129.17
32124		EXPLORE CHEST FREE ADHESIONS	Surgery	12.72	9.53	$129.17
32140		REMOVAL OF LUNG LESION(S)	Surgery	13.93	9.79	$129.17
32141		REMOVE/TREAT LUNG LESIONS	Surgery	14.00	9.98	$129.17
32150		REMOVAL OF LUNG LESION(S)	Surgery	14.15	9.70	$129.17
32151		REMOVE LUNG FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	14.21	10.20	$129.17
32160		OPEN CHEST HEART MASSAGE	Surgery	9.30	6.34	$129.17
32200		DRAIN, OPEN, LUNG LESION	Surgery	15.29	10.08	$129.17
32201		DRAIN, PERCUT, LUNG LESION	Surgery	4.00	5.67	$129.17
32215		TREAT CHEST LINING	Surgery	11.33	9.16	$129.17
32220		RELEASE OF LUNG	Surgery	24.00	13.56	$129.17
32225		PARTIAL RELEASE OF LUNG	Surgery	13.96	9.95	$129.17
32310		REMOVAL OF CHEST LINING	Surgery	13.44	9.86	$129.17
32320		FREE/REMOVE CHEST LINING	Surgery	24.00	13.21	$129.17

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32400		NEEDLE BIOPSY CHEST LINING	Surgery	1.76	0.59	$129.17
32402		OPEN BIOPSY CHEST LINING	Surgery	7.56	7.76	$129.17
32405		BIOPSY, LUNG OR MEDIASTINUM	Surgery	1.93	0.67	$129.17
32420		PUNCTURE/CLEAR LUNG	Surgery	2.18	0.88	$129.17
32440		REMOVAL OF LUNG	Surgery	25.00	13.57	$129.17
32442		SLEEVE PNEUMONECTOMY	Surgery	26.24	14.35	$129.17
32445		REMOVAL OF LUNG	Surgery	25.09	13.83	$129.17
32480		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LUNG	Surgery	23.75	12.78	$129.17
32482		BILOBECTOMY	Surgery	25.00	13.39	$129.17
32484		SEGMENTECTOMY	Surgery	20.69	11.97	$129.17
32486		SLEEVE LOBECTOMY	Surgery	23.92	13.32	$129.17
32488		COMPLETION PNEUMONECTOMY	Surgery	25.71	13.89	$129.17
32491		LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION	Surgery	21.25	12.67	$129.17
32500		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LUNG	Surgery	22.00	12.70	$129.17
32501		REPAIR BRONCHUS ADD-ON	Surgery	4.69	1.59	$129.17
32520		REMOVE LUNG & REVISE CHEST	Surgery	21.68	12.56	$129.17
32522		REMOVE LUNG & REVISE CHEST	Surgery	24.20	13.63	$129.17
32525		REMOVE LUNG & REVISE CHEST	Surgery	26.50	14.22	$129.17
32540		REMOVAL OF LUNG LESION	Surgery	14.64	9.99	$129.17
32601		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	5.46	3.60	$129.17
32602		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	5.96	3.72	$129.17
32603		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	7.81	4.33	$129.17
32604		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	8.78	4.79	$129.17
32605		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	6.93	4.19	$129.17
32606		THORACOSCOPY, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	8.40	4.55	$129.17
32650		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	10.75	8.47	$129.17
32651		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	12.91	8.84	$129.17
32652		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	18.66	11.16	$129.17
32653		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	12.87	9.15	$129.17
32654		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	12.44	7.53	$129.17
32655		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	13.10	8.86	$129.17
32656		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	12.91	9.53	$129.17
32657		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	13.65	9.36	$129.17
32658		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	11.63	9.05	$129.17
32659		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	11.59	9.10	$129.17
32660		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	17.43	10.53	$129.17
32661		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	13.25	9.15	$129.17
32662		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	16.44	10.59	$129.17
32663		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	18.47	11.22	$129.17
32664		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	14.20	9.43	$129.17
32665		THORACOSCOPY, SURGICAL	Surgery	15.54	9.18	$129.17
32800		REPAIR LUNG HERNIA	Surgery	13.69	10.05	$129.17
32810		CLOSE CHEST AFTER DRAINAGE	Surgery	13.05	10.05	$129.17
32815		CLOSE BRONCHIAL FISTULA	Surgery	23.15	13.32	$129.17
32820		RECONSTRUCT INJURED CHEST	Surgery	21.48	13.99	$129.17
32851		LUNG TRANSPLANT, SINGLE	Surgery	38.63	19.94	$129.17
32852		LUNG TRANSPLANT WITH BYPASS	Surgery	41.80	21.40	$129.17
32853		LUNG TRANSPLANT, DOUBLE	Surgery	47.81	23.49	$129.17
32854		LUNG TRANSPLANT WITH BYPASS	Surgery	50.98	24.35	$129.17
32900		REMOVAL OF RIB(S)	Surgery	20.27	12.27	$129.17
32905		REVISE & REPAIR CHEST WALL	Surgery	20.75	12.77	$129.17
32906		REVISE & REPAIR CHEST WALL	Surgery	26.77	14.12	$129.17
32940		REVISION OF LUNG	Surgery	19.43	11.96	$129.17
32960		THERAPEUTIC PNEUMOTHORAX	Surgery	1.84	2.16	$129.17
32997		TOTAL LUNG LAVAGE	Surgery	6.00	2.00	$129.17
33010		DRAINAGE OF HEART SAC	Surgery	2.24	1.01	$129.17
33011		REPEAT DRAINAGE OF HEART SAC	Surgery	2.24	1.05	$129.17
33015		INCISION OF HEART SAC	Surgery	6.80	4.41	$129.17
33020		INCISION OF HEART SAC	Surgery	12.61	7.91	$129.17
33025		INCISION OF HEART SAC	Surgery	12.09	7.77	$129.17
33030		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HEART SAC	Surgery	18.71	12.12	$129.17

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33031		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HEART SAC	Surgery	21.79	13.20	$129.17
33050		REMOVAL OF HEART SAC LESION	Surgery	14.36	10.24	$129.17
33120		REMOVAL OF HEART LESION	Surgery	24.56	15.68	$129.17
33130		REMOVAL OF HEART LESION	Surgery	21.39	12.40	$129.17
33140		HEART REVASCULARIZE (TMR)	Surgery	20.00	10.57	$129.17
33141		HEART TMR W/OTHER PROCEDURE	Surgery	4.84	1.63	$129.17
33200		INSERTION OF HEART PACEMAKER	Surgery	12.48	9.59	$129.17
33201		INSERTION OF HEART PACEMAKER	Surgery	10.18	9.39	$129.17
33206		INSERTION OF HEART PACEMAKER	Surgery	6.67	5.35	$129.17
33207		INSERTION OF HEART PACEMAKER	Surgery	8.04	6.00	$129.17
33208		INSERTION OF HEART PACEMAKER	Surgery	8.13	6.14	$129.17
33210		INSERTION OF HEART ELECTRODE	Surgery	3.30	1.34	$129.17
33211		INSERTION OF HEART ELECTRODE	Surgery	3.40	1.41	$129.17
33212		INSERTION OF PULSE GENERATOR	Surgery	5.52	4.44	$129.17
33213		INSERTION OF PULSE GENERATOR	Surgery	6.37	4.85	$129.17
33214		UPGRADE OF PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Surgery	7.75	5.95	$129.17
33216		REVISE ELTRD PACING-DEFIB	Surgery	5.39	4.95	$129.17
33217		REVISE ELTRD PACING-DEFIB	Surgery	5.75	5.26	$129.17
33218		REVISE ELTRD PACING-DEFIB	Surgery	5.44	4.51	$129.17
33220		REVISE ELTRD PACING-DEFIB	Surgery	5.52	4.45	$129.17
33222		REVISE POCKET, PACEMAKER	Surgery	4.96	3.93	$129.17
33223		REVISE POCKET, PACING-DEFIB	Surgery	6.46	5.06	$129.17
33233		REMOVAL OF PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Surgery	3.29	3.80	$129.17
33234		REMOVAL OF PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Surgery	7.82	5.03	$129.17
33235		REMOVAL PACEMAKER ELECTRODE	Surgery	9.40	6.26	$129.17
33236		REMOVE ELECTRODE/THORACOTOMY	Surgery	12.60	9.35	$129.17
33237		REMOVE ELECTRODE/THORACOTOMY	Surgery	13.71	9.51	$129.17
33238		REMOVE ELECTRODE/THORACOTOMY	Surgery	15.22	9.24	$129.17
33240		INSERT PULSE GENERATOR	Surgery	7.60	5.49	$129.17
33241		REMOVE PULSE GENERATOR	Surgery	3.24	3.39	$129.17
33243		REMOVE ELTRD/THORACOTOMY	Surgery	22.64	10.88	$129.17
33244		REMOVE ELTRD, TRANSVEN	Surgery	13.76	8.22	$129.17
33245		INSERT EPIC ELTRD PACE-DEFIB	Surgery	14.30	10.79	$129.17
33246		INSERT EPIC ELTRD/GENERATOR	Surgery	20.71	14.16	$129.17
33249		ELTRD/INSERT PACE-DEFIB	Surgery	14.23	8.98	$129.17
33250		ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Surgery	21.85	13.65	$129.17
33251		ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Surgery	24.88	14.06	$129.17
33253		RECONSTRUCT ATRIA	Surgery	31.06	16.58	$129.17
33261		ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Surgery	24.88	14.47	$129.17
33282		IMPLANT PAT-ACTIVE HT RECORD	Surgery	4.17	4.42	$129.17
33284		REMOVE PAT-ACTIVE HT RECORD	Surgery	2.50	3.94	$129.17
33300		REPAIR OF HEART WOUND	Surgery	17.92	11.56	$129.17
33305		REPAIR OF HEART WOUND	Surgery	21.44	13.24	$129.17
33310		EXPLORATORY HEART SURGERY	Surgery	18.51	11.85	$129.17
33315		EXPLORATORY HEART SURGERY	Surgery	22.37	13.43	$129.17
33320		REPAIR MAJOR BLOOD VESSEL(S)	Surgery	16.79	11.06	$129.17
33321		REPAIR MAJOR VESSEL	Surgery	20.20	13.15	$129.17
33322		REPAIR MAJOR BLOOD VESSEL(S)	Surgery	20.62	13.02	$129.17
33330		INSERT MAJOR VESSEL GRAFT	Surgery	21.43	12.35	$129.17
33332		INSERT MAJOR VESSEL GRAFT	Surgery	23.96	12.94	$129.17
33335		INSERT MAJOR VESSEL GRAFT	Surgery	30.01	16.15	$129.17
33400		REPAIR OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	28.50	17.04	$129.17
33401		VALVULOPLASTY, OPEN	Surgery	23.91	14.85	$129.17
33403		VALVULOPLASTY, W/CP BYPASS	Surgery	24.89	15.99	$129.17
33404		PREPARE HEART-AORTA CONDUIT	Surgery	28.54	17.22	$129.17
33405		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	35.00	17.69	$129.17
33406		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	37.50	18.53	$129.17
33410		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	32.46	16.93	$129.17
33411		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	36.25	18.07	$129.17
33412		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	42.00	21.90	$129.17
33413		REPLACEMENT OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	43.50	23.05	$129.17

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33414		REPAIR OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	30.35	17.67	$129.17
33415		REVISION, SUBVALVULAR TISSUE	Surgery	27.15	16.53	$129.17
33416		REVISE VENTRICLE MUSCLE	Surgery	30.35	16.06	$129.17
33417		REPAIR OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	28.53	17.09	$129.17
33420		REVISION OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	22.70	11.77	$129.17
33422		REVISION OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	25.94	14.74	$129.17
33425		REPAIR OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	27.00	14.98	$129.17
33426		REPAIR OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	33.00	17.14	$129.17
33427		REPAIR OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	40.00	19.42	$129.17
33430		REPLACEMENT OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	33.50	17.26	$129.17
33460		REVISION OF TRICUSPID VALVE	Surgery	23.60	13.83	$129.17
33463		VALVULOPLASTY, TRICUSPID	Surgery	25.62	14.60	$129.17
33464		VALVULOPLASTY, TRICUSPID	Surgery	27.33	15.22	$129.17
33465		REPLACE TRICUSPID VALVE	Surgery	28.79	15.67	$129.17
33468		REVISION OF TRICUSPID VALVE	Surgery	30.12	19.06	$129.17
33470		REVISION OF PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	20.81	14.20	$129.17
33471		VALVOTOMY, PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	22.25	13.13	$129.17
33472		REVISION OF PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	22.25	13.13	$129.17
33474		REVISION OF PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	23.04	13.45	$129.17
33475		REPLACEMENT, PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	33.00	18.28	$129.17
33476		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	25.77	14.23	$129.17
33478		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	26.74	14.43	$129.17
33496		REPAIR, PROSTH VALVE CLOT	Surgery	27.25	16.84	$129.17
33500		REPAIR HEART VESSEL FISTULA	Surgery	25.55	13.99	$129.17
33501		REPAIR HEART VESSEL FISTULA	Surgery	17.78	10.24	$129.17
33502		CORONARY ARTERY CORRECTION	Surgery	21.04	16.64	$129.17
33503		CORONARY ARTERY GRAFT	Surgery	21.78	13.90	$129.17
33504		CORONARY ARTERY GRAFT	Surgery	24.66	16.55	$129.17
33505		REPAIR ARTERY W/TUNNEL	Surgery	26.84	18.16	$129.17
33506		REPAIR ARTERY, TRANSLOCATION	Surgery	35.50	19.27	$129.17
33510		CABG, VEIN, SINGLE	Surgery	29.00	15.53	$129.17
33511		CABG, VEIN, TWO	Surgery	30.00	16.05	$129.17
33512		CABG, VEIN, THREE	Surgery	31.80	16.65	$129.17
33513		CABG, VEIN, FOUR	Surgery	32.00	16.77	$129.17
33514		CABG, VEIN, FIVE	Surgery	32.75	17.00	$129.17
33516		CABG, VEIN, SIX OR MORE	Surgery	35.00	17.74	$129.17
33517		CABG, ARTERY-VEIN, SINGLE	Surgery	2.57	0.86	$129.17
33518		CABG, ARTERY-VEIN, TWO	Surgery	4.85	1.62	$129.17
33519		CABG, ARTERY-VEIN, THREE	Surgery	7.12	2.38	$129.17
33521		CABG, ARTERY-VEIN, FOUR	Surgery	9.40	3.15	$129.17
33522		CABG, ARTERY-VEIN, FIVE	Surgery	11.67	3.91	$129.17
33523		CABG, ART-VEIN, SIX OR MORE	Surgery	13.95	4.63	$129.17
33530		CORONARY ARTERY, BYPASS/REOP	Surgery	5.86	1.96	$129.17
33533		CABG, ARTERIAL, SINGLE	Surgery	30.00	17.24	$129.17
33534		CABG, ARTERIAL, TWO	Surgery	32.20	17.45	$129.17
33535		CABG, ARTERIAL, THREE	Surgery	34.50	17.77	$129.17
33536		CABG, ARTERIAL, FOUR OR MORE	Surgery	37.50	19.27	$129.17
33542		REMOVAL OF HEART LESION	Surgery	28.85	17.05	$129.17
33545		REPAIR OF HEART DAMAGE	Surgery	36.78	19.79	$129.17
33572		OPEN CORONARY ENDARTERECTOMY	Surgery	4.45	1.48	$129.17
33600		CLOSURE OF VALVE	Surgery	29.51	17.79	$129.17
33602		CLOSURE OF VALVE	Surgery	28.54	16.65	$129.17
33606		ANASTOMOSIS/ARTERY-AORTA	Surgery	30.74	17.53	$129.17
33608		REPAIR ANOMALY W/CONDUIT	Surgery	31.09	16.38	$129.17
33610		REPAIR BY ENLARGEMENT	Surgery	30.61	18.89	$129.17
33611		REPAIR DOUBLE VENTRICLE	Surgery	34.00	19.08	$129.17
33612		REPAIR DOUBLE VENTRICLE	Surgery	35.00	20.17	$129.17
33615		REPAIR, MODIFIED FONTAN	Surgery	34.00	19.33	$129.17
33617		REPAIR SINGLE VENTRICLE	Surgery	37.00	21.25	$129.17
33619		REPAIR SINGLE VENTRICLE	Surgery	45.00	26.49	$129.17
33641		REPAIR HEART SEPTUM DEFECT	Surgery	21.39	11.82	$129.17

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33645		REVISION OF HEART VEINS	Surgery	24.82	13.92	$129.17
33647		REPAIR HEART SEPTUM DEFECTS	Surgery	28.73	17.08	$129.17
33660		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	30.00	17.09	$129.17
33665		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	28.60	16.87	$129.17
33670		REPAIR OF HEART CHAMBERS	Surgery	35.00	16.68	$129.17
33681		REPAIR HEART SEPTUM DEFECT	Surgery	30.61	17.83	$129.17
33684		REPAIR HEART SEPTUM DEFECT	Surgery	29.65	17.82	$129.17
33688		REPAIR HEART SEPTUM DEFECT	Surgery	30.62	16.70	$129.17
33690		REINFORCE PULMONARY ARTERY	Surgery	19.55	13.55	$129.17
33692		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	30.75	17.52	$129.17
33694		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	34.00	17.82	$129.17
33697		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	36.00	18.62	$129.17
33702		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	26.54	16.53	$129.17
33710		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECTS	Surgery	29.71	16.82	$129.17
33720		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECT	Surgery	26.56	16.51	$129.17
33722		REPAIR OF HEART DEFECT	Surgery	28.41	17.05	$129.17
33730		REPAIR HEART-VEIN DEFECT(S)	Surgery	34.25	18.35	$129.17
33732		REPAIR HEART-VEIN DEFECT	Surgery	28.16	17.95	$129.17
33735		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	21.39	13.00	$129.17
33736		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	23.52	14.06	$129.17
33737		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	21.76	15.22	$129.17
33750		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT	Surgery	21.41	12.83	$129.17
33755		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT	Surgery	21.79	12.94	$129.17
33762		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT	Surgery	21.79	13.32	$129.17
33764		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT & GRAFT	Surgery	21.79	14.22	$129.17
33766		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT	Surgery	22.76	15.16	$129.17
33767		MAJOR VESSEL SHUNT	Surgery	24.50	14.92	$129.17
33770		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	37.00	19.01	$129.17
33771		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	34.65	18.08	$129.17
33774		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	30.98	16.61	$129.17
33775		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	32.20	17.10	$129.17
33776		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	34.04	17.83	$129.17
33777		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	33.46	17.60	$129.17
33778		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	40.00	20.21	$129.17
33779		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	36.21	17.93	$129.17
33780		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	41.75	20.98	$129.17
33781		REPAIR GREAT VESSELS DEFECT	Surgery	36.45	18.80	$129.17
33786		REPAIR ARTERIAL TRUNK	Surgery	39.00	19.81	$129.17
33788		REVISION OF PULMONARY ARTERY	Surgery	26.62	14.87	$129.17
33800		AORTIC SUSPENSION	Surgery	16.24	13.12	$129.17
33802		REPAIR VESSEL DEFECT	Surgery	17.66	12.22	$129.17
33803		REPAIR VESSEL DEFECT	Surgery	19.60	13.53	$129.17
33813		REPAIR SEPTAL DEFECT	Surgery	20.65	14.12	$129.17
33814		REPAIR SEPTAL DEFECT	Surgery	25.77	15.61	$129.17
33820		REVISE MAJOR VESSEL	Surgery	16.29	10.95	$129.17
33822		REVISE MAJOR VESSEL	Surgery	17.32	11.16	$129.17
33824		REVISE MAJOR VESSEL	Surgery	19.52	11.97	$129.17
33840		REMOVE AORTA CONSTRICTION	Surgery	20.63	14.11	$129.17
33845		REMOVE AORTA CONSTRICTION	Surgery	22.12	14.85	$129.17
33851		REMOVE AORTA CONSTRICTION	Surgery	21.27	12.98	$129.17
33852		REPAIR SEPTAL DEFECT	Surgery	23.71	14.14	$129.17
33853		REPAIR SEPTAL DEFECT	Surgery	31.72	18.25	$129.17
33860		ASCENDING AORTIC GRAFT	Surgery	38.00	18.74	$129.17
33861		ASCENDING AORTIC GRAFT	Surgery	42.00	20.15	$129.17
33863		ASCENDING AORTIC GRAFT	Surgery	45.00	21.10	$129.17
33870		TRANSVERSE AORTIC ARCH GRAFT	Surgery	44.00	20.69	$129.17
33875		THORACIC AORTIC GRAFT	Surgery	33.06	17.01	$129.17
33877		THORACOABDOMINAL GRAFT	Surgery	42.60	19.96	$129.17
33910		REMOVE LUNG ARTERY EMBOLI	Surgery	24.59	14.16	$129.17
33915		REMOVE LUNG ARTERY EMBOLI	Surgery	21.02	12.31	$129.17
33916		SURGERY OF GREAT VESSEL	Surgery	25.83	15.49	$129.17

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33917		REPAIR PULMONARY ARTERY	Surgery	24.50	15.36	$129.17
33918		REPAIR PULMONARY ATRESIA	Surgery	26.45	14.80	$129.17
33919		REPAIR PULMONARY ATRESIA	Surgery	40.00	21.02	$129.17
33920		REPAIR PULMONARY ATRESIA	Surgery	31.95	17.28	$129.17
33922		TRANSECT PULMONARY ARTERY	Surgery	23.52	13.79	$129.17
33924		REMOVE PULMONARY SHUNT	Surgery	5.50	2.05	$129.17
33935		TRANSPLANTATION, HEART/LUNG	Surgery	60.96	27.93	$129.17
33945		TRANSPLANTATION OF HEART	Surgery	42.10	21.67	$129.17
33960		EXTERNAL CIRCULATION ASSIST	Surgery	19.36	6.06	$129.17
33961		EXTERNAL CIRCULATION ASSIST	Surgery	10.93	3.79	$129.17
33967		INSERT IA PERCUT DEVICE	Surgery	4.85	2.01	$129.17
33968		REMOVE AORTIC ASSIST DEVICE	Surgery	0.64	0.24	$129.17
33970		AORTIC CIRCULATION ASSIST	Surgery	6.75	2.37	$129.17
33971		AORTIC CIRCULATION ASSIST	Surgery	9.69	7.82	$129.17
33973		INSERT BALLOON DEVICE	Surgery	9.76	3.44	$129.17
33974		REMOVE INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON	Surgery	14.41	10.69	$129.17
33975		IMPLANT VENTRICULAR DEVICE	Surgery	21.00	7.04	$129.17
33976		IMPLANT VENTRICULAR DEVICE	Surgery	23.00	7.78	$129.17
33977		REMOVE VENTRICULAR DEVICE	Surgery	19.29	10.46	$129.17
33978		REMOVE VENTRICULAR DEVICE	Surgery	21.73	11.27	$129.17
34001		REMOVAL OF ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	12.91	5.97	$129.17
34051		REMOVAL OF ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	15.21	7.07	$129.17
34101		REMOVAL OF ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	10.00	4.84	$129.17
34111		REMOVAL OF ARM ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	10.00	4.88	$129.17
34151		REMOVAL OF ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	25.00	10.54	$129.17
34201		REMOVAL OF ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	10.03	5.12	$129.17
34203		REMOVAL OF LEG ARTERY CLOT	Surgery	16.50	7.65	$129.17
34401		REMOVAL OF VEIN CLOT	Surgery	25.00	10.47	$129.17
34421		REMOVAL OF VEIN CLOT	Surgery	12.00	6.01	$129.17
34451		REMOVAL OF VEIN CLOT	Surgery	27.00	11.08	$129.17
34471		REMOVAL OF VEIN CLOT	Surgery	10.18	5.18	$129.17
34490		REMOVAL OF VEIN CLOT	Surgery	9.86	6.26	$129.17
34501		REPAIR VALVE, FEMORAL VEIN	Surgery	16.00	8.98	$129.17
34502		RECONSTRUCT VENA CAVA	Surgery	26.95	11.34	$129.17
34510		TRANSPOSITION OF VEIN VALVE	Surgery	18.95	10.23	$129.17
34520		CROSS-OVER VEIN GRAFT	Surgery	17.95	9.59	$129.17
34530		LEG VEIN FUSION	Surgery	16.64	8.48	$129.17
34800		ENDOVASC ABDO REPAIR W/TUBE	Surgery	20.75	9.79	$129.17
34802		ENDOVASC ABDO REPR W/DEVICE	Surgery	23.00	10.69	$129.17
34804		ENDOVASC ABDO REPR W/DEVICE	Surgery	23.00	10.69	$129.17
34808		ENDOVASC ABDO OCCLUD DEVICE	Surgery	4.13	1.65	$129.17
34812		XPOSE FOR ENDOPROSTH, AORTIC	Surgery	6.75	2.69	$129.17
34813		XPOSE FOR ENDOPROSTH, FEMORL	Surgery	4.80	1.92	$129.17
34820		XPOSE FOR ENDOPROSTH, ILIAC	Surgery	9.75	3.89	$129.17
34825		ENDOVASC EXTEND PROSTH, INIT	Surgery	12.00	6.30	$129.17
34826		ENDOVASC EXTEN PROSTH, ADDL	Surgery	4.13	1.65	$129.17
34830		OPEN AORTIC TUBE PROSTH REPR	Surgery	32.59	14.89	$129.17
34831		OPEN AORTOILIAC PROSTH REPR	Surgery	35.34	15.99	$129.17
34832		OPEN AORTOFEMOR PROSTH REPR	Surgery	35.34	15.99	$129.17
35001		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	19.64	8.41	$129.17
35002		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, NECK	Surgery	21.00	9.12	$129.17
35005		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.12	8.04	$129.17
35011		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.00	7.59	$129.17
35013		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, ARM	Surgery	22.00	8.98	$129.17
35021		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	19.65	8.64	$129.17
35022		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, CHEST	Surgery	23.18	9.57	$129.17
35045		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARM ARTERY	Surgery	17.57	7.99	$129.17
35081		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	28.01	11.69	$129.17
35082		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, AORTA	Surgery	38.50	15.08	$129.17
35091		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	35.40	14.22	$129.17
35092		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, AORTA	Surgery	45.00	17.35	$129.17

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35102		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	30.76	12.67	$129.17
35103		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, GROIN	Surgery	40.50	15.81	$129.17
35111		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	25.00	10.43	$129.17
35112		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE,SPLEEN	Surgery	30.00	12.06	$129.17
35121		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	30.00	12.39	$129.17
35122		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, BELLY	Surgery	35.00	13.73	$129.17
35131		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	25.00	10.64	$129.17
35132		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, GROIN	Surgery	30.00	12.14	$129.17
35141		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	20.00	8.66	$129.17
35142		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, THIGH	Surgery	23.30	9.76	$129.17
35151		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	22.64	9.72	$129.17
35152		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE, KNEE	Surgery	25.62	10.50	$129.17
35161		REPAIR DEFECT OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.76	8.96	$129.17
35162		REPAIR ARTERY RUPTURE	Surgery	19.78	9.05	$129.17
35180		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	13.62	6.49	$129.17
35182		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	30.00	12.39	$129.17
35184		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	18.00	7.92	$129.17
35188		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	14.28	6.70	$129.17
35189		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	28.00	11.71	$129.17
35190		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	12.75	6.03	$129.17
35201		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	16.14	7.18	$129.17
35206		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	13.25	7.60	$129.17
35207		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	10.15	9.91	$129.17
35211		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	22.12	13.55	$129.17
35216		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	18.75	11.83	$129.17
35221		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	24.39	10.31	$129.17
35226		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	14.50	8.54	$129.17
35231		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	20.00	9.45	$129.17
35236		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	17.11	8.97	$129.17
35241		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	23.12	14.09	$129.17
35246		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	26.45	14.32	$129.17
35251		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	30.20	12.39	$129.17
35256		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	18.36	9.63	$129.17
35261		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	17.80	7.56	$129.17
35266		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	14.91	8.12	$129.17
35271		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	22.12	13.43	$129.17
35276		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	24.25	13.56	$129.17
35281		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	28.00	11.66	$129.17
35286		REPAIR BLOOD VESSEL LESION	Surgery	16.16	8.88	$129.17
35301		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.70	8.39	$129.17
35311		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	27.00	11.10	$129.17
35321		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	16.00	6.87	$129.17
35331		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	26.20	11.11	$129.17
35341		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	25.11	10.70	$129.17
35351		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	23.00	9.84	$129.17
35355		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.50	8.33	$129.17
35361		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	28.20	11.60	$129.17
35363		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	30.20	12.54	$129.17
35371		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	14.72	6.75	$129.17
35372		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	18.00	7.91	$129.17
35381		RECHANNELING OF ARTERY	Surgery	15.81	7.35	$129.17
35390		REOPERATION, CAROTID ADD-ON	Surgery	3.19	1.11	$129.17
35400		ANGIOSCOPY	Surgery	3.00	1.05	$129.17
35450		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	10.07	4.22	$129.17
35452		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.91	3.11	$129.17
35454		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.04	2.83	$129.17
35456		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	7.35	3.27	$129.17
35458		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	9.49	4.03	$129.17
35459		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	8.63	3.69	$129.17
35460		REPAIR VENOUS BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.04	2.70	$129.17
35470		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	8.63	3.98	$129.17

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35471		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	10.07	4.67	$129.17
35472		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.91	3.32	$129.17
35473		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.04	3.01	$129.17
35474		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	7.36	3.52	$129.17
35475		REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Surgery	9.49	4.23	$129.17
35476		REPAIR VENOUS BLOCKAGE	Surgery	6.04	2.94	$129.17
35480		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	11.08	4.58	$129.17
35481		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	7.61	3.54	$129.17
35482		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	6.65	3.16	$129.17
35483		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	8.10	3.52	$129.17
35484		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	10.44	4.21	$129.17
35485		ATHERECTOMY, OPEN	Surgery	9.49	4.05	$129.17
35490		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	11.08	4.83	$129.17
35491		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	7.61	3.59	$129.17
35492		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	6.65	3.22	$129.17
35493		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	8.10	3.90	$129.17
35494		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	10.44	4.57	$129.17
35495		ATHERECTOMY, PERCUTANEOUS	Surgery	9.49	4.52	$129.17
35500		HARVEST VEIN FOR BYPASS	Surgery	6.45	2.25	$129.17
35501		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.19	8.14	$129.17
35506		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.67	8.32	$129.17
35507		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.67	8.29	$129.17
35508		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	18.65	7.91	$129.17
35509		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	18.07	7.70	$129.17
35511		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.20	8.80	$129.17
35515		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	18.65	7.80	$129.17
35516		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	16.32	4.94	$129.17
35518		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.20	8.80	$129.17
35521		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	22.20	9.53	$129.17
35526		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	29.95	12.19	$129.17
35531		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	36.20	14.53	$129.17
35533		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	28.00	11.74	$129.17
35536		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	31.70	12.85	$129.17
35541		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	25.80	10.98	$129.17
35546		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	25.54	10.75	$129.17
35548		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.57	9.45	$129.17
35549		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	23.35	9.88	$129.17
35551		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	26.67	11.20	$129.17
35556		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.76	9.45	$129.17
35558		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.20	9.11	$129.17
35560		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	32.00	13.12	$129.17
35563		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	24.20	10.42	$129.17
35565		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	23.20	9.99	$129.17
35566		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	26.92	11.77	$129.17
35571		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	24.06	12.13	$129.17
35582		VEIN BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	27.13	11.35	$129.17
35583		VEIN BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	22.37	10.62	$129.17
35585		VEIN BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	28.39	14.53	$129.17
35587		VEIN BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	24.75	12.79	$129.17
35600		HARVEST ARTERY FOR CABG	Surgery	4.95	1.98	$129.17
35601		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	17.50	7.49	$129.17
35606		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	18.71	7.93	$129.17
35612		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	15.76	6.70	$129.17
35616		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	15.70	7.05	$129.17
35621		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	20.00	8.79	$129.17
35623		BYPASS GRAFT, NOT VEIN	Surgery	24.00	10.22	$129.17
35626		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	27.75	11.08	$129.17
35631		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	34.00	13.74	$129.17
35636		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	29.50	12.26	$129.17
35641		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	24.57	10.47	$129.17
35642		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	17.98	7.92	$129.17

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35645		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	17.47	8.36	$129.17
35646		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	31.00	13.26	$129.17
35647		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	28.00	11.97	$129.17
35650		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.00	7.93	$129.17
35651		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	25.04	10.70	$129.17
35654		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	25.00	10.60	$129.17
35656		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.53	8.44	$129.17
35661		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.00	8.26	$129.17
35663		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	22.00	9.65	$129.17
35665		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	21.00	9.18	$129.17
35666		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	22.19	11.93	$129.17
35671		ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	19.33	10.53	$129.17
35681		COMPOSITE BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	1.60	0.56	$129.17
35682		COMPOSITE BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	7.20	2.51	$129.17
35683		COMPOSITE BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	8.50	2.99	$129.17
35685		BYPASS GRAFT PATENCY/PATCH	Surgery	4.05	1.50	$129.17
35686		BYPASS GRAFT/AV FIST PATENCY	Surgery	3.35	1.24	$129.17
35691		ARTERIAL TRANSPOSITION	Surgery	18.05	7.65	$129.17
35693		ARTERIAL TRANSPOSITION	Surgery	15.36	6.66	$129.17
35694		ARTERIAL TRANSPOSITION	Surgery	19.16	8.02	$129.17
35695		ARTERIAL TRANSPOSITION	Surgery	19.16	7.92	$129.17
35700		REOPERATION, BYPASS GRAFT	Surgery	3.08	1.07	$129.17
35701		EXPLORATION, CAROTID ARTERY	Surgery	8.50	4.70	$129.17
35721		EXPLORATION, FEMORAL ARTERY	Surgery	7.18	5.10	$129.17
35741		EXPLORATION POPLITEAL ARTERY	Surgery	8.00	5.47	$129.17
35761		EXPLORATION OF ARTERY/VEIN	Surgery	5.37	4.47	$129.17
35800		EXPLORE NECK VESSELS	Surgery	7.02	3.95	$129.17
35820		EXPLORE CHEST VESSELS	Surgery	12.88	4.32	$129.17
35840		EXPLORE ABDOMINAL VESSELS	Surgery	9.77	5.21	$129.17
35860		EXPLORE LIMB VESSELS	Surgery	5.55	3.62	$129.17
35870		REPAIR VESSEL GRAFT DEFECT	Surgery	22.17	10.21	$129.17
35875		REMOVAL OF CLOT IN GRAFT	Surgery	10.13	6.63	$129.17
35876		REMOVAL OF CLOT IN GRAFT	Surgery	17.00	9.16	$129.17
35879		REVISE GRAFT W/VEIN	Surgery	16.00	7.77	$129.17
35881		REVISE GRAFT W/VEIN	Surgery	18.00	8.65	$129.17
35901		EXCISION, GRAFT, NECK	Surgery	8.19	5.85	$129.17
35903		EXCISION, GRAFT, EXTREMITY	Surgery	9.39	8.20	$129.17
35905		EXCISION, GRAFT, THORAX	Surgery	31.25	15.39	$129.17
35907		EXCISION, GRAFT, ABDOMEN	Surgery	35.00	14.97	$129.17
36000		PLACE NEEDLE IN VEIN	Surgery	0.18	0.65	$129.17
36002		PSEUDOANEURYSM INJECTION TRT	Surgery	1.96	1.03	$129.17
36005		INJECTION EXT VENOGRAPHY	Surgery	0.95	7.29	$129.17
36010		PLACE CATHETER IN VEIN	Surgery	2.43	0.84	$129.17
36011		PLACE CATHETER IN VEIN	Surgery	3.14	1.10	$129.17
36012		PLACE CATHETER IN VEIN	Surgery	3.52	1.23	$129.17
36013		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	2.52	0.61	$129.17
36014		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	3.02	1.06	$129.17
36015		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	3.52	1.24	$129.17
36100		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO ARTERY	Surgery	3.02	1.16	$129.17
36120		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO ARTERY	Surgery	2.01	0.69	$129.17
36140		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO ARTERY	Surgery	2.01	0.69	$129.17
36145		ARTERY TO VEIN SHUNT	Surgery	2.01	0.70	$129.17
36160		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO AORTA	Surgery	2.52	0.90	$129.17
36200		PLACE CATHETER IN AORTA	Surgery	3.02	1.09	$129.17
36215		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	4.68	1.68	$129.17
36216		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	5.28	1.89	$129.17
36217		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	6.30	2.29	$129.17
36218		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	1.01	0.37	$129.17
36245		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	4.68	1.78	$129.17
36246		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	5.28	1.91	$129.17
36247		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	6.30	2.25	$129.17

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36248		PLACE CATHETER IN ARTERY	Surgery	1.01	0.37	$129.17
36260		INSERTION OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	9.71	5.63	$129.17
36261		REVISION OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	5.45	3.47	$129.17
36262		REMOVAL OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	4.02	2.59	$129.17
36400		DRAWING BLOOD	Surgery	0.38	0.72	$129.17
36405		DRAWING BLOOD	Surgery	0.31	0.58	$129.17
36406		DRAWING BLOOD	Surgery	0.18	0.94	$129.17
36410		DRAWING BLOOD	Surgery	0.18	0.50	$129.17
36420		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO VEIN	Surgery	1.01	0.33	$129.17
36425		ESTABLISH ACCESS TO VEIN	Surgery	0.76	3.44	$129.17
36430		BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	Surgery	0.00	0.95	$129.17
36440		BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE	Surgery	1.03	0.31	$129.17
36450		EXCHANGE TRANSFUSION SERVICE	Surgery	2.23	0.71	$129.17
36455		EXCHANGE TRANSFUSION SERVICE	Surgery	2.43	0.97	$129.17
36460		TRANSFUSION SERVICE, FETAL	Surgery	6.59	2.55	$129.17
36470		INJECTION THERAPY OF VEIN	Surgery	1.09	2.60	$129.17
36471		INJECTION THERAPY OF VEINS	Surgery	1.57	2.65	$129.17
36481		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	6.99	2.86	$129.17
36488		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	1.35	0.76	$129.17
36489		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	2.50	1.08	$129.17
36490		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	1.67	0.86	$129.17
36491		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	1.43	0.75	$129.17
36493		REPOSITIONING OF CVC	Surgery	1.21	0.88	$129.17
36500		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	3.52	1.31	$129.17
36510		INSERTION OF CATHETER, VEIN	Surgery	1.09	0.73	$129.17
36520		PLASMA AND/OR CELL EXCHANGE	Surgery	1.74	1.07	$129.17
36521		APHERESIS W/ ADSORP/REINFUSE	Surgery	1.74	1.07	$129.17
36522		PHOTOPHERESIS	Surgery	1.67	1.16	$129.17
36530		INSERTION OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	6.20	4.17	$129.17
36531		REVISION OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	4.87	3.32	$129.17
36532		REMOVAL OF INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	3.30	1.57	$129.17
36533		INSERTION OF ACCESS DEVICE	Surgery	5.32	3.50	$129.17
36534		REVISION OF ACCESS DEVICE	Surgery	2.80	1.55	$129.17
36535		REMOVAL OF ACCESS DEVICE	Surgery	2.27	1.89	$129.17
36550		DECLOT VASCULAR DEVICE	Surgery	0.00	0.38	$129.17
36600		WITHDRAWAL OF ARTERIAL BLOOD	Surgery	0.32	0.43	$129.17
36620		INSERTION CATHETER, ARTERY	Surgery	1.15	0.25	$129.17
36625		INSERTION CATHETER, ARTERY	Surgery	2.11	0.61	$129.17
36640		INSERTION CATHETER, ARTERY	Surgery	2.10	0.75	$129.17
36660		INSERTION CATHETER, ARTERY	Surgery	1.40	0.38	$129.17
36680		INSERT NEEDLE, BONE CAVITY	Surgery	1.20	0.66	$129.17
36800		INSERTION OF CANNULA	Surgery	2.43	1.59	$129.17
36810		INSERTION OF CANNULA	Surgery	3.97	2.22	$129.17
36815		INSERTION OF CANNULA	Surgery	2.62	1.28	$129.17
36819		AV FUSION/UPPR ARM VEIN	Surgery	14.00	6.56	$129.17
36820		AV FUSION/FOREARM VEIN	Surgery	14.00	6.56	$129.17
36821		AV FUSION DIRECT ANY SITE	Surgery	8.93	5.03	$129.17
36822		INSERTION OF CANNULA(S)	Surgery	5.42	6.81	$129.17
36823		INSERTION OF CANNULA(S)	Surgery	21.00	10.63	$129.17
36825		ARTERY-VEIN GRAFT	Surgery	9.84	5.58	$129.17
36830		ARTERY-VEIN GRAFT	Surgery	12.00	6.14	$129.17
36831		OPEN THROMBECT AV FISTULA	Surgery	8.00	3.99	$129.17
36832		AV FISTULA REVISION, OPEN	Surgery	10.50	5.59	$129.17
36833		AV FISTULA REVISION	Surgery	11.95	6.11	$129.17
36834		REPAIR A-V ANEURYSM	Surgery	9.93	3.93	$129.17
36835		ARTERY TO VEIN SHUNT	Surgery	7.15	4.50	$129.17
36860		EXTERNAL CANNULA DECLOTTING	Surgery	2.01	1.33	$129.17
36861		CANNULA DECLOTTING	Surgery	2.52	1.50	$129.17
36870		PERCUT THROMBECT AV FISTULA	Surgery	5.16	2.45	$129.17
37140		REVISION OF CIRCULATION	Surgery	23.60	10.56	$129.17
37145		REVISION OF CIRCULATION	Surgery	24.61	12.97	$129.17

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37160		REVISION OF CIRCULATION	Surgery	21.60	9.43	$129.17
37180		REVISION OF CIRCULATION	Surgery	24.61	10.66	$129.17
37181		SPLICE SPLEEN/KIDNEY VEINS	Surgery	26.68	11.02	$129.17
37195		THROMBOLYTIC THERAPY, STROKE	Surgery	0.00	7.65	$129.17
37200		TRANSCATHETER BIOPSY	Surgery	4.56	1.60	$129.17
37201		TRANSCATHETER THERAPY INFUSE	Surgery	5.00	2.59	$129.17
37202		TRANSCATHETER THERAPY INFUSE	Surgery	5.68	3.33	$129.17
37203		TRANSCATHETER RETRIEVAL	Surgery	5.03	2.62	$129.17
37204		TRANSCATHETER OCCLUSION	Surgery	18.14	6.36	$129.17
37205		TRANSCATHETER STENT	Surgery	8.28	3.90	$129.17
37206		TRANSCATHETER STENT ADD-ON	Surgery	4.13	1.54	$129.17
37207		TRANSCATHETER STENT	Surgery	8.28	3.61	$129.17
37208		TRANSCATHETER STENT ADD-ON	Surgery	4.13	1.45	$129.17
37209		EXCHANGE ARTERIAL CATHETER	Surgery	2.27	0.80	$129.17
37250		IV US FIRST VESSEL ADD-ON	Surgery	2.10	0.79	$129.17
37251		IV US EACH ADD VESSEL ADD-ON	Surgery	1.60	0.58	$129.17
37565		LIGATION OF NECK VEIN	Surgery	10.88	5.34	$129.17
37600		LIGATION OF NECK ARTERY	Surgery	11.25	6.51	$129.17
37605		LIGATION OF NECK ARTERY	Surgery	13.11	6.63	$129.17
37606		LIGATION OF NECK ARTERY	Surgery	6.28	3.85	$129.17
37607		LIGATION OF A-V FISTULA	Surgery	6.16	3.71	$129.17
37609		TEMPORAL ARTERY PROCEDURE	Surgery	3.00	2.58	$129.17
37615		LIGATION OF NECK ARTERY	Surgery	5.73	3.61	$129.17
37616		LIGATION OF CHEST ARTERY	Surgery	16.49	10.54	$129.17
37617		LIGATION OF ABDOMEN ARTERY	Surgery	22.06	9.81	$129.17
37618		LIGATION OF EXTREMITY ARTERY	Surgery	4.84	3.56	$129.17
37620		REVISION OF MAJOR VEIN	Surgery	10.56	5.53	$129.17
37650		REVISION OF MAJOR VEIN	Surgery	7.80	4.64	$129.17
37660		REVISION OF MAJOR VEIN	Surgery	21.00	9.44	$129.17
37700		REVISE LEG VEIN	Surgery	3.73	3.20	$129.17
37720		REMOVAL OF LEG VEIN	Surgery	5.66	3.72	$129.17
37730		REMOVAL OF LEG VEINS	Surgery	7.33	4.59	$129.17
37735		REMOVAL OF LEG VEINS/LESION	Surgery	10.53	5.94	$129.17
37760		REVISION OF LEG VEINS	Surgery	10.47	5.78	$129.17
37780		REVISION OF LEG VEIN	Surgery	3.84	2.89	$129.17
37785		REVISE SECONDARY VARICOSITY	Surgery	3.84	2.91	$129.17
37788		REVASCULARIZATION, PENIS	Surgery	22.01	14.08	$129.17
37790		PENILE VENOUS OCCLUSION	Surgery	8.34	6.78	$129.17
38100		REMOVAL OF SPLEEN, TOTAL	Surgery	14.50	6.73	$129.17
38101		REMOVAL OF SPLEEN, PARTIAL	Surgery	15.31	7.27	$129.17
38102		REMOVAL OF SPLEEN, TOTAL	Surgery	4.80	1.73	$129.17
38115		REPAIR OF RUPTURED SPLEEN	Surgery	15.82	7.23	$129.17
38120		LAPAROSCOPY, SPLENECTOMY	Surgery	17.00	7.58	$129.17
38200		INJECTION FOR SPLEEN X-RAY	Surgery	2.64	0.93	$129.17
38220		BONE MARROW ASPIRATION	Surgery	1.08	4.64	$129.17
38221		BONE MARROW BIOPSY	Surgery	1.37	4.74	$129.17
38230		BONE MARROW COLLECTION	Surgery	4.54	2.45	$129.17
38231		STEM CELL COLLECTION	Surgery	1.50	0.61	$129.17
38240		BONE MARROW/STEM TRANSPLANT	Surgery	2.24	0.88	$129.17
38241		BONE MARROW/STEM TRANSPLANT	Surgery	2.24	0.86	$129.17
38300		DRAINAGE, LYMPH NODE LESION	Surgery	1.99	4.88	$129.17
38305		DRAINAGE, LYMPH NODE LESION	Surgery	6.00	6.41	$129.17
38308		INCISION OF LYMPH CHANNELS	Surgery	6.45	5.40	$129.17
38380		THORACIC DUCT PROCEDURE	Surgery	7.46	7.61	$129.17
38381		THORACIC DUCT PROCEDURE	Surgery	12.88	9.72	$129.17
38382		THORACIC DUCT PROCEDURE	Surgery	10.08	8.81	$129.17
38500		BIOPSY/REMOVAL, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	3.75	2.63	$129.17
38505		NEEDLE BIOPSY, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	1.14	1.13	$129.17
38510		BIOPSY/REMOVAL, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	6.43	5.55	$129.17
38520		BIOPSY/REMOVAL, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	6.67	5.67	$129.17
38525		BIOPSY/REMOVAL, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	6.07	4.51	$129.17

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38530		BIOPSY/REMOVAL, LYMPH NODES	Surgery	7.98	5.78	$129.17
38542		EXPLORE DEEP NODE(S), NECK	Surgery	5.91	6.09	$129.17
38550		REMOVAL, NECK/ARMPIT LESION	Surgery	6.92	5.01	$129.17
38555		REMOVAL, NECK/ARMPIT LESION	Surgery	14.14	9.47	$129.17
38562		REMOVAL, PELVIC LYMPH NODES	Surgery	10.49	6.79	$129.17
38564		REMOVAL, ABDOMEN LYMPH NODES	Surgery	10.83	6.54	$129.17
38570		LAPAROSCOPY, LYMPH NODE BIOP	Surgery	9.25	4.63	$129.17
38571		LAPAROSCOPY, LYMPHADENECTOMY	Surgery	14.68	6.50	$129.17
38572		LAPAROSCOPY, LYMPHADENECTOMY	Surgery	16.59	7.71	$129.17
38700		REMOVAL OF LYMPH NODES, NECK	Surgery	8.24	13.61	$129.17
38720		REMOVAL OF LYMPH NODES, NECK	Surgery	13.61	16.25	$129.17
38724		REMOVAL OF LYMPH NODES, NECK	Surgery	14.54	16.82	$129.17
38740		REMOVE ARMPIT LYMPH NODES	Surgery	10.03	5.89	$129.17
38745		REMOVE ARMPIT LYMPH NODES	Surgery	13.10	8.47	$129.17
38746		REMOVE THORACIC LYMPH NODES	Surgery	4.89	1.65	$129.17
38747		REMOVE ABDOMINAL LYMPH NODES	Surgery	4.89	1.75	$129.17
38760		REMOVE GROIN LYMPH NODES	Surgery	12.95	7.36	$129.17
38765		REMOVE GROIN LYMPH NODES	Surgery	19.98	11.57	$129.17
38770		REMOVE PELVIS LYMPH NODES	Surgery	13.23	7.18	$129.17
38780		REMOVE ABDOMEN LYMPH NODES	Surgery	16.59	9.67	$129.17
38790		INJECT FOR LYMPHATIC X-RAY	Surgery	1.29	14.77	$129.17
38792		IDENTIFY SENTINEL NODE	Surgery	0.52	0.19	$129.17
38794		ACCESS THORACIC LYMPH DUCT	Surgery	4.45	1.57	$129.17
39000		EXPLORATION OF CHEST	Surgery	6.10	7.41	$129.17
39010		EXPLORATION OF CHEST	Surgery	11.79	9.31	$129.17
39200		REMOVAL CHEST LESION	Surgery	13.62	10.10	$129.17
39220		REMOVAL CHEST LESION	Surgery	17.42	11.29	$129.17
39400		VISUALIZATION OF CHEST	Surgery	5.61	7.01	$129.17
39501		REPAIR DIAPHRAGM LACERATION	Surgery	13.19	7.82	$129.17
39502		REPAIR PARAESOPHAGEAL HERNIA	Surgery	16.33	8.41	$129.17
39503		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	95.00	37.24	$129.17
39520		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	16.10	9.59	$129.17
39530		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	15.41	8.69	$129.17
39531		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	16.42	8.45	$129.17
39540		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	13.32	7.79	$129.17
39541		REPAIR OF DIAPHRAGM HERNIA	Surgery	14.41	7.97	$129.17
39545		REVISION OF DIAPHRAGM	Surgery	13.37	9.32	$129.17
39560		RESECT DIAPHRAGM, SIMPLE	Surgery	12.00	7.62	$129.17
39561		RESECT DIAPHRAGM, COMPLEX	Surgery	17.50	9.84	$129.17
40490		BIOPSY OF LIP	Surgery	1.22	1.63	$129.17
40500		PARTIAL EXCISION OF LIP	Surgery	4.28	5.72	$129.17
40510		PARTIAL EXCISION OF LIP	Surgery	4.70	6.52	$129.17
40520		PARTIAL EXCISION OF LIP	Surgery	4.67	7.15	$129.17
40525		RECONSTRUCT LIP WITH FLAP	Surgery	7.55	8.84	$129.17
40527		RECONSTRUCT LIP WITH FLAP	Surgery	9.13	9.60	$129.17
40530		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LIP	Surgery	5.40	6.56	$129.17
40650		REPAIR LIP	Surgery	3.64	5.18	$129.17
40652		REPAIR LIP	Surgery	4.26	7.04	$129.17
40654		REPAIR LIP	Surgery	5.31	7.95	$129.17
40700		REPAIR CLEFT LIP/NASAL	Surgery	12.79	10.88	$129.17
40701		REPAIR CLEFT LIP/NASAL	Surgery	15.85	14.66	$129.17
40702		REPAIR CLEFT LIP/NASAL	Surgery	13.04	8.99	$129.17
40720		REPAIR CLEFT LIP/NASAL	Surgery	13.55	12.89	$129.17
40761		REPAIR CLEFT LIP/NASAL	Surgery	14.72	12.76	$129.17
40800		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	1.17	2.01	$129.17
40801		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	2.53	1.98	$129.17
40804		REMOVAL, FOREIGN BODY, MOUTH	Surgery	1.24	2.59	$129.17
40805		REMOVAL, FOREIGN BODY, MOUTH	Surgery	2.69	2.85	$129.17
40806		INCISION OF LIP FOLD	Surgery	0.31	0.89	$129.17
40808		BIOPSY OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	0.96	2.11	$129.17
40810		EXCISION OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	1.31	2.70	$129.17

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40812		EXCISE/REPAIR MOUTH LESION	Surgery	2.31	2.95	$129.17
40814		EXCISE/REPAIR MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.42	4.08	$129.17
40816		EXCISION OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.67	4.32	$129.17
40818		EXCISE ORAL MUCOSA FOR GRAFT	Surgery	2.41	4.05	$129.17
40819		EXCISE LIP OR CHEEK FOLD	Surgery	2.41	3.67	$129.17
40820		TREATMENT OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	1.28	2.38	$129.17
40830		REPAIR MOUTH LACERATION	Surgery	1.76	2.48	$129.17
40831		REPAIR MOUTH LACERATION	Surgery	2.46	2.72	$129.17
40840		RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUTH	Surgery	8.73	5.93	$129.17
40842		RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUTH	Surgery	8.73	5.90	$129.17
40843		RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUTH	Surgery	12.10	7.35	$129.17
40844		RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUTH	Surgery	16.01	9.01	$129.17
40845		RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUTH	Surgery	18.58	12.25	$129.17
41000		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	1.30	2.40	$129.17
41005		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	1.26	1.62	$129.17
41006		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.24	3.28	$129.17
41007		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.10	3.33	$129.17
41008		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.37	3.22	$129.17
41009		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.59	3.42	$129.17
41010		INCISION OF TONGUE FOLD	Surgery	1.06	3.57	$129.17
41015		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	3.96	3.39	$129.17
41016		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	4.07	3.61	$129.17
41017		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	4.07	3.46	$129.17
41018		DRAINAGE OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	5.10	3.87	$129.17
41100		BIOPSY OF TONGUE	Surgery	1.63	2.67	$129.17
41105		BIOPSY OF TONGUE	Surgery	1.42	2.42	$129.17
41108		BIOPSY OF FLOOR OF MOUTH	Surgery	1.05	2.38	$129.17
41110		EXCISION OF TONGUE LESION	Surgery	1.51	2.63	$129.17
41112		EXCISION OF TONGUE LESION	Surgery	2.73	3.56	$129.17
41113		EXCISION OF TONGUE LESION	Surgery	3.19	3.50	$129.17
41114		EXCISION OF TONGUE LESION	Surgery	8.47	6.59	$129.17
41115		EXCISION OF TONGUE FOLD	Surgery	1.74	2.53	$129.17
41116		EXCISION OF MOUTH LESION	Surgery	2.44	3.37	$129.17
41120		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TONGUE	Surgery	9.77	9.12	$129.17
41130		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF TONGUE	Surgery	11.15	9.76	$129.17
41135		TONGUE AND NECK SURGERY	Surgery	23.09	16.63	$129.17
41140		REMOVAL OF TONGUE	Surgery	25.50	17.39	$129.17
41145		TONGUE REMOVAL, NECK SURGERY	Surgery	30.06	21.36	$129.17
41150		TONGUE, MOUTH, JAW SURGERY	Surgery	23.04	17.64	$129.17
41153		TONGUE, MOUTH, NECK SURGERY	Surgery	23.77	18.04	$129.17
41155		TONGUE, JAW, & NECK SURGERY	Surgery	27.72	20.44	$129.17
41250		REPAIR TONGUE LACERATION	Surgery	1.91	1.77	$129.17
41251		REPAIR TONGUE LACERATION	Surgery	2.27	1.88	$129.17
41252		REPAIR TONGUE LACERATION	Surgery	2.97	2.33	$129.17
41500		FIXATION OF TONGUE	Surgery	3.71	4.43	$129.17
41510		TONGUE TO LIP SURGERY	Surgery	3.42	5.39	$129.17
41520		RECONSTRUCTION, TONGUE FOLD	Surgery	2.73	3.06	$129.17
41800		DRAINAGE OF GUM LESION	Surgery	1.17	1.96	$129.17
41805		REMOVAL FOREIGN BODY, GUM	Surgery	1.24	2.08	$129.17
41806		REMOVAL FOREIGN BODY,JAWBONE	Surgery	2.69	2.54	$129.17
41822		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	2.31	0.98	$129.17
41823		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	3.30	3.54	$129.17
41825		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	1.31	2.43	$129.17
41826		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	2.31	2.66	$129.17
41827		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	3.42	3.63	$129.17
41828		EXCISION OF GUM LESION	Surgery	3.09	3.07	$129.17
41830		REMOVAL OF GUM TISSUE	Surgery	3.35	3.39	$129.17
41872		REPAIR GUM	Surgery	2.59	2.93	$129.17
41874		REPAIR TOOTH SOCKET	Surgery	3.09	2.45	$129.17
42000		DRAINAGE MOUTH ROOF LESION	Surgery	1.23	2.52	$129.17
42100		BIOPSY ROOF OF MOUTH	Surgery	1.31	2.47	$129.17

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42104		EXCISION LESION, MOUTH ROOF	Surgery	1.64	2.58	$129.17
42106		EXCISION LESION, MOUTH ROOF	Surgery	2.10	2.66	$129.17
42107		EXCISION LESION, MOUTH ROOF	Surgery	4.44	4.26	$129.17
42120		REMOVE PALATE/LESION	Surgery	6.17	6.19	$129.17
42140		EXCISION OF UVULA	Surgery	1.62	3.36	$129.17
42145		REPAIR PALATE, PHARYNX/UVULA	Surgery	8.05	7.59	$129.17
42160		TREATMENT MOUTH ROOF LESION	Surgery	1.80	3.25	$129.17
42180		REPAIR PALATE	Surgery	2.50	2.25	$129.17
42182		REPAIR PALATE	Surgery	3.83	3.10	$129.17
42200		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	12.00	9.78	$129.17
42205		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	13.29	9.76	$129.17
42210		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	14.50	11.47	$129.17
42215		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	8.82	9.72	$129.17
42220		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	7.02	6.85	$129.17
42225		RECONSTRUCT CLEFT PALATE	Surgery	9.54	9.16	$129.17
42226		LENGTHENING OF PALATE	Surgery	10.01	9.96	$129.17
42227		LENGTHENING OF PALATE	Surgery	9.52	9.09	$129.17
42235		REPAIR PALATE	Surgery	7.87	5.93	$129.17
42260		REPAIR NOSE TO LIP FISTULA	Surgery	9.80	6.43	$129.17
42280		PREPARATION, PALATE MOLD	Surgery	1.54	1.44	$129.17
42281		INSERTION, PALATE PROSTHESIS	Surgery	1.93	0.92	$129.17
42300		DRAINAGE OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	1.93	2.65	$129.17
42305		DRAINAGE OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	6.07	5.38	$129.17
42310		DRAINAGE OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	1.56	2.32	$129.17
42320		DRAINAGE OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	2.35	2.15	$129.17
42325		CREATE SALIVARY CYST DRAIN	Surgery	2.75	1.26	$129.17
42326		CREATE SALIVARY CYST DRAIN	Surgery	3.78	1.51	$129.17
42330		REMOVAL OF SALIVARY STONE	Surgery	2.21	2.81	$129.17
42335		REMOVAL OF SALIVARY STONE	Surgery	3.31	3.71	$129.17
42340		REMOVAL OF SALIVARY STONE	Surgery	4.60	5.07	$129.17
42400		BIOPSY OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	0.78	2.52	$129.17
42405		BIOPSY OF SALIVARY GLAND	Surgery	3.29	3.44	$129.17
42408		EXCISION OF SALIVARY CYST	Surgery	4.54	4.71	$129.17
42409		DRAINAGE OF SALIVARY CYST	Surgery	2.81	3.34	$129.17
42410		EXCISE PAROTID GLAND/LESION	Surgery	9.34	8.20	$129.17
42415		EXCISE PAROTID GLAND/LESION	Surgery	16.89	12.82	$129.17
42420		EXCISE PAROTID GLAND/LESION	Surgery	19.59	14.46	$129.17
42425		EXCISE PAROTID GLAND/LESION	Surgery	13.02	10.70	$129.17
42426		EXCISE PAROTID GLAND/LESION	Surgery	21.26	15.44	$129.17
42440		EXCISE SUBMAXILLARY GLAND	Surgery	6.97	6.13	$129.17
42450		EXCISE SUBLINGUAL GLAND	Surgery	4.62	4.38	$129.17
42500		REPAIR SALIVARY DUCT	Surgery	4.30	5.10	$129.17
42505		REPAIR SALIVARY DUCT	Surgery	6.18	6.02	$129.17
42507		PAROTID DUCT DIVERSION	Surgery	6.11	5.44	$129.17
42508		PAROTID DUCT DIVERSION	Surgery	9.10	8.40	$129.17
42509		PAROTID DUCT DIVERSION	Surgery	11.54	9.25	$129.17
42510		PAROTID DUCT DIVERSION	Surgery	8.15	7.27	$129.17
42550		INJECTION FOR SALIVARY X-RAY	Surgery	1.25	12.45	$129.17
42600		CLOSURE OF SALIVARY FISTULA	Surgery	4.82	5.61	$129.17
42650		DILATION OF SALIVARY DUCT	Surgery	0.77	1.13	$129.17
42660		DILATION OF SALIVARY DUCT	Surgery	1.13	1.15	$129.17
42665		LIGATION OF SALIVARY DUCT	Surgery	2.53	3.03	$129.17
42700		DRAINAGE OF TONSIL ABSCESS	Surgery	1.62	3.30	$129.17
42720		DRAINAGE OF THROAT ABSCESS	Surgery	5.42	4.77	$129.17
42725		DRAINAGE OF THROAT ABSCESS	Surgery	10.72	8.70	$129.17
42800		BIOPSY OF THROAT	Surgery	1.39	3.09	$129.17
42802		BIOPSY OF THROAT	Surgery	1.54	2.72	$129.17
42804		BIOPSY OF UPPER NOSE/THROAT	Surgery	1.24	2.56	$129.17
42806		BIOPSY OF UPPER NOSE/THROAT	Surgery	1.58	2.76	$129.17
42808		EXCISE PHARYNX LESION	Surgery	2.30	3.17	$129.17
42809		REMOVE PHARYNX FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.81	3.48	$129.17

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42810		EXCISION OF NECK CYST	Surgery	3.25	4.61	$129.17
42815		EXCISION OF NECK CYST	Surgery	7.07	6.67	$129.17
42820		REMOVE TONSILS AND ADENOIDS	Surgery	3.91	4.02	$129.17
42821		REMOVE TONSILS AND ADENOIDS	Surgery	4.29	4.30	$129.17
42825		REMOVAL OF TONSILS	Surgery	3.42	3.74	$129.17
42826		REMOVAL OF TONSILS	Surgery	3.38	3.81	$129.17
42830		REMOVAL OF ADENOIDS	Surgery	2.57	2.51	$129.17
42831		REMOVAL OF ADENOIDS	Surgery	2.71	2.59	$129.17
42835		REMOVAL OF ADENOIDS	Surgery	2.30	3.20	$129.17
42836		REMOVAL OF ADENOIDS	Surgery	3.18	3.69	$129.17
42842		EXTENSIVE SURGERY OF THROAT	Surgery	8.76	7.96	$129.17
42844		EXTENSIVE SURGERY OF THROAT	Surgery	14.31	11.57	$129.17
42845		EXTENSIVE SURGERY OF THROAT	Surgery	24.29	18.00	$129.17
42860		EXCISION OF TONSIL TAGS	Surgery	2.22	3.08	$129.17
42870		EXCISION OF LINGUAL TONSIL	Surgery	5.40	6.18	$129.17
42890		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF PHARYNX	Surgery	12.94	11.03	$129.17
42892		REVISION OF PHARYNGEAL WALLS	Surgery	15.83	12.68	$129.17
42894		REVISION OF PHARYNGEAL WALLS	Surgery	22.88	17.38	$129.17
42900		REPAIR THROAT WOUND	Surgery	5.25	3.93	$129.17
42950		RECONSTRUCTION OF THROAT	Surgery	8.10	7.60	$129.17
42953		REPAIR THROAT, ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	8.96	9.14	$129.17
42955		SURGICAL OPENING OF THROAT	Surgery	7.39	6.55	$129.17
42960		CONTROL THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	2.33	2.13	$129.17
42961		CONTROL THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	5.59	5.30	$129.17
42962		CONTROL THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	7.14	6.35	$129.17
42970		CONTROL NOSE/THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	5.43	3.99	$129.17
42971		CONTROL NOSE/THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	6.21	5.99	$129.17
42972		CONTROL NOSE/THROAT BLEEDING	Surgery	7.20	5.73	$129.17
43020		INCISION OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	8.09	6.77	$129.17
43030		THROAT MUSCLE SURGERY	Surgery	7.69	7.00	$129.17
43045		INCISION OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	20.12	11.14	$129.17
43100		EXCISION OF ESOPHAGUS LESION	Surgery	9.19	7.58	$129.17
43101		EXCISION OF ESOPHAGUS LESION	Surgery	16.24	8.84	$129.17
43107		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	40.00	18.49	$129.17
43108		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	34.19	16.39	$129.17
43112		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	43.50	20.06	$129.17
43113		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	35.27	16.38	$129.17
43116		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	31.22	18.49	$129.17
43117		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	40.00	18.51	$129.17
43118		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	33.20	15.76	$129.17
43121		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	29.19	15.08	$129.17
43122		PARITAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	40.00	18.05	$129.17
43123		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	33.20	15.58	$129.17
43124		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	27.32	15.15	$129.17
43130		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS POUCH	Surgery	11.75	9.05	$129.17
43135		REMOVAL OF ESOPHAGUS POUCH	Surgery	16.10	10.09	$129.17
43200		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	1.59	1.22	$129.17
43202		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY, BIOPSY	Surgery	1.89	1.15	$129.17
43204		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY & INJECT	Surgery	3.77	1.71	$129.17
43205		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY/LIGATION	Surgery	3.79	1.71	$129.17
43215		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	2.60	1.26	$129.17
43216		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY/LESION	Surgery	2.40	1.20	$129.17
43217		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	2.90	1.35	$129.17
43219		ESOPHAGUS ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	2.80	1.43	$129.17
43220		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY, DILATION	Surgery	2.10	1.14	$129.17
43226		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY, DILATION	Surgery	2.34	1.21	$129.17
43227		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY, REPAIR	Surgery	3.60	1.64	$129.17
43228		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY, ABLATION	Surgery	3.77	1.77	$129.17
43231		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY W/US EXAM	Surgery	3.19	1.60	$129.17
43232		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY W/US FN BX	Surgery	4.48	2.15	$129.17
43234		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY, EXAM	Surgery	2.01	1.06	$129.17

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43235		UPPR GI ENDOSCOPY, DIAGNOSIS	Surgery	2.39	1.23	$129.17
43239		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY, BIOPSY	Surgery	2.87	1.27	$129.17
43240		ESOPH ENDOSCOPE W/DRAIN CYST	Surgery	6.86	2.97	$129.17
43241		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY WITH TUBE	Surgery	2.59	1.27	$129.17
43242		UPPR GI ENDOSCOPY W/US FN BX	Surgery	7.31	2.64	$129.17
43243		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY & INJECT	Surgery	4.57	2.00	$129.17
43244		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY/LIGATION	Surgery	5.05	2.18	$129.17
43245		OPERATIVE UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.39	1.55	$129.17
43246		PLACE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	4.33	1.84	$129.17
43247		OPERATIVE UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.39	1.56	$129.17
43248		UPPR GI ENDOSCOPY/GUIDE WIRE	Surgery	3.15	1.49	$129.17
43249		ESOPH ENDOSCOPY, DILATION	Surgery	2.90	1.39	$129.17
43250		UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY/TUMOR	Surgery	3.20	1.48	$129.17
43251		OPERATIVE UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.70	1.67	$129.17
43255		OPERATIVE UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	4.82	1.97	$129.17
43256		UPPR GI ENDOSCOPY W STENT	Surgery	4.60	1.66	$129.17
43258		OPERATIVE UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	4.55	1.99	$129.17
43259		ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND EXAM	Surgery	4.89	2.22	$129.17
43260		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	5.96	2.50	$129.17
43261		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	6.27	2.62	$129.17
43262		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.39	3.03	$129.17
43263		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.29	3.00	$129.17
43264		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	8.90	3.58	$129.17
43265		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	10.02	3.99	$129.17
43267		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.39	3.04	$129.17
43268		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.39	3.03	$129.17
43269		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	8.21	3.33	$129.17
43271		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.39	3.02	$129.17
43272		ENDO CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPH	Surgery	7.39	3.04	$129.17
43280		LAPAROSCOPY, FUNDOPLASTY	Surgery	17.25	8.43	$129.17
43300		REPAIR OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	9.14	7.31	$129.17
43305		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS AND FISTULA	Surgery	17.39	12.84	$129.17
43310		REPAIR OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	25.39	14.51	$129.17
43312		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS AND FISTULA	Surgery	28.42	17.45	$129.17
43313		ESOPHAGOPLASTY CONGENTIAL	Surgery	45.28	22.01	$129.17
43314		TRACHEO-ESOPHAGOPLASTY CONG	Surgery	50.27	24.07	$129.17
43320		FUSE ESOPHAGUS & STOMACH	Surgery	19.93	10.67	$129.17
43324		REVISE ESOPHAGUS & STOMACH	Surgery	20.57	9.79	$129.17
43325		REVISE ESOPHAGUS & STOMACH	Surgery	20.06	10.08	$129.17
43326		REVISE ESOPHAGUS & STOMACH	Surgery	19.74	10.33	$129.17
43330		REPAIR OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	19.77	9.78	$129.17
43331		REPAIR OF ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	20.13	11.41	$129.17
43340		FUSE ESOPHAGUS & INTESTINE	Surgery	19.61	10.31	$129.17
43341		FUSE ESOPHAGUS & INTESTINE	Surgery	20.85	11.17	$129.17
43350		SURGICAL OPENING, ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	15.78	10.50	$129.17
43351		SURGICAL OPENING, ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	18.35	10.91	$129.17
43352		SURGICAL OPENING, ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	15.26	9.59	$129.17
43360		GASTROINTESTINAL REPAIR	Surgery	35.70	17.43	$129.17
43361		GASTROINTESTINAL REPAIR	Surgery	40.50	17.93	$129.17
43400		LIGATE ESOPHAGUS VEINS	Surgery	21.20	10.46	$129.17
43401		ESOPHAGUS SURGERY FOR VEINS	Surgery	22.09	10.34	$129.17
43405		LIGATE/STAPLE ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	20.01	9.45	$129.17
43410		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS WOUND	Surgery	13.47	9.35	$129.17
43415		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS WOUND	Surgery	25.00	12.50	$129.17
43420		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS OPENING	Surgery	14.35	9.15	$129.17
43425		REPAIR ESOPHAGUS OPENING	Surgery	21.03	11.00	$129.17
43450		DILATE ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	1.38	0.63	$129.17
43453		DILATE ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	1.51	0.68	$129.17
43456		DILATE ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	2.57	1.07	$129.17
43458		DILATE ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	3.06	1.26	$129.17
43460		PRESSURE TREATMENT ESOPHAGUS	Surgery	3.80	1.54	$129.17

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43500		SURGICAL OPENING OF STOMACH	Surgery	11.05	5.23	$129.17
43501		SURGICAL REPAIR OF STOMACH	Surgery	20.04	8.86	$129.17
43502		SURGICAL REPAIR OF STOMACH	Surgery	23.13	10.16	$129.17
43510		SURGICAL OPENING OF STOMACH	Surgery	13.08	7.50	$129.17
43520		INCISION OF PYLORIC MUSCLE	Surgery	9.99	5.73	$129.17
43600		BIOPSY OF STOMACH	Surgery	1.91	1.05	$129.17
43605		BIOPSY OF STOMACH	Surgery	11.98	5.55	$129.17
43610		EXCISION OF STOMACH LESION	Surgery	14.60	6.85	$129.17
43611		EXCISION OF STOMACH LESION	Surgery	17.84	8.12	$129.17
43620		REMOVAL OF STOMACH	Surgery	30.04	12.89	$129.17
43621		REMOVAL OF STOMACH	Surgery	30.73	13.21	$129.17
43622		REMOVAL OF STOMACH	Surgery	32.53	13.79	$129.17
43631		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	22.59	9.72	$129.17
43632		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	22.59	9.73	$129.17
43633		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	23.10	9.87	$129.17
43634		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	25.12	10.84	$129.17
43635		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	2.06	0.74	$129.17
43638		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	29.00	12.13	$129.17
43639		REMOVAL OF STOMACH, PARTIAL	Surgery	29.65	12.30	$129.17
43640		VAGOTOMY & PYLORUS REPAIR	Surgery	17.02	7.72	$129.17
43641		VAGOTOMY & PYLORUS REPAIR	Surgery	17.27	7.82	$129.17
43651		LAPAROSCOPY, VAGUS NERVE	Surgery	10.15	4.71	$129.17
43652		LAPAROSCOPY, VAGUS NERVE	Surgery	12.15	5.53	$129.17
43653		LAPAROSCOPY, GASTROSTOMY	Surgery	7.73	4.37	$129.17
43750		PLACE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	4.49	2.72	$129.17
43760		CHANGE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	1.10	0.46	$129.17
43761		REPOSITION GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	2.01	0.83	$129.17
43800		RECONSTRUCTION OF PYLORUS	Surgery	13.69	6.60	$129.17
43810		FUSION OF STOMACH AND BOWEL	Surgery	14.65	6.94	$129.17
43820		FUSION OF STOMACH AND BOWEL	Surgery	15.37	7.15	$129.17
43825		FUSION OF STOMACH AND BOWEL	Surgery	19.22	8.56	$129.17
43830		PLACE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	9.53	5.06	$129.17
43831		PLACE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	7.84	4.67	$129.17
43832		PLACE GASTROSTOMY TUBE	Surgery	15.60	7.66	$129.17
43840		REPAIR OF STOMACH LESION	Surgery	15.56	7.21	$129.17
43842		GASTROPLASTY FOR OBESITY	Surgery	18.47	11.24	$129.17
43843		GASTROPLASTY FOR OBESITY	Surgery	18.65	11.25	$129.17
43846		GASTRIC BYPASS FOR OBESITY	Surgery	24.05	13.68	$129.17
43847		GASTRIC BYPASS FOR OBESITY	Surgery	26.92	15.28	$129.17
43848		REVISION GASTROPLASTY	Surgery	29.39	16.54	$129.17
43850		REVISE STOMACH-BOWEL FUSION	Surgery	24.72	10.42	$129.17
43855		REVISE STOMACH-BOWEL FUSION	Surgery	26.16	11.12	$129.17
43860		REVISE STOMACH-BOWEL FUSION	Surgery	25.00	10.58	$129.17
43865		REVISE STOMACH-BOWEL FUSION	Surgery	26.52	11.21	$129.17
43870		REPAIR STOMACH OPENING	Surgery	9.69	5.22	$129.17
43880		REPAIR STOMACH-BOWEL FISTULA	Surgery	24.65	10.87	$129.17
44005		FREEING OF BOWEL ADHESION	Surgery	16.23	7.40	$129.17
44010		INCISION OF SMALL BOWEL	Surgery	12.52	6.48	$129.17
44015		INSERT NEEDLE CATH BOWEL	Surgery	2.62	0.93	$129.17
44020		EXPLORE SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	13.99	6.56	$129.17
44021		DECOMPRESS SMALL BOWEL	Surgery	14.08	7.02	$129.17
44025		INCISION OF LARGE BOWEL	Surgery	14.28	6.65	$129.17
44050		REDUCE BOWEL OBSTRUCTION	Surgery	14.03	6.60	$129.17
44055		CORRECT MALROTATION OF BOWEL	Surgery	22.00	9.51	$129.17
44100		BIOPSY OF BOWEL	Surgery	2.01	1.09	$129.17
44110		EXCISE INTESTINE LESION(S)	Surgery	11.81	5.84	$129.17
44111		EXCISION OF BOWEL LESION(S)	Surgery	14.29	7.10	$129.17
44120		REMOVAL OF SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	17.00	7.67	$129.17
44121		REMOVAL OF SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	4.45	1.60	$129.17
44125		REMOVAL OF SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	17.54	7.86	$129.17
44126		ENTERECTOMY W/TAPER, CONG	Surgery	35.50	18.03	$129.17

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44127		ENTERECTOMY W/O TAPER, CONG	Surgery	41.00	20.56	$129.17
44128		ENTERECTOMY CONG, ADD-ON	Surgery	4.45	1.78	$129.17
44130		BOWEL TO BOWEL FUSION	Surgery	14.49	6.78	$129.17
44139		MOBILIZATION OF COLON	Surgery	2.23	0.80	$129.17
44140		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	21.00	9.53	$129.17
44141		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	19.51	11.93	$129.17
44143		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	22.99	13.14	$129.17
44144		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	21.53	11.75	$129.17
44145		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	26.42	11.90	$129.17
44146		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	27.54	15.41	$129.17
44147		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	20.71	10.15	$129.17
44150		REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	23.95	14.08	$129.17
44151		REMOVAL OF COLON/ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	26.88	15.74	$129.17
44152		REMOVAL OF COLON/ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	27.83	17.01	$129.17
44153		REMOVAL OF COLON/ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	30.59	16.64	$129.17
44155		REMOVAL OF COLON/ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	27.86	15.28	$129.17
44156		REMOVAL OF COLON/ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	30.79	17.86	$129.17
44160		REMOVAL OF COLON	Surgery	18.62	8.65	$129.17
44200		LAPAROSCOPY, ENTEROLYSIS	Surgery	14.44	6.79	$129.17
44201		LAPAROSCOPY, JEJUNOSTOMY	Surgery	9.78	5.16	$129.17
44202		LAP RESECT S/INTESTINE SINGL	Surgery	22.04	9.82	$129.17
44203		LAP RESECT S/INTESTINE, ADDL	Surgery	4.45	1.60	$129.17
44204		LAPARO PARTIAL COLECTOMY	Surgery	25.08	10.46	$129.17
44205		LAP COLECTOMY PART W/ILEUM	Surgery	22.23	9.31	$129.17
44300		OPEN BOWEL TO SKIN	Surgery	12.11	6.79	$129.17
44310		ILEOSTOMY/JEJUNOSTOMY	Surgery	15.95	10.50	$129.17
44312		REVISION OF ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	8.02	5.25	$129.17
44314		REVISION OF ILEOSTOMY	Surgery	15.05	10.37	$129.17
44316		DEVISE BOWEL POUCH	Surgery	21.09	13.77	$129.17
44320		COLOSTOMY	Surgery	17.64	12.13	$129.17
44322		COLOSTOMY WITH BIOPSIES	Surgery	11.98	10.41	$129.17
44340		REVISION OF COLOSTOMY	Surgery	7.72	4.86	$129.17
44345		REVISION OF COLOSTOMY	Surgery	15.43	8.34	$129.17
44346		REVISION OF COLOSTOMY	Surgery	16.99	8.91	$129.17
44360		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	2.59	1.39	$129.17
44361		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY/BIOPSY	Surgery	2.87	1.50	$129.17
44363		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.50	1.71	$129.17
44364		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.74	1.80	$129.17
44365		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.31	1.68	$129.17
44366		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	4.41	2.05	$129.17
44369		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	4.52	2.05	$129.17
44370		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY/STENT	Surgery	4.80	1.74	$129.17
44372		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	4.41	2.04	$129.17
44373		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	3.50	1.80	$129.17
44376		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	5.26	2.36	$129.17
44377		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY/BIOPSY	Surgery	5.53	2.47	$129.17
44378		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	7.13	3.06	$129.17
44379		S BOWEL ENDOSCOPE W/STENT	Surgery	7.47	2.67	$129.17
44380		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	1.05	0.79	$129.17
44382		SMALL BOWEL ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	1.27	0.90	$129.17
44383		ILEOSCOPY W/STENT	Surgery	3.26	1.16	$129.17
44385		ENDOSCOPY OF BOWEL POUCH	Surgery	1.82	0.95	$129.17
44386		ENDOSCOPY, BOWEL POUCH/BIOP	Surgery	2.12	1.09	$129.17
44388		COLON ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	2.82	1.42	$129.17
44389		COLONOSCOPY WITH BIOPSY	Surgery	3.13	1.55	$129.17
44390		COLONOSCOPY FOR FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	3.83	1.80	$129.17
44391		COLONOSCOPY FOR BLEEDING	Surgery	4.32	1.78	$129.17
44392		COLONOSCOPY & POLYPECTOMY	Surgery	3.82	1.79	$129.17
44393		COLONOSCOPY, LESION REMOVAL	Surgery	4.84	2.19	$129.17
44394		COLONOSCOPY W/SNARE	Surgery	4.43	2.04	$129.17
44397		COLONOSCOPY W STENT	Surgery	4.71	2.10	$129.17

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44500		INTRO, GASTROINTESTINAL TUBE	Surgery	0.49	0.37	$129.17
44602		SUTURE, SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	16.03	7.34	$129.17
44603		SUTURE, SMALL INTESTINE	Surgery	18.66	8.25	$129.17
44604		SUTURE, LARGE INTESTINE	Surgery	16.03	7.35	$129.17
44605		REPAIR OF BOWEL LESION	Surgery	19.53	8.94	$129.17
44615		INTESTINAL STRICTUROPLASTY	Surgery	15.93	7.32	$129.17
44620		REPAIR BOWEL OPENING	Surgery	12.20	5.81	$129.17
44625		REPAIR BOWEL OPENING	Surgery	15.05	6.86	$129.17
44626		REPAIR BOWEL OPENING	Surgery	25.36	10.60	$129.17
44640		REPAIR BOWEL-SKIN FISTULA	Surgery	21.65	9.70	$129.17
44650		REPAIR BOWEL FISTULA	Surgery	22.57	10.01	$129.17
44660		REPAIR BOWEL-BLADDER FISTULA	Surgery	21.36	9.51	$129.17
44661		REPAIR BOWEL-BLADDER FISTULA	Surgery	24.81	10.73	$129.17
44680		SURGICAL REVISION, INTESTINE	Surgery	15.40	7.47	$129.17
44700		SUSPEND BOWEL W/PROSTHESIS	Surgery	16.11	7.57	$129.17
44800		EXCISION OF BOWEL POUCH	Surgery	11.23	5.61	$129.17
44820		EXCISION OF MESENTERY LESION	Surgery	12.09	5.98	$129.17
44850		REPAIR OF MESENTERY	Surgery	10.74	5.41	$129.17
44900		DRAIN APP ABSCESS, OPEN	Surgery	10.14	5.96	$129.17
44901		DRAIN APP ABSCESS, PERCUT	Surgery	3.38	5.01	$129.17
44950		APPENDECTOMY	Surgery	10.00	5.31	$129.17
44955		APPENDECTOMY ADD-ON	Surgery	1.53	0.57	$129.17
44960		APPENDECTOMY	Surgery	12.34	6.50	$129.17
44970		LAPAROSCOPY, APPENDECTOMY	Surgery	8.70	4.21	$129.17
45000		DRAINAGE OF PELVIC ABSCESS	Surgery	4.52	3.80	$129.17
45005		DRAINAGE OF RECTAL ABSCESS	Surgery	1.99	1.62	$129.17
45020		DRAINAGE OF RECTAL ABSCESS	Surgery	4.72	4.21	$129.17
45100		BIOPSY OF RECTUM	Surgery	3.68	2.12	$129.17
45108		REMOVAL OF ANORECTAL LESION	Surgery	4.76	2.95	$129.17
45110		REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	28.00	13.26	$129.17
45111		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	16.48	8.78	$129.17
45112		REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	30.54	13.70	$129.17
45113		PARTIAL PROCTECTOMY	Surgery	30.58	13.39	$129.17
45114		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	27.32	12.61	$129.17
45116		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	24.58	11.58	$129.17
45119		REMOVE RECTUM W/RESERVOIR	Surgery	30.84	13.25	$129.17
45120		REMOVAL OF RECTUM	Surgery	24.60	11.63	$129.17
45121		REMOVAL OF RECTUM AND COLON	Surgery	27.04	12.53	$129.17
45123		PARTIAL PROCTECTOMY	Surgery	16.71	8.21	$129.17
45126		PELVIC EXENTERATION	Surgery	45.16	19.12	$129.17
45130		EXCISION OF RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	16.44	7.80	$129.17
45135		EXCISION OF RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	19.28	9.10	$129.17
45136		EXCISE ILEOANAL RESERVOIR	Surgery	27.30	12.66	$129.17
45150		EXCISION OF RECTAL STRICTURE	Surgery	5.67	3.19	$129.17
45160		EXCISION OF RECTAL LESION	Surgery	15.32	7.14	$129.17
45170		EXCISION OF RECTAL LESION	Surgery	11.49	5.89	$129.17
45190		DESTRUCTION, RECTAL TUMOR	Surgery	9.74	5.33	$129.17
45300		PROCTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY DX	Surgery	0.38	1.34	$129.17
45303		PROCTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY DILATE	Surgery	0.44	1.55	$129.17
45305		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY W/BX	Surgery	1.01	0.46	$129.17
45307		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY FB	Surgery	0.94	0.44	$129.17
45308		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY REMOVAL	Surgery	0.83	0.39	$129.17
45309		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY REMOVAL	Surgery	2.01	0.81	$129.17
45315		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY REMOVAL	Surgery	1.40	0.60	$129.17
45317		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY BLEED	Surgery	1.50	0.63	$129.17
45320		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY ABLATE	Surgery	1.58	0.68	$129.17
45321		PROTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY VOLVUL	Surgery	1.17	0.52	$129.17
45327		PROCTOSIGMOIDOSCOPY W/STENT	Surgery	1.65	0.89	$129.17
45330		DIAGNOSTIC SIGMOIDOSCOPY	Surgery	0.96	1.92	$129.17
45331		SIGMOIDOSCOPY AND BIOPSY	Surgery	1.15	0.54	$129.17
45332		SIGMOIDOSCOPY W/FB REMOVAL	Surgery	1.79	0.76	$129.17

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45333		SIGMOIDOSCOPY & POLYPECTOMY	Surgery	1.79	0.77	$129.17
45334		SIGMOIDOSCOPY FOR BLEEDING	Surgery	2.73	1.12	$129.17
45337		SIGMOIDOSCOPY & DECOMPRESS	Surgery	2.36	0.97	$129.17
45338		SIGMOIDOSCPY W/TUMR REMOVE	Surgery	2.34	0.97	$129.17
45339		SIGMOIDOSCOPY W/ABLATE TUMR	Surgery	3.14	1.27	$129.17
45341		SIGMOIDOSCOPY W/ULTRASOUND	Surgery	2.60	1.40	$129.17
45342		SIGMOIDOSCOPY W/US GUIDE BX	Surgery	4.06	1.85	$129.17
45345		SIGMODOSCOPY W/STENT	Surgery	2.92	1.44	$129.17
45355		SURGICAL COLONOSCOPY	Surgery	3.52	1.28	$129.17
45378		DIAGNOSTIC COLONOSCOPY	Surgery	3.70	1.77	$129.17
45379		COLONOSCOPY W/FB REMOVAL	Surgery	4.69	2.13	$129.17
45380		COLONOSCOPY AND BIOPSY	Surgery	4.44	2.05	$129.17
45382		COLONOSCOPY/CONTROL BLEEDING	Surgery	5.69	2.29	$129.17
45383		LESION REMOVAL COLONOSCOPY	Surgery	5.87	2.56	$129.17
45384		LESION REMOVE COLONOSCOPY	Surgery	4.70	2.14	$129.17
45385		LESION REMOVAL COLONOSCOPY	Surgery	5.31	2.36	$129.17
45387		COLONOSCOPY W/STENT	Surgery	5.91	2.57	$129.17
45500		REPAIR OF RECTUM	Surgery	7.29	4.24	$129.17
45505		REPAIR OF RECTUM	Surgery	7.58	3.86	$129.17
45520		TREATMENT OF RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	0.55	0.77	$129.17
45540		CORRECT RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	16.27	8.18	$129.17
45541		CORRECT RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	13.40	7.03	$129.17
45550		REPAIR RECTUM/REMOVE SIGMOID	Surgery	23.00	10.40	$129.17
45560		REPAIR OF RECTOCELE	Surgery	10.58	6.12	$129.17
45562		EXPLORATION/REPAIR OF RECTUM	Surgery	15.38	7.52	$129.17
45563		EXPLORATION/REPAIR OF RECTUM	Surgery	23.47	11.34	$129.17
45800		REPAIR RECT/BLADDER FISTULA	Surgery	17.77	8.23	$129.17
45805		REPAIR FISTULA W/COLOSTOMY	Surgery	20.78	10.72	$129.17
45820		REPAIR RECTOURETHRAL FISTULA	Surgery	18.48	8.55	$129.17
45825		REPAIR FISTULA W/COLOSTOMY	Surgery	21.25	10.57	$129.17
45900		REDUCTION OF RECTAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	2.61	1.04	$129.17
45905		DILATION OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	2.30	0.96	$129.17
45910		DILATION OF RECTAL NARROWING	Surgery	2.80	1.15	$129.17
45915		REMOVE RECTAL OBSTRUCTION	Surgery	3.14	1.16	$129.17
46020		PLACEMENT OF SETON	Surgery	2.90	3.09	$129.17
46030		REMOVAL OF RECTAL MARKER	Surgery	1.23	1.22	$129.17
46040		INCISION OF RECTAL ABSCESS	Surgery	4.96	3.15	$129.17
46045		INCISION OF RECTAL ABSCESS	Surgery	4.32	2.88	$129.17
46050		INCISION OF ANAL ABSCESS	Surgery	1.19	3.68	$129.17
46060		INCISION OF RECTAL ABSCESS	Surgery	5.69	3.83	$129.17
46070		INCISION OF ANAL SEPTUM	Surgery	2.71	2.54	$129.17
46080		INCISION OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	2.49	1.65	$129.17
46083		INCISE EXTERNAL HEMORRHOID	Surgery	1.40	4.78	$129.17
46200		REMOVAL OF ANAL FISSURE	Surgery	3.42	2.42	$129.17
46210		REMOVAL OF ANAL CRYPT	Surgery	2.67	2.17	$129.17
46211		REMOVAL OF ANAL CRYPTS	Surgery	4.25	3.10	$129.17
46220		REMOVAL OF ANAL TAB	Surgery	1.56	0.56	$129.17
46221		LIGATION OF HEMORRHOID(S)	Surgery	2.04	1.80	$129.17
46230		REMOVAL OF ANAL TABS	Surgery	2.57	4.38	$129.17
46250		HEMORRHOIDECTOMY	Surgery	3.89	2.71	$129.17
46255		HEMORRHOIDECTOMY	Surgery	4.60	2.96	$129.17
46257		REMOVE HEMORRHOIDS & FISSURE	Surgery	5.40	3.12	$129.17
46258		REMOVE HEMORRHOIDS & FISTULA	Surgery	5.73	3.30	$129.17
46260		HEMORRHOIDECTOMY	Surgery	6.37	4.04	$129.17
46261		REMOVE HEMORRHOIDS & FISSURE	Surgery	7.08	4.19	$129.17
46262		REMOVE HEMORRHOIDS & FISTULA	Surgery	7.50	4.35	$129.17
46270		REMOVAL OF ANAL FISTULA	Surgery	3.72	2.65	$129.17
46275		REMOVAL OF ANAL FISTULA	Surgery	4.56	2.85	$129.17
46280		REMOVAL OF ANAL FISTULA	Surgery	5.98	3.83	$129.17
46285		REMOVAL OF ANAL FISTULA	Surgery	4.09	2.69	$129.17
46288		REPAIR ANAL FISTULA	Surgery	7.13	4.25	$129.17

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46320		REMOVAL OF HEMORRHOID CLOT	Surgery	1.61	4.00	$129.17
46500		INJECTION INTO HEMORRHOID(S)	Surgery	1.61	2.89	$129.17
46600		DIAGNOSTIC ANOSCOPY	Surgery	0.50	0.82	$129.17
46604		ANOSCOPY AND DILATION	Surgery	1.31	0.99	$129.17
46606		ANOSCOPY AND BIOPSY	Surgery	0.81	0.87	$129.17
46608		ANOSCOPY/ REMOVE FOR BODY	Surgery	1.51	0.49	$129.17
46610		ANOSCOPY/REMOVE LESION	Surgery	1.32	0.48	$129.17
46611		ANOSCOPY	Surgery	1.81	0.65	$129.17
46612		ANOSCOPY/ REMOVE LESIONS	Surgery	2.34	0.85	$129.17
46614		ANOSCOPY/CONTROL BLEEDING	Surgery	2.01	1.90	$129.17
46615		ANOSCOPY	Surgery	2.68	0.96	$129.17
46700		REPAIR OF ANAL STRICTURE	Surgery	9.13	4.78	$129.17
46705		REPAIR OF ANAL STRICTURE	Surgery	6.90	4.53	$129.17
46715		REPAIR OF ANOVAGINAL FISTULA	Surgery	7.20	4.46	$129.17
46716		REPAIR OF ANOVAGINAL FISTULA	Surgery	15.07	8.05	$129.17
46730		CONSTRUCTION OF ABSENT ANUS	Surgery	26.75	12.25	$129.17
46735		CONSTRUCTION OF ABSENT ANUS	Surgery	32.17	15.49	$129.17
46740		CONSTRUCTION OF ABSENT ANUS	Surgery	30.00	14.61	$129.17
46742		REPAIR OF IMPERFORATED ANUS	Surgery	35.80	18.31	$129.17
46744		REPAIR OF CLOACAL ANOMALY	Surgery	52.63	22.78	$129.17
46746		REPAIR OF CLOACAL ANOMALY	Surgery	58.22	27.19	$129.17
46748		REPAIR OF CLOACAL ANOMALY	Surgery	64.21	29.58	$129.17
46750		REPAIR OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	10.25	5.79	$129.17
46751		REPAIR OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	8.77	6.14	$129.17
46753		RECONSTRUCTION OF ANUS	Surgery	8.29	4.13	$129.17
46754		REMOVAL OF SUTURE FROM ANUS	Surgery	2.20	1.43	$129.17
46760		REPAIR OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	14.43	7.07	$129.17
46761		REPAIR OF ANAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	13.84	6.87	$129.17
46762		IMPLANT ARTIFICIAL SPHINCTER	Surgery	12.71	6.08	$129.17
46900		DESTRUCTION, ANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	1.91	3.52	$129.17
46910		DESTRUCTION, ANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	1.86	3.81	$129.17
46916		CRYOSURGERY, ANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	1.86	3.24	$129.17
46917		LASER SURGERY, ANAL LESIONS	Surgery	1.86	5.32	$129.17
46922		EXCISION OF ANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	1.86	1.46	$129.17
46924		DESTRUCTION, ANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	2.76	1.77	$129.17
46934		DESTRUCTION OF HEMORRHOIDS	Surgery	3.51	6.62	$129.17
46935		DESTRUCTION OF HEMORRHOIDS	Surgery	2.43	4.60	$129.17
46936		DESTRUCTION OF HEMORRHOIDS	Surgery	3.69	6.67	$129.17
46937		CRYOTHERAPY OF RECTAL LESION	Surgery	2.69	1.72	$129.17
46938		CRYOTHERAPY OF RECTAL LESION	Surgery	4.66	3.27	$129.17
46940		TREATMENT OF ANAL FISSURE	Surgery	2.32	3.47	$129.17
46942		TREATMENT OF ANAL FISSURE	Surgery	2.04	2.84	$129.17
46945		LIGATION OF HEMORRHOIDS	Surgery	1.84	4.04	$129.17
46946		LIGATION OF HEMORRHOIDS	Surgery	2.58	5.40	$129.17
47000		NEEDLE BIOPSY OF LIVER	Surgery	1.90	0.67	$129.17
47001		NEEDLE BIOPSY, LIVER ADD-ON	Surgery	1.90	0.68	$129.17
47010		OPEN DRAINAGE, LIVER LESION	Surgery	16.01	9.60	$129.17
47011		PERCUT DRAIN, LIVER LESION	Surgery	3.70	4.61	$129.17
47015		INJECT/ASPIRATE LIVER CYST	Surgery	15.11	8.23	$129.17
47100		WEDGE BIOPSY OF LIVER	Surgery	11.67	6.50	$129.17
47120		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LIVER	Surgery	35.50	17.02	$129.17
47122		EXTENSIVE REMOVAL OF LIVER	Surgery	55.13	24.11	$129.17
47125		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LIVER	Surgery	49.19	22.12	$129.17
47130		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF LIVER	Surgery	53.35	23.49	$129.17
47134		PARTIAL REMOVAL, DONOR LIVER	Surgery	39.15	13.91	$129.17
47135		TRANSPLANTATION OF LIVER	Surgery	81.52	43.28	$129.17
47136		TRANSPLANTATION OF LIVER	Surgery	68.60	47.00	$129.17
47300		SURGERY FOR LIVER LESION	Surgery	15.08	7.75	$129.17
47350		REPAIR LIVER WOUND	Surgery	19.56	9.45	$129.17
47360		REPAIR LIVER WOUND	Surgery	26.92	12.96	$129.17
47361		REPAIR LIVER WOUND	Surgery	47.12	19.94	$129.17

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47362		REPAIR LIVER WOUND	Surgery	18.51	9.77	$129.17
47370		LAPARO ABLATE LIVER TUMOR RF	Surgery	18.00	7.19	$129.17
47371		LAPARO ABLATE LIVER CRYOSUG	Surgery	16.94	6.76	$129.17
47380		OPEN ABLATE LIVER TUMOR RF	Surgery	21.25	8.48	$129.17
47381		OPEN ABLATE LIVER TUMOR CRYO	Surgery	21.00	8.38	$129.17
47382		PERCUT ABLATE LIVER RF	Surgery	12.00	5.37	$129.17
47400		INCISION OF LIVER DUCT	Surgery	32.49	14.99	$129.17
47420		INCISION OF BILE DUCT	Surgery	19.88	9.46	$129.17
47425		INCISION OF BILE DUCT	Surgery	19.83	9.38	$129.17
47460		INCISE BILE DUCT SPHINCTER	Surgery	18.04	9.26	$129.17
47480		INCISION OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	10.82	6.80	$129.17
47490		INCISION OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	7.23	7.67	$129.17
47500		INJECTION FOR LIVER X-RAYS	Surgery	1.96	0.68	$129.17
47505		INJECTION FOR LIVER X-RAYS	Surgery	0.76	2.88	$129.17
47510		INSERT CATHETER, BILE DUCT	Surgery	7.83	9.46	$129.17
47511		INSERT BILE DUCT DRAIN	Surgery	10.50	10.57	$129.17
47525		CHANGE BILE DUCT CATHETER	Surgery	5.55	3.34	$129.17
47530		REVISE/REINSERT BILE TUBE	Surgery	5.85	5.07	$129.17
47550		BILE DUCT ENDOSCOPY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.02	1.08	$129.17
47552		BILIARY ENDOSCOPY THRU SKIN	Surgery	6.04	2.52	$129.17
47553		BILIARY ENDOSCOPY THRU SKIN	Surgery	6.35	2.70	$129.17
47554		BILIARY ENDOSCOPY THRU SKIN	Surgery	9.06	3.55	$129.17
47555		BILIARY ENDOSCOPY THRU SKIN	Surgery	7.56	3.15	$129.17
47556		BILIARY ENDOSCOPY THRU SKIN	Surgery	8.56	3.49	$129.17
47560		LAPAROSCOPY W/CHOLANGIO	Surgery	4.89	1.89	$129.17
47561		LAPARO W/CHOLANGIO/BIOPSY	Surgery	5.18	2.19	$129.17
47562		LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY	Surgery	11.09	5.15	$129.17
47563		LAPARO CHOLECYSTECTOMY/GRAPH	Surgery	11.94	5.43	$129.17
47564		LAPARO CHOLECYSTECTOMY/EXPLR	Surgery	14.23	6.26	$129.17
47570		LAPARO CHOLECYSTOENTEROSTOMY	Surgery	12.58	5.67	$129.17
47600		REMOVAL OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	13.58	6.86	$129.17
47605		REMOVAL OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	14.69	7.23	$129.17
47610		REMOVAL OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	18.82	8.80	$129.17
47612		REMOVAL OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	18.78	8.70	$129.17
47620		REMOVAL OF GALLBLADDER	Surgery	20.64	9.35	$129.17
47630		REMOVE BILE DUCT STONE	Surgery	9.11	3.20	$129.17
47700		EXPLORATION OF BILE DUCTS	Surgery	15.62	8.79	$129.17
47701		BILE DUCT REVISION	Surgery	27.81	13.60	$129.17
47711		EXCISION OF BILE DUCT TUMOR	Surgery	23.03	11.34	$129.17
47712		EXCISION OF BILE DUCT TUMOR	Surgery	30.24	14.00	$129.17
47715		EXCISION OF BILE DUCT CYST	Surgery	18.80	8.95	$129.17
47716		FUSION OF BILE DUCT CYST	Surgery	16.44	8.19	$129.17
47720		FUSE GALLBLADDER & BOWEL	Surgery	15.91	8.66	$129.17
47721		FUSE UPPER GI STRUCTURES	Surgery	19.12	9.90	$129.17
47740		FUSE GALLBLADDER & BOWEL	Surgery	18.48	9.64	$129.17
47741		FUSE GALLBLADDER & BOWEL	Surgery	21.34	10.62	$129.17
47760		FUSE BILE DUCTS AND BOWEL	Surgery	25.85	12.28	$129.17
47765		FUSE LIVER DUCTS & BOWEL	Surgery	24.88	12.73	$129.17
47780		FUSE BILE DUCTS AND BOWEL	Surgery	26.50	12.49	$129.17
47785		FUSE BILE DUCTS AND BOWEL	Surgery	31.18	14.97	$129.17
47800		RECONSTRUCTION OF BILE DUCTS	Surgery	23.30	11.57	$129.17
47801		PLACEMENT, BILE DUCT SUPPORT	Surgery	15.17	10.21	$129.17
47802		FUSE LIVER DUCT & INTESTINE	Surgery	21.55	11.60	$129.17
47900		SUTURE BILE DUCT INJURY	Surgery	19.90	10.25	$129.17
48000		DRAINAGE OF ABDOMEN	Surgery	28.07	12.59	$129.17
48001		PLACEMENT OF DRAIN, PANCREAS	Surgery	35.45	15.04	$129.17
48005		RESECT/DEBRIDE PANCREAS	Surgery	42.17	17.39	$129.17
48020		REMOVAL OF PANCREATIC STONE	Surgery	15.70	7.44	$129.17
48100		BIOPSY OF PANCREAS, OPEN	Surgery	12.23	7.03	$129.17
48102		NEEDLE BIOPSY, PANCREAS	Surgery	4.68	2.45	$129.17
48120		REMOVAL OF PANCREAS LESION	Surgery	15.85	7.69	$129.17

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48140		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF PANCREAS	Surgery	22.94	10.78	$129.17
48145		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF PANCREAS	Surgery	24.02	11.48	$129.17
48146		PANCREATECTOMY	Surgery	26.40	13.96	$129.17
48148		REMOVAL OF PANCREATIC DUCT	Surgery	17.34	9.15	$129.17
48150		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF PANCREAS	Surgery	48.00	21.29	$129.17
48152		PANCREATECTOMY	Surgery	43.75	20.74	$129.17
48153		PANCREATECTOMY	Surgery	47.89	22.18	$129.17
48154		PANCREATECTOMY	Surgery	44.10	20.82	$129.17
48155		REMOVAL OF PANCREAS	Surgery	24.64	13.89	$129.17
48180		FUSE PANCREAS AND BOWEL	Surgery	24.72	11.16	$129.17
48400		INJECTION, INTRAOP ADD-ON	Surgery	1.95	0.69	$129.17
48500		SURGERY OF PANCREATIC CYST	Surgery	15.28	7.74	$129.17
48510		DRAIN PANCREATIC PSEUDOCYST	Surgery	14.31	7.45	$129.17
48511		DRAIN PANCREATIC PSEUDOCYST	Surgery	4.00	3.95	$129.17
48520		FUSE PANCREAS CYST AND BOWEL	Surgery	15.59	7.49	$129.17
48540		FUSE PANCREAS CYST AND BOWEL	Surgery	19.72	8.84	$129.17
48545		PANCREATORRHAPHY	Surgery	18.18	8.88	$129.17
48547		DUODENAL EXCLUSION	Surgery	25.83	11.04	$129.17
48554		TRANSPL ALLOGRAFT PANCREAS	Surgery	34.17	12.27	$129.17
48556		REMOVAL, ALLOGRAFT PANCREAS	Surgery	15.71	8.71	$129.17
49000		EXPLORATION OF ABDOMEN	Surgery	11.68	6.22	$129.17
49002		REOPENING OF ABDOMEN	Surgery	10.49	6.10	$129.17
49010		EXPLORATION BEHIND ABDOMEN	Surgery	12.28	7.05	$129.17
49020		DRAIN ABDOMINAL ABSCESS	Surgery	22.84	11.41	$129.17
49021		DRAIN ABDOMINAL ABSCESS	Surgery	3.38	5.84	$129.17
49040		DRAIN, OPEN, ABDOM ABSCESS	Surgery	13.52	8.02	$129.17
49041		DRAIN, PERCUT, ABDOM ABSCESS	Surgery	4.00	6.07	$129.17
49060		DRAIN, OPEN, RETROP ABSCESS	Surgery	15.86	9.62	$129.17
49061		DRAIN, PERCUT, RETROPER ABSC	Surgery	3.70	5.99	$129.17
49062		DRAIN TO PERITONEAL CAVITY	Surgery	11.36	7.06	$129.17
49080		PUNCTURE, PERITONEAL CAVITY	Surgery	1.35	0.48	$129.17
49081		REMOVAL OF ABDOMINAL FLUID	Surgery	1.26	0.60	$129.17
49085		REMOVE ABDOMEN FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	12.14	6.72	$129.17
49180		BIOPSY, ABDOMINAL MASS	Surgery	1.73	0.60	$129.17
49200		REMOVAL OF ABDOMINAL LESION	Surgery	10.25	6.59	$129.17
49201		REMOVAL OF ABDOMINAL LESION	Surgery	14.84	8.90	$129.17
49215		EXCISE SACRAL SPINE TUMOR	Surgery	33.50	15.52	$129.17
49220		MULTIPLE SURGERY, ABDOMEN	Surgery	14.88	7.94	$129.17
49250		EXCISION OF UMBILICUS	Surgery	8.35	5.26	$129.17
49255		REMOVAL OF OMENTUM	Surgery	11.14	6.66	$129.17
49320		DIAG LAPARO SEPARATE PROC	Surgery	5.10	3.08	$129.17
49321		LAPAROSCOPY, BIOPSY	Surgery	5.40	3.07	$129.17
49322		LAPAROSCOPY, ASPIRATION	Surgery	5.70	3.53	$129.17
49323		LAPARO DRAIN LYMPHOCELE	Surgery	9.48	4.18	$129.17
49400		AIR INJECTION INTO ABDOMEN	Surgery	1.88	0.82	$129.17
49420		INSERT ABDOMINAL DRAIN	Surgery	2.22	0.98	$129.17
49421		INSERT ABDOMINAL DRAIN	Surgery	5.54	4.08	$129.17
49422		REMOVE PERM CANNULA/CATHETER	Surgery	6.25	3.01	$129.17
49423		EXCHANGE DRAINAGE CATHETER	Surgery	1.46	0.70	$129.17
49424		ASSESS CYST, CONTRAST INJECT	Surgery	0.76	0.45	$129.17
49425		INSERT ABDOMEN-VENOUS DRAIN	Surgery	11.37	6.79	$129.17
49426		REVISE ABDOMEN-VENOUS SHUNT	Surgery	9.63	6.17	$129.17
49427		INJECTION, ABDOMINAL SHUNT	Surgery	0.89	0.50	$129.17
49428		LIGATION OF SHUNT	Surgery	6.06	3.19	$129.17
49429		REMOVAL OF SHUNT	Surgery	7.40	3.55	$129.17
49491		REPAIRING HERN PREMIE REDUC	Surgery	11.13	5.65	$129.17
49492		RPR ING HERN PREMIE, BLOCKED	Surgery	14.03	6.40	$129.17
49495		RPR ING HERNIA BABY, REDUC	Surgery	5.89	3.72	$129.17
49496		RPR ING HERNIA BABY, BLOCKED	Surgery	8.79	5.94	$129.17
49500		RPR ING HERNIA, INIT, REDUCE	Surgery	5.48	3.48	$129.17
49501		RPR ING HERNIA, INIT BLOCKED	Surgery	8.88	4.62	$129.17

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49505		RPR I/HERN INIT REDUC>5 YR	Surgery	7.60	4.13	$129.17
49507		RPR I/HERN INIT BLOCK>5 YR	Surgery	9.57	6.17	$129.17
49520		REREPAIR ING HERNIA, REDUCE	Surgery	9.63	5.49	$129.17
49521		REREPAIR ING HERNIA, BLOCKED	Surgery	11.97	5.85	$129.17
49525		REPAIR ING HERNIA, SLIDING	Surgery	8.57	4.97	$129.17
49540		REPAIR LUMBAR HERNIA	Surgery	10.39	5.65	$129.17
49550		RPR FEM HERNIA, INIT, REDUCE	Surgery	8.63	4.55	$129.17
49553		RPR FEM HERNIA, INIT BLOCKED	Surgery	9.44	4.95	$129.17
49555		REREPAIR FEM HERNIA, REDUCE	Surgery	9.03	5.30	$129.17
49557		REREPAIR FEM HERNIA, BLOCKED	Surgery	11.15	5.59	$129.17
49560		RPR VENTRAL HERN INIT, REDUC	Surgery	11.57	6.11	$129.17
49561		RPR VENTRAL HERN INIT, BLOCK	Surgery	14.25	6.71	$129.17
49565		REREPAIR VENTRL HERN, REDUCE	Surgery	11.57	6.27	$129.17
49566		REREPAIR VENTRL HERN, BLOCK	Surgery	14.40	6.79	$129.17
49568		HERNIA REPAIR W/MESH	Surgery	4.89	1.76	$129.17
49570		RPR EPIGASTRIC HERN, REDUCE	Surgery	5.69	3.54	$129.17
49572		RPR EPIGASTRIC HERN, BLOCKED	Surgery	6.73	4.00	$129.17
49580		RPR UMBIL HERN, REDUC <5 YR	Surgery	4.11	3.03	$129.17
49582		RPR UMBIL HERN, BLOCK < 5 YR	Surgery	6.65	5.02	$129.17
49585		RPR UMBIL HERN, REDUC > 5 YR	Surgery	6.23	4.15	$129.17
49587		RPR UMBIL HERN, BLOCK > 5 YR	Surgery	7.56	4.27	$129.17
49590		REPAIR SPIGELIAN HERNIA	Surgery	8.54	4.96	$129.17
49600		REPAIR UMBILICAL LESION	Surgery	10.96	6.30	$129.17
49605		REPAIR UMBILICAL LESION	Surgery	76.00	30.79	$129.17
49606		REPAIR UMBILICAL LESION	Surgery	18.60	9.61	$129.17
49610		REPAIR UMBILICAL LESION	Surgery	10.50	6.87	$129.17
49611		REPAIR UMBILICAL LESION	Surgery	8.92	6.56	$129.17
49650		LAPARO HERNIA REPAIR INITIAL	Surgery	6.27	3.33	$129.17
49651		LAPARO HERNIA REPAIR RECUR	Surgery	8.24	4.40	$129.17
49900		REPAIR OF ABDOMINAL WALL	Surgery	12.28	6.80	$129.17
49905		OMENTAL FLAP	Surgery	6.55	2.44	$129.17
50010		EXPLORATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	10.98	7.07	$129.17
50020		RENAL ABSCESS, OPEN DRAIN	Surgery	14.66	13.72	$129.17
50021		RENAL ABSCESS, PERCUT DRAIN	Surgery	3.38	10.46	$129.17
50040		DRAINAGE OF KIDNEY	Surgery	14.94	11.56	$129.17
50045		EXPLORATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	15.46	8.55	$129.17
50060		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	19.30	10.03	$129.17
50065		INCISION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	20.79	10.56	$129.17
50070		INCISION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	20.32	10.70	$129.17
50075		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	25.34	12.65	$129.17
50080		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	14.71	11.03	$129.17
50081		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	21.80	13.27	$129.17
50100		REVISE KIDNEY BLOOD VESSELS	Surgery	16.09	9.34	$129.17
50120		EXPLORATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	15.91	8.93	$129.17
50125		EXPLORE AND DRAIN KIDNEY	Surgery	16.52	9.48	$129.17
50130		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	17.29	9.24	$129.17
50135		EXPLORATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	19.18	9.93	$129.17
50200		BIOPSY OF KIDNEY	Surgery	2.63	0.96	$129.17
50205		BIOPSY OF KIDNEY	Surgery	11.31	6.52	$129.17
50220		REMOVE KIDNEY, OPEN	Surgery	17.15	9.29	$129.17
50225		REMOVAL KIDNEY OPEN, COMPLEX	Surgery	20.23	10.30	$129.17
50230		REMOVAL KIDNEY OPEN, RADICAL	Surgery	22.07	10.92	$129.17
50234		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY & URETER	Surgery	22.40	11.05	$129.17
50236		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY & URETER	Surgery	24.86	14.27	$129.17
50240		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF KIDNEY	Surgery	22.00	13.32	$129.17
50280		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY LESION	Surgery	15.67	8.69	$129.17
50290		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY LESION	Surgery	14.73	8.49	$129.17
50320		REMOVAL OF DONOR KIDNEY	Surgery	22.21	10.98	$129.17
50340		REMOVAL OF KIDNEY	Surgery	12.15	9.31	$129.17
50360		TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	31.53	17.87	$129.17
50365		TRANSPLANTATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	36.81	21.29	$129.17

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50370		REMOVE TRANSPLANTED KIDNEY	Surgery	13.72	9.88	$129.17
50380		REIMPLANTATION OF KIDNEY	Surgery	20.76	13.52	$129.17
50390		DRAINAGE OF KIDNEY LESION	Surgery	1.96	0.68	$129.17
50392		INSERT KIDNEY DRAIN	Surgery	3.38	1.18	$129.17
50393		INSERT URETERAL TUBE	Surgery	4.16	1.44	$129.17
50394		INJECTION FOR KIDNEY X-RAY	Surgery	0.76	2.60	$129.17
50395		CREATE PASSAGE TO KIDNEY	Surgery	3.38	1.17	$129.17
50396		MEASURE KIDNEY PRESSURE	Surgery	2.09	0.89	$129.17
50398		CHANGE KIDNEY TUBE	Surgery	1.46	0.51	$129.17
50400		REVISION OF KIDNEY/URETER	Surgery	19.50	10.06	$129.17
50405		REVISION OF KIDNEY/URETER	Surgery	23.93	11.84	$129.17
50500		REPAIR OF KIDNEY WOUND	Surgery	19.57	11.37	$129.17
50520		CLOSE KIDNEY-SKIN FISTULA	Surgery	17.23	11.80	$129.17
50525		REPAIR RENAL-ABDOMEN FISTULA	Surgery	22.27	13.30	$129.17
50526		REPAIR RENAL-ABDOMEN FISTULA	Surgery	24.02	14.86	$129.17
50540		REVISION OF HORSESHOE KIDNEY	Surgery	19.93	10.42	$129.17
50541		LAPARO ABLATE RENAL CYST	Surgery	16.00	6.79	$129.17
50544		LAPAROSCOPY, PYELOPLASTY	Surgery	22.40	9.04	$129.17
50545		LAPARO RADICAL NEPHRECTOMY	Surgery	24.00	9.65	$129.17
50546		LAPAROSCOPIC NEPHRECTOMY	Surgery	20.48	8.40	$129.17
50547		LAPARO REMOVAL DONOR KIDNEY	Surgery	25.50	11.27	$129.17
50548		LAPARO REMOVE K/URETER	Surgery	24.40	9.70	$129.17
50551		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	5.60	1.90	$129.17
50553		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	5.99	2.05	$129.17
50555		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & BIOPSY	Surgery	6.53	2.25	$129.17
50557		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	6.62	2.25	$129.17
50559		RENAL ENDOSCOPY/RADIOTRACER	Surgery	6.78	2.42	$129.17
50561		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	7.59	2.58	$129.17
50570		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	9.54	3.24	$129.17
50572		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	10.35	3.52	$129.17
50574		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & BIOPSY	Surgery	11.02	3.87	$129.17
50575		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	13.98	4.73	$129.17
50576		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	10.99	3.74	$129.17
50578		RENAL ENDOSCOPY/RADIOTRACER	Surgery	11.35	4.01	$129.17
50580		KIDNEY ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	11.86	4.03	$129.17
50590		FRAGMENTING OF KIDNEY STONE	Surgery	9.09	5.35	$129.17
50600		EXPLORATION OF URETER	Surgery	15.84	9.07	$129.17
50605		INSERT URETERAL SUPPORT	Surgery	15.46	8.88	$129.17
50610		REMOVAL OF URETER STONE	Surgery	15.92	9.09	$129.17
50620		REMOVAL OF URETER STONE	Surgery	15.16	8.55	$129.17
50630		REMOVAL OF URETER STONE	Surgery	14.94	8.48	$129.17
50650		REMOVAL OF URETER	Surgery	17.41	9.71	$129.17
50660		REMOVAL OF URETER	Surgery	19.55	10.43	$129.17
50684		INJECTION FOR URETER X-RAY	Surgery	0.76	0.26	$129.17
50686		MEASURE URETER PRESSURE	Surgery	1.51	5.08	$129.17
50688		CHANGE OF URETER TUBE	Surgery	1.17	1.76	$129.17
50690		INJECTION FOR URETER X-RAY	Surgery	1.16	0.40	$129.17
50700		REVISION OF URETER	Surgery	15.21	9.09	$129.17
50715		RELEASE OF URETER	Surgery	18.90	12.37	$129.17
50722		RELEASE OF URETER	Surgery	16.35	10.42	$129.17
50725		RELEASE/REVISE URETER	Surgery	18.49	10.61	$129.17
50727		REVISE URETER	Surgery	8.18	6.54	$129.17
50728		REVISE URETER	Surgery	12.02	8.18	$129.17
50740		FUSION OF URETER & KIDNEY	Surgery	18.42	9.66	$129.17
50750		FUSION OF URETER & KIDNEY	Surgery	19.51	10.48	$129.17
50760		FUSION OF URETERS	Surgery	18.42	10.11	$129.17
50770		SPLICING OF URETERS	Surgery	19.51	10.43	$129.17
50780		REIMPLANT URETER IN BLADDER	Surgery	18.36	10.01	$129.17
50782		REIMPLANT URETER IN BLADDER	Surgery	19.54	11.91	$129.17
50783		REIMPLANT URETER IN BLADDER	Surgery	20.55	11.22	$129.17
50785		REIMPLANT URETER IN BLADDER	Surgery	20.52	10.83	$129.17

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50800		IMPLANT URETER IN BOWEL	Surgery	14.52	10.02	$129.17
50810		FUSION OF URETER & BOWEL	Surgery	20.05	12.23	$129.17
50815		URINE SHUNT TO INTESTINE	Surgery	19.93	11.71	$129.17
50820		CONSTRUCT BOWEL BLADDER	Surgery	21.89	12.38	$129.17
50825		CONSTRUCT BOWEL BLADDER	Surgery	28.18	15.30	$129.17
50830		REVISE URINE FLOW	Surgery	31.28	15.96	$129.17
50840		REPLACE URETER BY BOWEL	Surgery	20.00	11.83	$129.17
50845		APPENDICO-VESICOSTOMY	Surgery	20.89	10.20	$129.17
50860		TRANSPLANT URETER TO SKIN	Surgery	15.36	8.93	$129.17
50900		REPAIR OF URETER	Surgery	13.62	8.08	$129.17
50920		CLOSURE URETER/SKIN FISTULA	Surgery	14.33	8.37	$129.17
50930		CLOSURE URETER/BOWEL FISTULA	Surgery	18.72	10.80	$129.17
50940		RELEASE OF URETER	Surgery	14.51	8.44	$129.17
50945		LAPAROSCOPY URETEROLITHOTOMY	Surgery	17.00	7.42	$129.17
50947		LAPARO NEW URETER/BLADDER	Surgery	24.50	11.74	$129.17
50948		LAPARO NEW URETER/BLADDER	Surgery	22.50	10.61	$129.17
50951		ENDOSCOPY OF URETER	Surgery	5.84	1.98	$129.17
50953		ENDOSCOPY OF URETER	Surgery	6.24	2.12	$129.17
50955		URETER ENDOSCOPY & BIOPSY	Surgery	6.75	2.38	$129.17
50957		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	6.79	2.28	$129.17
50959		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TRACER	Surgery	4.40	1.58	$129.17
50961		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	6.05	2.04	$129.17
50970		URETER ENDOSCOPY	Surgery	7.14	2.43	$129.17
50972		URETER ENDOSCOPY & CATHETER	Surgery	6.89	2.52	$129.17
50974		URETER ENDOSCOPY & BIOPSY	Surgery	9.17	3.16	$129.17
50976		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	9.04	3.09	$129.17
50978		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TRACER	Surgery	5.10	1.88	$129.17
50980		URETER ENDOSCOPY & TREATMENT	Surgery	6.85	2.34	$129.17
51000		DRAINAGE OF BLADDER	Surgery	0.78	2.03	$129.17
51005		DRAINAGE OF BLADDER	Surgery	1.02	0.35	$129.17
51010		DRAINAGE OF BLADDER	Surgery	3.53	2.37	$129.17
51020		INCISE & TREAT BLADDER	Surgery	6.71	5.72	$129.17
51030		INCISE & TREAT BLADDER	Surgery	6.77	6.01	$129.17
51040		INCISE & DRAIN BLADDER	Surgery	4.40	4.47	$129.17
51045		INCISE BLADDER/DRAIN URETER	Surgery	6.77	6.01	$129.17
51050		REMOVAL OF BLADDER STONE	Surgery	6.92	5.27	$129.17
51060		REMOVAL OF URETER STONE	Surgery	8.85	6.53	$129.17
51065		REMOVE URETER CALCULUS	Surgery	8.85	6.06	$129.17
51080		DRAINAGE OF BLADDER ABSCESS	Surgery	5.96	5.67	$129.17
51500		REMOVAL OF BLADDER CYST	Surgery	10.14	6.13	$129.17
51520		REMOVAL OF BLADDER LESION	Surgery	9.29	6.66	$129.17
51525		REMOVAL OF BLADDER LESION	Surgery	13.97	8.15	$129.17
51530		REMOVAL OF BLADDER LESION	Surgery	12.38	7.81	$129.17
51535		REPAIR OF URETER LESION	Surgery	12.57	8.23	$129.17
51550		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF BLADDER	Surgery	15.66	8.68	$129.17
51555		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF BLADDER	Surgery	21.23	11.00	$129.17
51565		REVISE BLADDER & URETER(S)	Surgery	21.62	11.62	$129.17
51570		REMOVAL OF BLADDER	Surgery	24.24	12.60	$129.17
51575		REMOVAL OF BLADDER & NODES	Surgery	30.45	15.35	$129.17
51580		REMOVE BLADDER/REVISE TRACT	Surgery	31.08	16.01	$129.17
51585		REMOVAL OF BLADDER & NODES	Surgery	35.23	17.34	$129.17
51590		REMOVE BLADDER/REVISE TRACT	Surgery	32.66	16.01	$129.17
51595		REMOVE BLADDER/REVISE TRACT	Surgery	37.14	17.55	$129.17
51596		REMOVE BLADDER/CREATE POUCH	Surgery	39.52	18.94	$129.17
51597		REMOVAL OF PELVIC STRUCTURES	Surgery	38.35	18.06	$129.17
51600		INJECTION FOR BLADDER X-RAY	Surgery	0.88	0.30	$129.17
51605		PREPARATION FOR BLADDER XRAY	Surgery	0.64	0.22	$129.17
51610		INJECTION FOR BLADDER X-RAY	Surgery	1.05	0.36	$129.17
51700		IRRIGATION OF BLADDER	Surgery	0.88	1.32	$129.17
51705		CHANGE OF BLADDER TUBE	Surgery	1.02	2.15	$129.17
51710		CHANGE OF BLADDER TUBE	Surgery	1.49	1.47	$129.17

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51715		ENDOSCOPIC INJECTION/IMPLANT	Surgery	3.74	1.29	$129.17
51720		TREATMENT OF BLADDER LESION	Surgery	1.96	1.68	$129.17
51725	26	SIMPLE CYSTOMETROGRAM	Surgery	1.51	0.52	$129.17
51726	26	COMPLEX CYSTOMETROGRAM	Surgery	1.71	0.59	$129.17
51736	26	URINE FLOW MEASUREMENT	Surgery	0.61	0.21	$129.17
51741	26	ELECTRO-UROFLOWMETRY, FIRST	Surgery	1.14	0.40	$129.17
51772	26	URETHRA PRESSURE PROFILE	Surgery	1.61	0.59	$129.17
51784	26	ANAL/URINARY MUSCLE STUDY	Surgery	1.53	0.53	$129.17
51785	26	ANAL/URINARY MUSCLE STUDY	Surgery	1.53	0.53	$129.17
51792	26	URINARY REFLEX STUDY	Surgery	1.10	0.43	$129.17
51795	26	URINE VOIDING PRESSURE STUDY	Surgery	1.53	0.53	$129.17
51797	26	INTRAABDOMINAL PRESSURE TEST	Surgery	1.60	0.56	$129.17
51800		REVISION OF BLADDER/URETHRA	Surgery	17.42	9.59	$129.17
51820		REVISION OF URINARY TRACT	Surgery	17.89	10.91	$129.17
51840		ATTACH BLADDER/URETHRA	Surgery	10.71	6.88	$129.17
51841		ATTACH BLADDER/URETHRA	Surgery	13.03	8.57	$129.17
51845		REPAIR BLADDER NECK	Surgery	9.73	6.90	$129.17
51860		REPAIR OF BLADDER WOUND	Surgery	12.02	7.90	$129.17
51865		REPAIR OF BLADDER WOUND	Surgery	15.04	8.93	$129.17
51880		REPAIR OF BLADDER OPENING	Surgery	7.66	5.98	$129.17
51900		REPAIR BLADDER/VAGINA LESION	Surgery	12.97	8.29	$129.17
51920		CLOSE BLADDER-UTERUS FISTULA	Surgery	11.81	7.65	$129.17
51925		HYSTERECTOMY/BLADDER REPAIR	Surgery	15.58	9.65	$129.17
51940		CORRECTION OF BLADDER DEFECT	Surgery	28.43	16.41	$129.17
51960		REVISION OF BLADDER & BOWEL	Surgery	23.01	13.39	$129.17
51980		CONSTRUCT BLADDER OPENING	Surgery	11.36	7.30	$129.17
51990		LAPARO URETHRAL SUSPENSION	Surgery	12.50	6.79	$129.17
51992		LAPARO SLING OPERATION	Surgery	14.01	6.81	$129.17
52000		CYSTOSCOPY	Surgery	2.01	0.69	$129.17
52001		CYSTOSCOPY, REMOVAL OF CLOTS	Surgery	2.37	0.98	$129.17
52005		CYSTOSCOPY & URETER CATHETER	Surgery	2.37	0.91	$129.17
52007		CYSTOSCOPY AND BIOPSY	Surgery	3.02	1.02	$129.17
52010		CYSTOSCOPY & DUCT CATHETER	Surgery	3.02	1.02	$129.17
52204		CYSTOSCOPY	Surgery	2.37	0.80	$129.17
52214		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	3.71	1.26	$129.17
52224		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	3.14	1.07	$129.17
52234		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	4.63	1.68	$129.17
52235		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.45	1.97	$129.17
52240		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	9.72	3.43	$129.17
52250		CYSTOSCOPY AND RADIOTRACER	Surgery	4.50	1.53	$129.17
52260		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	3.92	1.34	$129.17
52265		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	2.94	3.77	$129.17
52270		CYSTOSCOPY & REVISE URETHRA	Surgery	3.37	1.14	$129.17
52275		CYSTOSCOPY & REVISE URETHRA	Surgery	4.70	1.59	$129.17
52276		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.00	1.70	$129.17
52277		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	6.17	2.12	$129.17
52281		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	2.80	1.08	$129.17
52282		CYSTOSCOPY, IMPLANT STENT	Surgery	6.40	2.18	$129.17
52283		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	3.74	1.27	$129.17
52285		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	3.61	1.23	$129.17
52290		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	4.59	1.56	$129.17
52300		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.31	1.80	$129.17
52301		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.51	1.82	$129.17
52305		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.31	1.80	$129.17
52310		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	2.81	1.02	$129.17
52315		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.21	1.76	$129.17
52317		REMOVE BLADDER STONE	Surgery	6.72	2.28	$129.17
52318		REMOVE BLADDER STONE	Surgery	9.19	3.11	$129.17
52320		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	4.70	1.59	$129.17
52325		CYSTOSCOPY, STONE REMOVAL	Surgery	6.16	2.08	$129.17
52327		CYSTOSCOPY, INJECT MATERIAL	Surgery	5.19	1.77	$129.17

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52330		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	5.04	1.71	$129.17
52332		CYSTOSCOPY AND TREATMENT	Surgery	2.83	1.07	$129.17
52334		CREATE PASSAGE TO KIDNEY	Surgery	4.83	1.63	$129.17
52341		CYSTO W/URETER STRICTURE TX	Surgery	6.00	2.40	$129.17
52342		CYSTO W/UP STRICTURE TX	Surgery	6.50	2.59	$129.17
52343		CYSTO W/RENAL STRICTURE TX	Surgery	7.20	2.87	$129.17
52344		CYSTO/URETERO, STONE REMOVE	Surgery	7.70	3.07	$129.17
52345		CYSTO/URETERO W/UP STRICTURE	Surgery	8.20	3.27	$129.17
52346		CYSTOURETERO W/RENAL STRICT	Surgery	9.23	3.68	$129.17
52347		CYSTOSCOPY, RESECT DUCTS	Surgery	5.28	2.14	$129.17
52351		CYSTOURETRO & OR PYELOSCOPE	Surgery	5.86	1.99	$129.17
52352		CYSTOURETRO W/STONE REMOVE	Surgery	6.88	2.33	$129.17
52353		CYSTOURETERO W/LITHOTRIPSY	Surgery	7.97	2.69	$129.17
52354		CYSTOURETERO W/BIOPSY	Surgery	7.34	2.49	$129.17
52355		CYSTOURETERO W/EXCISE TUMOR	Surgery	8.82	2.99	$129.17
52400		CYSTOURETERO W/CONGEN REPR	Surgery	9.68	5.75	$129.17
52450		INCISION OF PROSTATE	Surgery	7.64	6.56	$129.17
52500		REVISION OF BLADDER NECK	Surgery	8.47	6.81	$129.17
52510		DILATION PROSTATIC URETHRA	Surgery	6.72	5.80	$129.17
52601		PROSTATECTOMY (TURP)	Surgery	12.37	8.16	$129.17
52606		CONTROL POSTOP BLEEDING	Surgery	8.13	6.27	$129.17
52612		PROSTATECTOMY, FIRST STAGE	Surgery	7.98	6.72	$129.17
52614		PROSTATECTOMY, SECOND STAGE	Surgery	6.84	6.30	$129.17
52620		REMOVE RESIDUAL PROSTATE	Surgery	6.61	6.22	$129.17
52630		REMOVE PROSTATE REGROWTH	Surgery	7.26	6.44	$129.17
52640		RELIEVE BLADDER CONTRACTURE	Surgery	6.62	5.73	$129.17
52647		LASER SURGERY OF PROSTATE	Surgery	10.36	4.85	$129.17
52648		LASER SURGERY OF PROSTATE	Surgery	11.21	7.63	$129.17
52700		DRAINAGE OF PROSTATE ABSCESS	Surgery	6.80	6.32	$129.17
53000		INCISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	2.28	2.63	$129.17
53010		INCISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	3.64	4.12	$129.17
53020		INCISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	1.77	0.67	$129.17
53025		INCISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	1.13	4.81	$129.17
53040		DRAINAGE OF URETHRA ABSCESS	Surgery	6.40	8.33	$129.17
53060		DRAINAGE OF URETHRA ABSCESS	Surgery	2.63	6.21	$129.17
53080		DRAINAGE OF URINARY LEAKAGE	Surgery	6.29	8.37	$129.17
53085		DRAINAGE OF URINARY LEAKAGE	Surgery	10.27	10.29	$129.17
53200		BIOPSY OF URETHRA	Surgery	2.59	0.97	$129.17
53210		REMOVAL OF URETHRA	Surgery	12.57	8.00	$129.17
53215		REMOVAL OF URETHRA	Surgery	15.58	8.81	$129.17
53220		TREATMENT OF URETHRA LESION	Surgery	7.00	5.71	$129.17
53230		REMOVAL OF URETHRA LESION	Surgery	9.58	6.36	$129.17
53235		REMOVAL OF URETHRA LESION	Surgery	10.14	6.49	$129.17
53240		SURGERY FOR URETHRA POUCH	Surgery	6.45	5.32	$129.17
53250		REMOVAL OF URETHRA GLAND	Surgery	5.89	4.74	$129.17
53260		TREATMENT OF URETHRA LESION	Surgery	2.98	2.44	$129.17
53265		TREATMENT OF URETHRA LESION	Surgery	3.12	2.42	$129.17
53270		REMOVAL OF URETHRA GLAND	Surgery	3.09	7.03	$129.17
53275		REPAIR OF URETHRA DEFECT	Surgery	4.53	3.43	$129.17
53400		REVISE URETHRA, STAGE 1	Surgery	12.77	8.31	$129.17
53405		REVISE URETHRA, STAGE 2	Surgery	14.48	8.61	$129.17
53410		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	16.44	9.21	$129.17
53415		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	19.41	10.16	$129.17
53420		RECONSTRUCT URETHRA, STAGE 1	Surgery	14.08	8.82	$129.17
53425		RECONSTRUCT URETHRA, STAGE 2	Surgery	15.98	9.02	$129.17
53430		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	16.34	9.34	$129.17
53431		RECONSTRUCT URETHRA/BLADDER	Surgery	19.89	7.94	$129.17
53440		CORRECT BLADDER FUNCTION	Surgery	12.34	8.09	$129.17
53442		REMOVE PERINEAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	8.27	6.08	$129.17
53444		INSERT TANDEM CUFF	Surgery	13.40	6.66	$129.17
53445		INSERT URO/VES NCK SPHINCTER	Surgery	14.06	8.72	$129.17

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53446		REMOVE URO SPHINCTER	Surgery	10.23	8.46	$129.17
53447		REMOVE/REPLACE UR SPHINCTER	Surgery	13.49	7.90	$129.17
53448		REMOV/REPLC UR SPHINCTR COMP	Surgery	21.15	12.35	$129.17
53449		REPAIR URO SPHINCTER	Surgery	9.70	6.73	$129.17
53450		REVISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	6.14	5.16	$129.17
53460		REVISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	7.12	5.50	$129.17
53502		REPAIR OF URETHRA INJURY	Surgery	7.63	5.80	$129.17
53505		REPAIR OF URETHRA INJURY	Surgery	7.63	5.62	$129.17
53510		REPAIR OF URETHRA INJURY	Surgery	10.11	6.58	$129.17
53515		REPAIR OF URETHRA INJURY	Surgery	13.31	7.81	$129.17
53520		REPAIR OF URETHRA DEFECT	Surgery	8.68	6.12	$129.17
53600		DILATE URETHRA STRICTURE	Surgery	1.21	1.19	$129.17
53601		DILATE URETHRA STRICTURE	Surgery	0.98	1.31	$129.17
53605		DILATE URETHRA STRICTURE	Surgery	1.28	0.44	$129.17
53620		DILATE URETHRA STRICTURE	Surgery	1.62	1.91	$129.17
53621		DILATE URETHRA STRICTURE	Surgery	1.35	2.00	$129.17
53660		DILATION OF URETHRA	Surgery	0.71	1.22	$129.17
53661		DILATION OF URETHRA	Surgery	0.72	1.21	$129.17
53665		DILATION OF URETHRA	Surgery	0.76	0.27	$129.17
53670		INSERT URINARY CATHETER	Surgery	0.50	1.74	$129.17
53675		INSERT URINARY CATHETER	Surgery	1.47	2.63	$129.17
53850		PROSTATIC MICROWAVE THERMOTX	Surgery	9.45	4.50	$129.17
53852		PROSTATIC RF THERMOTX	Surgery	9.88	4.68	$129.17
53853		PROSTATIC WATER THERMOTHER	Surgery	4.14	2.55	$129.17
54000		SLITTING OF PREPUCE	Surgery	1.54	5.66	$129.17
54001		SLITTING OF PREPUCE	Surgery	2.19	2.15	$129.17
54015		DRAIN PENIS LESION	Surgery	5.32	3.21	$129.17
54050		DESTRUCTION, PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	1.24	2.85	$129.17
54055		DESTRUCTION, PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	1.22	6.64	$129.17
54056		CRYOSURGERY, PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	1.24	2.96	$129.17
54057		LASER SURG, PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	1.24	1.41	$129.17
54060		EXCISION OF PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	1.93	1.66	$129.17
54065		DESTRUCTION, PENIS LESION(S)	Surgery	2.42	2.24	$129.17
54100		BIOPSY OF PENIS	Surgery	1.90	0.77	$129.17
54105		BIOPSY OF PENIS	Surgery	3.50	2.19	$129.17
54110		TREATMENT OF PENIS LESION	Surgery	10.13	8.20	$129.17
54111		TREAT PENIS LESION, GRAFT	Surgery	13.57	9.37	$129.17
54112		TREAT PENIS LESION, GRAFT	Surgery	15.86	10.08	$129.17
54115		TREATMENT OF PENIS LESION	Surgery	6.15	6.77	$129.17
54120		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF PENIS	Surgery	9.97	8.14	$129.17
54125		REMOVAL OF PENIS	Surgery	13.53	9.37	$129.17
54130		REMOVE PENIS & NODES	Surgery	20.14	12.00	$129.17
54135		REMOVE PENIS & NODES	Surgery	26.36	14.68	$129.17
54150		CIRCUMCISION	Surgery	1.81	6.04	$129.17
54152		CIRCUMCISION	Surgery	2.31	1.76	$129.17
54160		CIRCUMCISION	Surgery	2.48	1.82	$129.17
54161		CIRCUMCISION	Surgery	3.27	2.10	$129.17
54162		LYSIS PENIL CIRCUMCIS LESION	Surgery	3.00	2.91	$129.17
54163		REPAIR OF CIRCUMCISION	Surgery	3.00	2.54	$129.17
54164		FRENULOTOMY OF PENIS	Surgery	2.50	2.37	$129.17
54200		TREATMENT OF PENIS LESION	Surgery	1.06	2.87	$129.17
54205		TREATMENT OF PENIS LESION	Surgery	7.93	7.50	$129.17
54220		TREATMENT OF PENIS LESION	Surgery	2.42	1.04	$129.17
54230		PREPARE PENIS STUDY	Surgery	1.34	0.46	$129.17
54231		DYNAMIC CAVERNOSOMETRY	Surgery	2.04	2.26	$129.17
54235		PENILE INJECTION	Surgery	1.19	1.19	$129.17
54240	26	PENIS STUDY	Surgery	1.31	0.45	$129.17
54250	26	PENIS STUDY	Surgery	2.22	0.75	$129.17
54300		REVISION OF PENIS	Surgery	10.41	8.89	$129.17
54304		REVISION OF PENIS	Surgery	12.49	10.04	$129.17
54308		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	11.83	9.94	$129.17

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54312		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	13.57	10.73	$129.17
54316		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	16.82	11.67	$129.17
54318		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	11.25	10.06	$129.17
54322		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	13.01	9.56	$129.17
54324		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	16.31	12.02	$129.17
54326		RECONSTRUCTION OF URETHRA	Surgery	15.72	11.17	$129.17
54328		REVISE PENIS/URETHRA	Surgery	15.65	11.59	$129.17
54332		REVISE PENIS/URETHRA	Surgery	17.08	11.87	$129.17
54336		REVISE PENIS/URETHRA	Surgery	20.04	13.59	$129.17
54340		SECONDARY URETHRAL SURGERY	Surgery	8.91	9.80	$129.17
54344		SECONDARY URETHRAL SURGERY	Surgery	15.94	10.91	$129.17
54348		SECONDARY URETHRAL SURGERY	Surgery	17.15	12.10	$129.17
54352		RECONSTRUCT URETHRA/PENIS	Surgery	24.74	16.53	$129.17
54360		PENIS PLASTIC SURGERY	Surgery	11.93	8.82	$129.17
54380		REPAIR PENIS	Surgery	13.18	10.79	$129.17
54385		REPAIR PENIS	Surgery	15.39	12.20	$129.17
54390		REPAIR PENIS AND BLADDER	Surgery	21.61	14.69	$129.17
54400		INSERT SEMI-RIGID PROSTHESIS	Surgery	8.99	6.53	$129.17
54401		INSERT SELF-CONTD PROSTHESIS	Surgery	10.28	7.37	$129.17
54405		INSERT MULTI-COMP PENIS PROS	Surgery	13.43	8.45	$129.17
54406		REMOVE MULTI-COMP PENIS PROS	Surgery	12.10	6.09	$129.17
54408		REPAIR MULTI-COMP PENIS PROS	Surgery	12.75	6.46	$129.17
54410		REMOVE/REPLACE PENIS PROSTH	Surgery	15.50	7.36	$129.17
54411		REMV/REPLC PENIS PROS, COMP	Surgery	16.00	8.98	$129.17
54415		REMOVE SELF-CONTD PENIS PROS	Surgery	8.20	5.35	$129.17
54416		REMV/REPL PENIS CONTAIN PROS	Surgery	10.87	6.94	$129.17
54417		REMV/REPLC PENIS PROS, COMPL	Surgery	14.19	7.89	$129.17
54420		REVISION OF PENIS	Surgery	11.42	8.70	$129.17
54430		REVISION OF PENIS	Surgery	10.15	8.17	$129.17
54435		REVISION OF PENIS	Surgery	6.12	6.30	$129.17
54450		PREPUTIAL STRETCHING	Surgery	1.12	0.49	$129.17
54500		BIOPSY OF TESTIS	Surgery	1.31	6.26	$129.17
54505		BIOPSY OF TESTIS	Surgery	3.46	2.75	$129.17
54512		EXCISE LESION TESTIS	Surgery	8.58	5.19	$129.17
54520		REMOVAL OF TESTIS	Surgery	5.23	3.75	$129.17
54522		ORCHIECTOMY, PARTIAL	Surgery	9.50	6.15	$129.17
54530		REMOVAL OF TESTIS	Surgery	8.58	5.46	$129.17
54535		EXTENSIVE TESTIS SURGERY	Surgery	12.16	7.62	$129.17
54550		EXPLORATION FOR TESTIS	Surgery	7.78	4.97	$129.17
54560		EXPLORATION FOR TESTIS	Surgery	11.13	7.10	$129.17
54600		REDUCE TESTIS TORSION	Surgery	7.01	4.38	$129.17
54620		SUSPENSION OF TESTIS	Surgery	4.90	3.26	$129.17
54640		SUSPENSION OF TESTIS	Surgery	6.90	4.40	$129.17
54650		ORCHIOPEXY (FOWLER-STEPHENS)	Surgery	11.45	7.29	$129.17
54660		REVISION OF TESTIS	Surgery	5.11	3.65	$129.17
54670		REPAIR TESTIS INJURY	Surgery	6.41	4.30	$129.17
54680		RELOCATION OF TESTIS(ES)	Surgery	12.65	7.65	$129.17
54690		LAPAROSCOPY, ORCHIECTOMY	Surgery	10.96	7.08	$129.17
54692		LAPAROSCOPY, ORCHIOPEXY	Surgery	12.88	5.84	$129.17
54700		DRAINAGE OF SCROTUM	Surgery	3.43	3.53	$129.17
54800		BIOPSY OF EPIDIDYMIS	Surgery	2.33	0.79	$129.17
54820		EXPLORATION OF EPIDIDYMIS	Surgery	5.14	3.61	$129.17
54830		REMOVE EPIDIDYMIS LESION	Surgery	5.38	3.85	$129.17
54840		REMOVE EPIDIDYMIS LESION	Surgery	5.20	3.79	$129.17
54860		REMOVAL OF EPIDIDYMIS	Surgery	6.32	4.40	$129.17
54861		REMOVAL OF EPIDIDYMIS	Surgery	8.90	5.28	$129.17
54900		FUSION OF SPERMATIC DUCTS	Surgery	13.20	6.99	$129.17
54901		FUSION OF SPERMATIC DUCTS	Surgery	17.94	9.27	$129.17
55000		DRAINAGE OF HYDROCELE	Surgery	1.43	2.24	$129.17
55040		REMOVAL OF HYDROCELE	Surgery	5.36	3.56	$129.17
55041		REMOVAL OF HYDROCELES	Surgery	7.74	4.63	$129.17

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55060		REPAIR OF HYDROCELE	Surgery	5.52	3.64	$129.17
55100		DRAINAGE OF SCROTUM ABSCESS	Surgery	2.13	3.63	$129.17
55110		EXPLORE SCROTUM	Surgery	5.70	3.71	$129.17
55120		REMOVAL OF SCROTUM LESION	Surgery	5.09	3.52	$129.17
55150		REMOVAL OF SCROTUM	Surgery	7.22	4.76	$129.17
55175		REVISION OF SCROTUM	Surgery	5.24	3.88	$129.17
55180		REVISION OF SCROTUM	Surgery	10.72	6.38	$129.17
55200		INCISION OF SPERM DUCT	Surgery	4.24	3.10	$129.17
55250		REMOVAL OF SPERM DUCT(S)	Surgery	3.29	3.28	$129.17
55300		PREPARE, SPERM DUCT X-RAY	Surgery	3.51	1.56	$129.17
55400		REPAIR OF SPERM DUCT	Surgery	8.49	5.32	$129.17
55450		LIGATION OF SPERM DUCT	Surgery	4.12	2.62	$129.17
55500		REMOVAL OF HYDROCELE	Surgery	5.59	3.76	$129.17
55520		REMOVAL OF SPERM CORD LESION	Surgery	6.03	3.82	$129.17
55530		REVISE SPERMATIC CORD VEINS	Surgery	5.66	3.92	$129.17
55535		REVISE SPERMATIC CORD VEINS	Surgery	6.56	4.23	$129.17
55540		REVISE HERNIA & SPERM VEINS	Surgery	7.67	4.37	$129.17
55550		LAPARO LIGATE SPERMATIC VEIN	Surgery	6.57	3.67	$129.17
55600		INCISE SPERM DUCT POUCH	Surgery	6.38	4.41	$129.17
55605		INCISE SPERM DUCT POUCH	Surgery	7.96	5.39	$129.17
55650		REMOVE SPERM DUCT POUCH	Surgery	11.80	6.44	$129.17
55680		REMOVE SPERM POUCH LESION	Surgery	5.19	3.77	$129.17
55700		BIOPSY OF PROSTATE	Surgery	1.57	0.73	$129.17
55705		BIOPSY OF PROSTATE	Surgery	4.57	3.92	$129.17
55720		DRAINAGE OF PROSTATE ABSCESS	Surgery	7.64	5.88	$129.17
55725		DRAINAGE OF PROSTATE ABSCESS	Surgery	8.68	6.58	$129.17
55801		REMOVAL OF PROSTATE	Surgery	17.80	9.78	$129.17
55810		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	22.58	11.85	$129.17
55812		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	27.51	13.91	$129.17
55815		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	30.46	15.01	$129.17
55821		REMOVAL OF PROSTATE	Surgery	14.25	8.20	$129.17
55831		REMOVAL OF PROSTATE	Surgery	15.62	8.67	$129.17
55840		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	22.69	12.32	$129.17
55842		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	24.38	12.86	$129.17
55845		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	28.55	14.26	$129.17
55859		PERCUT/NEEDLE INSERT, PROS	Surgery	12.52	7.71	$129.17
55860		SURGICAL EXPOSURE, PROSTATE	Surgery	14.45	7.93	$129.17
55862		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	18.39	9.69	$129.17
55865		EXTENSIVE PROSTATE SURGERY	Surgery	22.87	11.49	$129.17
55870		ELECTROEJACULATION	Surgery	2.58	0.98	$129.17
55873		CRYOABLATE PROSTATE	Surgery	19.47	10.65	$129.17
56405		I & D OF VULVA/PERINEUM	Surgery	1.44	2.50	$129.17
56420		DRAINAGE OF GLAND ABSCESS	Surgery	1.39	2.48	$129.17
56440		SURGERY FOR VULVA LESION	Surgery	2.84	2.40	$129.17
56441		LYSIS OF LABIAL LESION(S)	Surgery	1.97	2.11	$129.17
56501		DESTROY, VULVA LESIONS, SIMP	Surgery	1.53	2.42	$129.17
56515		DESTROY VULVA LESION/S COMPL	Surgery	2.76	2.46	$129.17
56605		BIOPSY OF VULVA/PERINEUM	Surgery	1.10	1.90	$129.17
56606		BIOPSY OF VULVA/PERINEUM	Surgery	0.55	1.69	$129.17
56620		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF VULVA	Surgery	7.47	5.13	$129.17
56625		COMPLETE REMOVAL OF VULVA	Surgery	8.40	6.20	$129.17
56630		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	12.36	7.93	$129.17
56631		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	16.20	10.80	$129.17
56632		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	20.29	12.42	$129.17
56633		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	16.47	9.70	$129.17
56634		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	17.88	11.25	$129.17
56637		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	21.97	13.16	$129.17
56640		EXTENSIVE VULVA SURGERY	Surgery	22.17	12.58	$129.17
56700		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF HYMEN	Surgery	2.52	2.16	$129.17
56720		INCISION OF HYMEN	Surgery	0.68	0.57	$129.17
56740		REMOVE VAGINA GLAND LESION	Surgery	4.57	3.08	$129.17

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56800		REPAIR OF VAGINA	Surgery	3.89	2.86	$129.17
56805		REPAIR CLITORIS	Surgery	18.86	9.69	$129.17
56810		REPAIR OF PERINEUM	Surgery	4.13	2.91	$129.17
57000		EXPLORATION OF VAGINA	Surgery	2.97	2.49	$129.17
57010		DRAINAGE OF PELVIC ABSCESS	Surgery	6.03	4.08	$129.17
57020		DRAINAGE OF PELVIC FLUID	Surgery	1.50	0.66	$129.17
57022		I & D VAGINAL HEMATOMA, PP	Surgery	2.56	2.14	$129.17
57023		I & D VAG HEMATOMA, NON-OB	Surgery	4.75	3.01	$129.17
57061		DESTROY VAG LESIONS, SIMPLE	Surgery	1.25	2.37	$129.17
57065		DESTROY VAG LESIONS, COMPLEX	Surgery	2.61	2.41	$129.17
57100		BIOPSY OF VAGINA	Surgery	1.20	1.64	$129.17
57105		BIOPSY OF VAGINA	Surgery	1.69	2.34	$129.17
57106		REMOVE VAGINA WALL, PARTIAL	Surgery	6.36	2.67	$129.17
57107		REMOVE VAGINA TISSUE, PART	Surgery	23.00	10.65	$129.17
57109		VAGINECTOMY PARTIAL W/NODES	Surgery	27.00	13.89	$129.17
57110		REMOVE VAGINA WALL, COMPLETE	Surgery	14.29	7.56	$129.17
57111		REMOVE VAGINA TISSUE, COMPL	Surgery	27.00	12.85	$129.17
57112		VAGINECTOMY W/NODES, COMPL	Surgery	29.00	14.38	$129.17
57120		CLOSURE OF VAGINA	Surgery	7.41	4.85	$129.17
57130		REMOVE VAGINA LESION	Surgery	2.43	2.25	$129.17
57135		REMOVE VAGINA LESION	Surgery	2.67	2.35	$129.17
57150		TREAT VAGINA INFECTION	Surgery	0.55	1.04	$129.17
57155		INSERT UTERI TANDEMS/OVOIDS	Surgery	6.27	3.67	$129.17
57160		INSERT PESSARY/OTHER DEVICE	Surgery	0.89	1.12	$129.17
57170		FITTING OF DIAPHRAGM/CAP	Surgery	0.91	1.46	$129.17
57180		TREAT VAGINAL BLEEDING	Surgery	1.58	2.37	$129.17
57200		REPAIR OF VAGINA	Surgery	3.94	3.14	$129.17
57210		REPAIR VAGINA/PERINEUM	Surgery	5.17	3.69	$129.17
57220		REVISION OF URETHRA	Surgery	4.31	3.52	$129.17
57230		REPAIR OF URETHRAL LESION	Surgery	5.64	4.49	$129.17
57240		REPAIR BLADDER & VAGINA	Surgery	6.07	4.62	$129.17
57250		REPAIR RECTUM & VAGINA	Surgery	5.53	4.01	$129.17
57260		REPAIR OF VAGINA	Surgery	8.27	5.17	$129.17
57265		EXTENSIVE REPAIR OF VAGINA	Surgery	11.34	7.22	$129.17
57268		REPAIR OF BOWEL BULGE	Surgery	6.76	4.54	$129.17
57270		REPAIR OF BOWEL POUCH	Surgery	12.11	6.58	$129.17
57280		SUSPENSION OF VAGINA	Surgery	15.04	7.74	$129.17
57282		REPAIR OF VAGINAL PROLAPSE	Surgery	8.86	5.44	$129.17
57284		REPAIR PARAVAGINAL DEFECT	Surgery	12.70	7.45	$129.17
57287		REVISE/REMOVE SLING REPAIR	Surgery	10.71	7.47	$129.17
57288		REPAIR BLADDER DEFECT	Surgery	13.02	7.24	$129.17
57289		REPAIR BLADDER & VAGINA	Surgery	11.58	7.12	$129.17
57291		CONSTRUCTION OF VAGINA	Surgery	7.95	5.93	$129.17
57292		CONSTRUCT VAGINA WITH GRAFT	Surgery	13.09	7.20	$129.17
57300		REPAIR RECTUM-VAGINA FISTULA	Surgery	7.61	4.82	$129.17
57305		REPAIR RECTUM-VAGINA FISTULA	Surgery	13.77	7.00	$129.17
57307		FISTULA REPAIR & COLOSTOMY	Surgery	15.93	7.72	$129.17
57308		FISTULA REPAIR, TRANSPERINE	Surgery	9.94	5.96	$129.17
57310		REPAIR URETHROVAGINAL LESION	Surgery	6.78	4.95	$129.17
57311		REPAIR URETHROVAGINAL LESION	Surgery	7.98	5.45	$129.17
57320		REPAIR BLADDER-VAGINA LESION	Surgery	8.01	5.68	$129.17
57330		REPAIR BLADDER-VAGINA LESION	Surgery	12.35	6.96	$129.17
57335		REPAIR VAGINA	Surgery	18.73	9.84	$129.17
57400		DILATION OF VAGINA	Surgery	2.27	1.18	$129.17
57410		PELVIC EXAMINATION	Surgery	1.75	1.12	$129.17
57415		REMOVE VAGINAL FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	2.17	3.71	$129.17
57452		EXAMINATION OF VAGINA	Surgery	0.99	1.69	$129.17
57454		VAGINA EXAMINATION & BIOPSY	Surgery	1.27	1.88	$129.17
57460		CERVIX EXCISION	Surgery	2.83	1.19	$129.17
57500		BIOPSY OF CERVIX	Surgery	0.97	2.29	$129.17
57505		ENDOCERVICAL CURETTAGE	Surgery	1.14	2.05	$129.17

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57510		CAUTERIZATION OF CERVIX	Surgery	1.90	3.39	$129.17
57511		CRYOCAUTERY OF CERVIX	Surgery	1.90	2.54	$129.17
57513		LASER SURGERY OF CERVIX	Surgery	1.90	1.66	$129.17
57520		CONIZATION OF CERVIX	Surgery	4.04	2.93	$129.17
57522		CONIZATION OF CERVIX	Surgery	3.36	2.68	$129.17
57530		REMOVAL OF CERVIX	Surgery	4.79	3.78	$129.17
57531		REMOVAL OF CERVIX, RADICAL	Surgery	28.00	14.44	$129.17
57540		REMOVAL OF RESIDUAL CERVIX	Surgery	12.22	6.49	$129.17
57545		REMOVE CERVIX/REPAIR PELVIS	Surgery	13.03	6.95	$129.17
57550		REMOVAL OF RESIDUAL CERVIX	Surgery	5.53	3.98	$129.17
57555		REMOVE CERVIX/REPAIR VAGINA	Surgery	8.95	5.90	$129.17
57556		REMOVE CERVIX, REPAIR BOWEL	Surgery	8.37	5.14	$129.17
57700		REVISION OF CERVIX	Surgery	3.55	2.71	$129.17
57720		REVISION OF CERVIX	Surgery	4.13	3.41	$129.17
57800		DILATION OF CERVICAL CANAL	Surgery	0.77	1.22	$129.17
57820		D & C OF RESIDUAL CERVIX	Surgery	1.67	2.40	$129.17
58100		BIOPSY OF UTERUS LINING	Surgery	1.53	1.56	$129.17
58120		DILATION AND CURETTAGE	Surgery	3.27	2.55	$129.17
58140		REMOVAL OF UTERUS LESION	Surgery	14.60	7.38	$129.17
58145		REMOVAL OF UTERUS LESION	Surgery	8.04	5.11	$129.17
58150		TOTAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	15.24	7.90	$129.17
58152		TOTAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	20.60	10.17	$129.17
58180		PARTIAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	15.29	7.90	$129.17
58200		EXTENSIVE HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	21.59	11.62	$129.17
58210		EXTENSIVE HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	28.85	14.67	$129.17
58240		REMOVAL OF PELVIS CONTENTS	Surgery	38.39	19.71	$129.17
58260		VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	12.98	6.90	$129.17
58262		VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	14.77	7.66	$129.17
58263		VAGINAL HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	16.06	8.22	$129.17
58267		HYSTERECTOMY & VAGINA REPAIR	Surgery	17.04	8.81	$129.17
58270		HYSTERECTOMY & VAGINA REPAIR	Surgery	14.26	7.43	$129.17
58275		HYSTERECTOMY/REVISE VAGINA	Surgery	15.76	7.94	$129.17
58280		HYSTERECTOMY/REVISE VAGINA	Surgery	17.01	8.46	$129.17
58285		EXTENSIVE HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	22.26	11.15	$129.17
58300		INSERT INTRAUTERINE DEVICE	Surgery	1.01	1.42	$129.17
58301		REMOVE INTRAUTERINE DEVICE	Surgery	1.27	1.62	$129.17
58321		ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION	Surgery	0.92	1.03	$129.17
58322		ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION	Surgery	1.10	1.05	$129.17
58323		SPERM WASHING	Surgery	0.23	0.53	$129.17
58340		CATHETER FOR HYSTEROGRAPHY	Surgery	0.88	12.42	$129.17
58345		REOPEN FALLOPIAN TUBE	Surgery	4.66	1.73	$129.17
58346		INSERT HEYMAN UTERI CAPSULE	Surgery	6.75	3.84	$129.17
58350		REOPEN FALLOPIAN TUBE	Surgery	1.01	2.15	$129.17
58353		ENDOMETR ABLATE, THERMAL	Surgery	3.56	2.28	$129.17
58400		SUSPENSION OF UTERUS	Surgery	6.36	4.17	$129.17
58410		SUSPENSION OF UTERUS	Surgery	12.73	6.84	$129.17
58520		REPAIR OF RUPTURED UTERUS	Surgery	11.92	6.24	$129.17
58540		REVISION OF UTERUS	Surgery	14.64	6.96	$129.17
58550		LAPARO-ASST VAG HYSTERECTOMY	Surgery	14.19	7.11	$129.17
58551		LAPAROSCOPY, REMOVE MYOMA	Surgery	14.21	7.09	$129.17
58555		HYSTEROSCOPY, DX, SEP PROC	Surgery	3.33	1.49	$129.17
58558		HYSTEROSCOPY, BIOPSY	Surgery	4.75	2.13	$129.17
58559		HYSTEROSCOPY, LYSIS	Surgery	6.17	2.59	$129.17
58560		HYSTEROSCOPY, RESECT SEPTUM	Surgery	7.00	3.01	$129.17
58561		HYSTEROSCOPY, REMOVE MYOMA	Surgery	10.00	3.78	$129.17
58562		HYSTEROSCOPY, REMOVE FB	Surgery	5.21	2.34	$129.17
58563		HYSTEROSCOPY, ABLATION	Surgery	6.17	2.62	$129.17
58600		DIVISION OF FALLOPIAN TUBE	Surgery	5.60	3.51	$129.17
58605		DIVISION OF FALLOPIAN TUBE	Surgery	5.00	3.32	$129.17
58611		LIGATE OVIDUCT(S) ADD-ON	Surgery	1.45	0.61	$129.17
58615		OCCLUDE FALLOPIAN TUBE(S)	Surgery	3.90	3.35	$129.17

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58660		LAPAROSCOPY, LYSIS	Surgery	11.29	5.78	$129.17
58661		LAPAROSCOPY, REMOVE ADNEXA	Surgery	11.05	5.47	$129.17
58662		LAPAROSCOPY, EXCISE LESIONS	Surgery	11.79	5.75	$129.17
58670		LAPAROSCOPY, TUBAL CAUTERY	Surgery	5.60	3.73	$129.17
58671		LAPAROSCOPY, TUBAL BLOCK	Surgery	5.60	3.74	$129.17
58672		LAPAROSCOPY, FIMBRIOPLASTY	Surgery	12.88	6.81	$129.17
58673		LAPAROSCOPY, SALPINGOSTOMY	Surgery	13.74	7.16	$129.17
58700		REMOVAL OF FALLOPIAN TUBE	Surgery	12.05	6.05	$129.17
58720		REMOVAL OF OVARY/TUBE(S)	Surgery	11.36	6.05	$129.17
58740		REVISE FALLOPIAN TUBE(S)	Surgery	14.00	7.34	$129.17
58750		REPAIR OVIDUCT	Surgery	14.84	7.60	$129.17
58752		REVISE OVARIAN TUBE(S)	Surgery	14.84	7.92	$129.17
58760		REMOVE TUBAL OBSTRUCTION	Surgery	13.13	7.00	$129.17
58770		CREATE NEW TUBAL OPENING	Surgery	13.97	7.24	$129.17
58800		DRAINAGE OF OVARIAN CYST(S)	Surgery	4.14	4.36	$129.17
58805		DRAINAGE OF OVARIAN CYST(S)	Surgery	5.88	3.66	$129.17
58820		DRAIN OVARY ABSCESS, OPEN	Surgery	4.22	3.38	$129.17
58822		DRAIN OVARY ABSCESS, PERCUT	Surgery	10.13	5.20	$129.17
58823		DRAIN PELVIC ABSCESS, PERCUT	Surgery	3.38	2.38	$129.17
58825		TRANSPOSITION, OVARY(S)	Surgery	10.98	5.95	$129.17
58900		BIOPSY OF OVARY(S)	Surgery	5.99	3.64	$129.17
58920		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF OVARY(S)	Surgery	11.36	5.85	$129.17
58925		REMOVAL OF OVARIAN CYST(S)	Surgery	11.36	5.79	$129.17
58940		REMOVAL OF OVARY(S)	Surgery	7.29	4.18	$129.17
58943		REMOVAL OF OVARY(S)	Surgery	18.43	9.92	$129.17
58950		RESECT OVARIAN MALIGNANCY	Surgery	16.93	9.41	$129.17
58951		RESECT OVARIAN MALIGNANCY	Surgery	22.38	11.81	$129.17
58952		RESECT OVARIAN MALIGNANCY	Surgery	25.01	12.99	$129.17
58953		TAH, RAD DISSECT FOR DEBULK	Surgery	32.00	15.59	$129.17
58954		TAH RAD DEBULK/LYMPH REMOVE	Surgery	35.00	16.71	$129.17
58960		EXPLORATION OF ABDOMEN	Surgery	14.65	8.52	$129.17
58970		RETRIEVAL OF OOCYTE	Surgery	3.53	1.92	$129.17
58976		TRANSFER OF EMBRYO	Surgery	3.83	1.53	$129.17
59000		AMNIOCENTESIS, DIAGNOSTIC	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	1.30	2.05	$126.87
59001		AMNIOCENTESIS, THERAPEUTIC	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	3.00	1.37	$126.87
59012		FETAL CORD PUNCTURE,PRENATAL	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	3.45	1.71	$126.87
59015		CHORION BIOPSY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	2.20	1.11	$126.87
59020	26	FETAL CONTRACT STRESS TEST	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	0.66	0.28	$126.87
59025	26	FETAL NON-STRESS TEST	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	0.53	0.22	$126.87
59030		FETAL SCALP BLOOD SAMPLE	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	1.99	1.14	$126.87
59050		FETAL MONITOR W/REPORT	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	0.89	0.38	$126.87
59051		FETAL MONITOR/INTERPRET ONLY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	0.74	0.31	$126.87
59100		REMOVE UTERUS LESION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	12.35	6.61	$126.87
59120		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	11.49	6.35	$126.87
59121		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	11.67	6.39	$126.87
59130		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	14.22	7.16	$126.87
59135		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	13.88	7.27	$126.87
59136		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	13.18	6.36	$126.87
59140		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	5.46	3.70	$126.87
59150		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	11.67	6.69	$126.87
59151		TREAT ECTOPIC PREGNANCY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	11.49	6.12	$126.87
59160		D & C AFTER DELIVERY	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	2.71	2.29	$126.87
59200		INSERT CERVICAL DILATOR	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	0.79	1.41	$126.87
59300		EPISIOTOMY OR VAGINAL REPAIR	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	2.41	2.01	$126.87
59320		REVISION OF CERVIX	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	2.48	1.31	$126.87
59325		REVISION OF CERVIX	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.07	1.97	$126.87
59350		REPAIR OF UTERUS	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.95	2.19	$126.87
59400		OBSTETRICAL CARE	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	23.06	15.41	$73.58
59409		OBSTETRICAL CARE	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	13.50	5.57	$73.58
59410		OBSTETRICAL CARE	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	14.78	6.98	$73.58
59412		ANTEPARTUM MANIPULATION	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	1.71	0.72	$73.58

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59414		DELIVER PLACENTA	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	1.61	1.34	$73.58
59425		ANTEPARTUM CARE ONLY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	4.81	5.36	$73.58
59426		ANTEPARTUM CARE ONLY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	8.28	9.14	$73.58
59430		CARE AFTER DELIVERY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	2.13	1.29	$73.58
59510		CESAREAN DELIVERY	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	26.22	17.61	$79.83
59514		CESAREAN DELIVERY ONLY	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	15.97	6.57	$79.83
59515		CESAREAN DELIVERY	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	17.37	8.52	$79.83
59525		REMOVE UTERUS AFTER CESAREAN	Surgery	8.54	3.52	$129.17
59610		VBAC DELIVERY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	24.62	16.29	$73.58
59612		VBAC DELIVERY ONLY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	15.06	6.43	$73.58
59614		VBAC CARE AFTER DELIVERY	Maternity — Normal Deliveries	16.34	7.70	$73.58
59618		ATTEMPTED VBAC DELIVERY	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	27.78	18.38	$79.83
59620		ATTEMPTED VBAC DELIVERY ONLY	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	17.53	6.87	$79.83
59622		ATTEMPTED VBAC AFTER CARE	Maternity — Cesarean Deliveries	18.93	8.91	$79.83
59812		TREATMENT OF MISCARRIAGE	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.01	2.51	$126.87
59820		CARE OF MISCARRIAGE	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.01	2.85	$126.87
59821		TREATMENT OF MISCARRIAGE	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.47	3.01	$126.87
59830		TREAT UTERUS INFECTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	6.11	3.85	$126.87
59840		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	3.01	4.01	$126.87
59841		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	5.24	3.72	$126.87
59850		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	5.91	2.75	$126.87
59851		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	5.93	3.22	$126.87
59852		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	8.24	4.58	$126.87
59855		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	6.12	3.38	$126.87
59856		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	7.48	3.74	$126.87
59857		ABORTION	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	9.29	4.46	$126.87
59866		ABORTION (MPR)	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	4.00	1.60	$126.87
59870		EVACUATE MOLE OF UTERUS	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	6.01	3.83	$126.87
59871		REMOVE CERCLAGE SUTURE	Maternity — Non-Deliveries	2.13	0.93	$126.87
60000		DRAIN THYROID/TONGUE CYST	Surgery	1.76	2.22	$129.17
60001		ASPIRATE/INJECT THYRIOD CYST	Surgery	0.97	1.77	$129.17
60100		BIOPSY OF THYROID	Surgery	1.56	0.56	$129.17
60200		REMOVE THYROID LESION	Surgery	9.55	6.88	$129.17
60210		PARTIAL THYROID EXCISION	Surgery	10.88	6.63	$129.17
60212		PARITAL THYROID EXCISION	Surgery	16.03	8.62	$129.17
60220		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	11.90	7.27	$129.17
60225		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	14.19	8.05	$129.17
60240		REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	16.06	9.32	$129.17
60252		REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	20.57	11.64	$129.17
60254		EXTENSIVE THYROID SURGERY	Surgery	26.99	16.39	$129.17
60260		REPEAT THYROID SURGERY	Surgery	17.47	10.66	$129.17
60270		REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	20.27	11.54	$129.17
60271		REMOVAL OF THYROID	Surgery	16.83	10.20	$129.17
60280		REMOVE THYROID DUCT LESION	Surgery	5.87	5.29	$129.17
60281		REMOVE THYROID DUCT LESION	Surgery	8.53	6.27	$129.17
60500		EXPLORE PARATHYROID GLANDS	Surgery	16.23	7.99	$129.17
60502		RE-EXPLORE PARATHYROIDS	Surgery	20.35	9.97	$129.17
60505		EXPLORE PARATHYROID GLANDS	Surgery	21.49	11.53	$129.17
60512		AUTOTRANSPLANT PARATHYROID	Surgery	4.45	1.72	$129.17
60520		REMOVAL OF THYMUS GLAND	Surgery	16.81	9.55	$129.17
60521		REMOVAL OF THYMUS GLAND	Surgery	18.87	11.57	$129.17
60522		REMOVAL OF THYMUS GLAND	Surgery	23.09	12.88	$129.17
60540		EXPLORE ADRENAL GLAND	Surgery	17.03	8.09	$129.17
60545		EXPLORE ADRENAL GLAND	Surgery	19.88	9.73	$129.17
60600		REMOVE CAROTID BODY LESION	Surgery	17.93	13.43	$129.17
60605		REMOVE CAROTID BODY LESION	Surgery	20.24	18.12	$129.17
60650		LAPAROSCOPY ADRENALECTOMY	Surgery	20.00	8.34	$129.17
61000		REMOVE CRANIAL CAVITY FLUID	Surgery	1.58	1.53	$129.17
61001		REMOVE CRANIAL CAVITY FLUID	Surgery	1.49	2.08	$129.17
61020		REMOVE BRAIN CAVITY FLUID	Surgery	1.51	1.51	$129.17
61026		INJECTION INTO BRAIN CANAL	Surgery	1.69	1.73	$129.17

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61050		REMOVE BRAIN CANAL FLUID	Surgery	1.51	1.56	$129.17
61055		INJECTION INTO BRAIN CANAL	Surgery	2.10	1.80	$129.17
61070		BRAIN CANAL SHUNT PROCEDURE	Surgery	0.89	7.33	$129.17
61105		TWIST DRILL HOLE	Surgery	5.14	3.67	$129.17
61107		DRILL SKULL FOR IMPLANTATION	Surgery	5.00	3.12	$129.17
61108		DRILL SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	10.19	7.09	$129.17
61120		BURR HOLE FOR PUNCTURE	Surgery	8.76	5.88	$129.17
61140		PIERCE SKULL FOR BIOPSY	Surgery	15.90	10.00	$129.17
61150		PIERCE SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	17.57	10.74	$129.17
61151		PIERCE SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	12.42	8.16	$129.17
61154		PIERCE SKULL & REMOVE CLOT	Surgery	14.99	9.43	$129.17
61156		PIERCE SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	16.32	10.30	$129.17
61210		PIERCE SKULL, IMPLANT DEVICE	Surgery	5.84	3.53	$129.17
61215		INSERT BRAIN-FLUID DEVICE	Surgery	4.89	4.24	$129.17
61250		PIERCE SKULL & EXPLORE	Surgery	10.42	6.73	$129.17
61253		PIERCE SKULL & EXPLORE	Surgery	12.36	7.65	$129.17
61304		OPEN SKULL FOR EXPLORATION	Surgery	21.96	12.85	$129.17
61305		OPEN SKULL FOR EXPLORATION	Surgery	26.61	15.31	$129.17
61312		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	24.57	14.57	$129.17
61313		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	24.93	14.76	$129.17
61314		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	24.23	11.55	$129.17
61315		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	27.68	16.22	$129.17
61320		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	25.62	15.20	$129.17
61321		OPEN SKULL FOR DRAINAGE	Surgery	28.50	16.09	$129.17
61330		DECOMPRESS EYE SOCKET	Surgery	23.32	19.43	$129.17
61332		EXPLORE/BIOPSY EYE SOCKET	Surgery	27.28	20.43	$129.17
61333		EXPLORE ORBIT/REMOVE LESION	Surgery	27.95	16.45	$129.17
61334		EXPLORE ORBIT/REMOVE OBJECT	Surgery	18.27	10.08	$129.17
61340		RELIEVE CRANIAL PRESSURE	Surgery	18.66	11.75	$129.17
61343		INCISE SKULL (PRESS RELIEF)	Surgery	29.77	17.96	$129.17
61345		RELIEVE CRANIAL PRESSURE	Surgery	27.20	16.17	$129.17
61440		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	26.63	12.14	$129.17
61450		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	25.95	14.46	$129.17
61458		INCISE SKULL FOR BRAIN WOUND	Surgery	27.29	15.89	$129.17
61460		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	28.39	16.77	$129.17
61470		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	26.06	13.74	$129.17
61480		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	26.49	12.34	$129.17
61490		INCISE SKULL FOR SURGERY	Surgery	25.66	15.18	$129.17
61500		REMOVAL OF SKULL LESION	Surgery	17.92	11.03	$129.17
61501		REMOVE INFECTED SKULL BONE	Surgery	14.84	9.62	$129.17
61510		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	28.45	16.60	$129.17
61512		REMOVE BRAIN LINING LESION	Surgery	35.09	20.18	$129.17
61514		REMOVAL OF BRAIN ABSCESS	Surgery	25.26	14.91	$129.17
61516		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	24.61	15.01	$129.17
61518		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	37.32	22.34	$129.17
61519		REMOVE BRAIN LINING LESION	Surgery	41.39	24.42	$129.17
61520		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	54.84	31.93	$129.17
61521		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	44.48	26.22	$129.17
61522		REMOVAL OF BRAIN ABSCESS	Surgery	29.45	17.20	$129.17
61524		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	27.86	16.83	$129.17
61526		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	52.17	31.55	$129.17
61530		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	43.86	27.43	$129.17
61531		IMPLANT BRAIN ELECTRODES	Surgery	14.63	9.56	$129.17
61533		IMPLANT BRAIN ELECTRODES	Surgery	19.71	12.21	$129.17
61534		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	20.97	13.30	$129.17
61535		REMOVE BRAIN ELECTRODES	Surgery	11.63	8.16	$129.17
61536		REMOVAL OF BRAIN LESION	Surgery	35.52	21.18	$129.17
61538		REMOVAL OF BRAIN TISSUE	Surgery	26.81	16.30	$129.17
61539		REMOVAL OF BRAIN TISSUE	Surgery	32.08	18.91	$129.17
61541		INCISION OF BRAIN TISSUE	Surgery	28.85	16.89	$129.17
61542		REMOVAL OF BRAIN TISSUE	Surgery	31.02	18.00	$129.17

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61543		REMOVAL OF BRAIN TISSUE	Surgery	29.22	17.42	$129.17
61544		REMOVE & TREAT BRAIN LESION	Surgery	25.50	15.21	$129.17
61545		EXCISION OF BRAIN TUMOR	Surgery	43.80	25.09	$129.17
61546		REMOVAL OF PITUITARY GLAND	Surgery	31.30	18.74	$129.17
61548		REMOVAL OF PITUITARY GLAND	Surgery	21.53	13.74	$129.17
61550		RELEASE OF SKULL SEAMS	Surgery	14.65	4.89	$129.17
61552		RELEASE OF SKULL SEAMS	Surgery	19.56	9.87	$129.17
61556		INCISE SKULL/SUTURES	Surgery	22.26	11.74	$129.17
61557		INCISE SKULL/SUTURES	Surgery	22.38	13.41	$129.17
61558		EXCISION OF SKULL/SUTURES	Surgery	25.58	12.67	$129.17
61559		EXCISION OF SKULL/SUTURES	Surgery	32.79	18.89	$129.17
61563		EXCISION OF SKULL TUMOR	Surgery	26.83	16.25	$129.17
61564		EXCISION OF SKULL TUMOR	Surgery	33.83	18.73	$129.17
61570		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY, BRAIN	Surgery	24.60	13.80	$129.17
61571		INCISE SKULL FOR BRAIN WOUND	Surgery	26.39	15.43	$129.17
61575		SKULL BASE/BRAINSTEM SURGERY	Surgery	34.36	21.38	$129.17
61576		SKULL BASE/BRAINSTEM SURGERY	Surgery	52.43	28.89	$129.17
61580		CRANIOFACIAL APPROACH, SKULL	Surgery	30.35	19.96	$129.17
61581		CRANIOFACIAL APPROACH, SKULL	Surgery	34.60	22.57	$129.17
61582		CRANIOFACIAL APPROACH, SKULL	Surgery	31.66	19.56	$129.17
61583		CRANIOFACIAL APPROACH, SKULL	Surgery	36.21	22.71	$129.17
61584		ORBITOCRANIAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	34.65	20.99	$129.17
61585		ORBITOCRANIAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	38.61	22.21	$129.17
61586		RESECT NASOPHARYNX, SKULL	Surgery	25.10	16.39	$129.17
61590		INFRATEMPORAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	41.78	26.12	$129.17
61591		INFRATEMPORAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	43.68	26.89	$129.17
61592		ORBITOCRANIAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	39.64	23.59	$129.17
61595		TRANSTEMPORAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	29.57	19.74	$129.17
61596		TRANSCOCHLEAR APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	35.63	21.88	$129.17
61597		TRANSCONDYLAR APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	37.96	22.41	$129.17
61598		TRANSPETROSAL APPROACH/SKULL	Surgery	33.41	20.92	$129.17
61600		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	25.85	15.01	$129.17
61601		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	27.89	17.34	$129.17
61605		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	29.33	18.97	$129.17
61606		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	38.83	23.17	$129.17
61607		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	36.27	22.17	$129.17
61608		RESECT/EXCISE CRANIAL LESION	Surgery	42.10	24.89	$129.17
61609		TRANSECT ARTERY, SINUS	Surgery	9.89	5.11	$129.17
61610		TRANSECT ARTERY, SINUS	Surgery	29.67	14.38	$129.17
61611		TRANSECT ARTERY, SINUS	Surgery	7.42	2.96	$129.17
61612		TRANSECT ARTERY, SINUS	Surgery	27.88	14.30	$129.17
61613		REMOVE ANEURYSM, SINUS	Surgery	40.86	23.34	$129.17
61615		RESECT/EXCISE LESION, SKULL	Surgery	32.07	20.81	$129.17
61616		RESECT/EXCISE LESION, SKULL	Surgery	43.33	26.97	$129.17
61618		REPAIR DURA	Surgery	16.99	11.43	$129.17
61619		REPAIR DURA	Surgery	20.71	13.67	$129.17
61624		OCCLUSION/EMBOLIZATION CATH	Surgery	20.15	7.46	$129.17
61626		OCCLUSION/EMBOLIZATION CATH	Surgery	16.62	5.88	$129.17
61680		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	30.71	18.38	$129.17
61682		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	61.57	34.65	$129.17
61684		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	39.81	22.60	$129.17
61686		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	64.49	36.70	$129.17
61690		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	29.31	17.64	$129.17
61692		INTRACRANIAL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	51.87	29.51	$129.17
61697		BRAIN ANEURYSM REPR, COMPLX	Surgery	50.52	28.42	$129.17
61698		BRAIN ANEURYSM REPR, COMPLX	Surgery	48.41	27.31	$129.17
61700		BRAIN ANEURYSM REPR , SIMPLE	Surgery	50.52	28.42	$129.17
61702		INNER SKULL VESSEL SURGERY	Surgery	48.41	27.31	$129.17
61703		CLAMP NECK ARTERY	Surgery	17.47	11.13	$129.17
61705		REVISE CIRCULATION TO HEAD	Surgery	36.20	19.89	$129.17
61708		REVISE CIRCULATION TO HEAD	Surgery	35.30	16.52	$129.17

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61710		REVISE CIRCULATION TO HEAD	Surgery	29.67	14.68	$129.17
61711		FUSION OF SKULL ARTERIES	Surgery	36.33	20.68	$129.17
61720		INCISE SKULL/BRAIN SURGERY	Surgery	16.77	10.90	$129.17
61735		INCISE SKULL/BRAIN SURGERY	Surgery	20.43	12.77	$129.17
61750		INCISE SKULL/BRAIN BIOPSY	Surgery	18.20	11.08	$129.17
61751		BRAIN BIOPSY W/ CT/MR GUIDE	Surgery	17.62	10.92	$129.17
61760		IMPLANT BRAIN ELECTRODES	Surgery	22.27	12.85	$129.17
61770		INCISE SKULL FOR TREATMENT	Surgery	21.44	13.26	$129.17
61790		TREAT TRIGEMINAL NERVE	Surgery	10.86	6.92	$129.17
61791		TREAT TRIGEMINAL TRACT	Surgery	14.61	9.39	$129.17
61793		FOCUS RADIATION BEAM	Surgery	17.24	11.07	$129.17
61795		BRAIN SURGERY USING COMPUTER	Surgery	4.04	2.14	$129.17
61850		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	12.39	8.13	$129.17
61860		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	20.87	12.59	$129.17
61862		IMPLANT NEUROSTIMUL, SUBCORT	Surgery	19.34	12.16	$129.17
61870		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	14.94	9.97	$129.17
61875		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	15.06	7.39	$129.17
61880		REVISE/REMOVE NEUROELECTRODE	Surgery	6.29	5.26	$129.17
61885		IMPLANT NEUROSTIM ONE ARRAY	Surgery	5.85	4.36	$129.17
61886		IMPLANT NEUROSTIM ARRAYS	Surgery	8.00	6.13	$129.17
61888		REVISE/REMOVE NEURORECEIVER	Surgery	5.07	3.90	$129.17
62000		TREAT SKULL FRACTURE	Surgery	12.53	6.19	$129.17
62005		TREAT SKULL FRACTURE	Surgery	16.17	9.35	$129.17
62010		TREATMENT OF HEAD INJURY	Surgery	19.81	11.83	$129.17
62100		REPAIR BRAIN FLUID LEAKAGE	Surgery	22.03	13.97	$129.17
62115		REDUCTION OF SKULL DEFECT	Surgery	21.66	11.03	$129.17
62116		REDUCTION OF SKULL DEFECT	Surgery	23.59	14.04	$129.17
62117		REDUCTION OF SKULL DEFECT	Surgery	26.60	12.68	$129.17
62120		REPAIR SKULL CAVITY LESION	Surgery	23.35	15.14	$129.17
62121		INCISE SKULL REPAIR	Surgery	21.58	13.52	$129.17
62140		REPAIR OF SKULL DEFECT	Surgery	13.51	8.72	$129.17
62141		REPAIR OF SKULL DEFECT	Surgery	14.91	9.89	$129.17
62142		REMOVE SKULL PLATE/FLAP	Surgery	10.79	7.31	$129.17
62143		REPLACE SKULL PLATE/FLAP	Surgery	13.05	8.81	$129.17
62145		REPAIR OF SKULL & BRAIN	Surgery	18.82	11.77	$129.17
62146		REPAIR OF SKULL WITH GRAFT	Surgery	16.12	10.63	$129.17
62147		REPAIR OF SKULL WITH GRAFT	Surgery	19.34	12.38	$129.17
62180		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	21.06	13.08	$129.17
62190		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	11.07	7.77	$129.17
62192		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	12.25	8.25	$129.17
62194		REPLACE/IRRIGATE CATHETER	Surgery	5.03	2.25	$129.17
62200		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	18.32	11.72	$129.17
62201		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	14.86	9.76	$129.17
62220		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	13.00	8.60	$129.17
62223		ESTABLISH BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	12.87	8.54	$129.17
62225		REPLACE/IRRIGATE CATHETER	Surgery	5.41	4.11	$129.17
62230		REPLACE/REVISE BRAIN SHUNT	Surgery	10.54	6.42	$129.17
62252	26	CSF SHUNT REPROGRAM	Surgery	0.74	0.30	$129.17
62256		REMOVE BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	6.60	5.40	$129.17
62258		REPLACE BRAIN CAVITY SHUNT	Surgery	14.54	8.82	$129.17
62263		LYSIS EPIDURAL ADHESIONS	Surgery	6.14	5.15	$129.17
62268		DRAIN SPINAL CORD CYST	Surgery	4.74	2.74	$129.17
62269		NEEDLE BIOPSY, SPINAL CORD	Surgery	5.02	2.40	$129.17
62270		SPINAL FLUID TAP, DIAGNOSTIC	Surgery	1.13	0.48	$129.17
62272		DRAIN CEREBRO SPINAL FLUID	Surgery	1.35	0.62	$129.17
62273		TREAT EPIDURAL SPINE LESION	Surgery	2.15	1.27	$129.17
62280		TREAT SPINAL CORD LESION	Surgery	2.63	0.70	$129.17
62281		TREAT SPINAL CORD LESION	Surgery	2.66	4.50	$129.17
62282		TREAT SPINAL CANAL LESION	Surgery	2.33	0.62	$129.17
62284		INJECTION FOR MYELOGRAM	Surgery	1.54	0.55	$129.17
62287		PERCUTANEOUS DISKECTOMY	Surgery	8.08	5.05	$129.17

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62290		INJECT FOR SPINE DISK X-RAY	Surgery	3.00	1.30	$129.17
62291		INJECT FOR SPINE DISK X-RAY	Surgery	2.91	1.20	$129.17
62292		INJECTION INTO DISK LESION	Surgery	7.86	5.34	$129.17
62294		INJECTION INTO SPINAL ARTERY	Surgery	11.83	7.37	$129.17
62310		INJECT SPINE C/T	Surgery	1.91	3.71	$129.17
62311		INJECT SPINE L/S (CD)	Surgery	1.54	4.22	$129.17
62318		INJECT SPINE W/CATH, C/T	Surgery	2.04	3.83	$129.17
62319		INJECT SPINE W/CATH L/S (CD)	Surgery	1.87	3.67	$129.17
62350		IMPLANT SPINAL CANAL CATH	Surgery	6.87	3.79	$129.17
62351		IMPLANT SPINAL CANAL CATH	Surgery	10.00	6.90	$129.17
62355		REMOVE SPINAL CANAL CATHETER	Surgery	5.45	3.02	$129.17
62360		INSERT SPINE INFUSION DEVICE	Surgery	2.62	2.46	$129.17
62361		IMPLANT SPINE INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	5.42	3.67	$129.17
62362		IMPLANT SPINE INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	7.04	4.06	$129.17
62365		REMOVE SPINE INFUSION DEVICE	Surgery	5.42	3.99	$129.17
62367	26	ANALYZE SPINE INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	0.48	0.14	$129.17
62368	26	ANALYZE SPINE INFUSION PUMP	Surgery	0.75	0.20	$129.17
63001		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	15.82	11.68	$129.17
63003		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	15.95	11.95	$129.17
63005		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	14.92	11.49	$129.17
63011		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	14.52	11.29	$129.17
63012		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	15.40	10.34	$129.17
63015		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	19.35	13.68	$129.17
63016		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	19.20	13.66	$129.17
63017		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	15.94	12.00	$129.17
63020		NECK SPINE DISK SURGERY	Surgery	14.81	11.33	$129.17
63030		LOW BACK DISK SURGERY	Surgery	12.00	9.92	$129.17
63035		SPINAL DISK SURGERY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.15	1.67	$129.17
63040		LAMINOTOMY, SINGLE CERVICAL	Surgery	18.81	13.39	$129.17
63042		LAMINOTOMY, SINGLE LUMBAR	Surgery	17.47	12.95	$129.17
63045		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	16.50	12.22	$129.17
63046		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	15.80	12.02	$129.17
63047		REMOVAL OF SPINAL LAMINA	Surgery	14.61	11.42	$129.17
63048		REMOVE SPINAL LAMINA ADD-ON	Surgery	3.26	1.75	$129.17
63055		DECOMPRESS SPINAL CORD	Surgery	21.99	15.11	$129.17
63056		DECOMPRESS SPINAL CORD	Surgery	20.36	14.44	$129.17
63057		DECOMPRESS SPINE CORD ADD-ON	Surgery	5.26	2.82	$129.17
63064		DECOMPRESS SPINAL CORD	Surgery	24.61	17.12	$129.17
63066		DECOMPRESS SPINE CORD ADD-ON	Surgery	3.26	1.76	$129.17
63075		NECK SPINE DISK SURGERY	Surgery	19.41	13.83	$129.17
63076		NECK SPINE DISK SURGERY	Surgery	4.05	2.16	$129.17
63077		SPINE DISK SURGERY, THORAX	Surgery	21.44	15.47	$129.17
63078		SPINE DISK SURGERY, THORAX	Surgery	3.28	1.72	$129.17
63081		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	23.73	16.68	$129.17
63082		REMOVE VERTEBRAL BODY ADD-ON	Surgery	4.37	2.34	$129.17
63085		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	26.92	17.89	$129.17
63086		REMOVE VERTEBRAL BODY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.19	1.66	$129.17
63087		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	35.57	22.45	$129.17
63088		REMOVE VERTEBRAL BODY ADD-ON	Surgery	4.33	2.30	$129.17
63090		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	28.16	18.12	$129.17
63091		REMOVE VERTEBRAL BODY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.03	1.48	$129.17
63170		INCISE SPINAL CORD TRACT(S)	Surgery	19.83	13.54	$129.17
63172		DRAINAGE OF SPINAL CYST	Surgery	17.66	13.37	$129.17
63173		DRAINAGE OF SPINAL CYST	Surgery	21.99	15.54	$129.17
63180		REVISE SPINAL CORD LIGAMENTS	Surgery	18.27	13.04	$129.17
63182		REVISE SPINAL CORD LIGAMENTS	Surgery	20.50	13.61	$129.17
63185		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN/NERVES	Surgery	15.04	9.70	$129.17
63190		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN/NERVES	Surgery	17.45	11.68	$129.17
63191		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN/NERVES	Surgery	17.54	10.65	$129.17
63194		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	19.19	13.48	$129.17
63195		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	18.84	13.02	$129.17

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63196		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	22.30	14.03	$129.17
63197		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	21.11	13.49	$129.17
63198		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	25.38	12.70	$129.17
63199		INCISE SPINAL COLUMN & CORD	Surgery	26.89	14.38	$129.17
63200		RELEASE OF SPINAL CORD	Surgery	19.18	13.42	$129.17
63250		REVISE SPINAL CORD VESSELS	Surgery	40.76	23.15	$129.17
63251		REVISE SPINAL CORD VESSELS	Surgery	41.20	23.51	$129.17
63252		REVISE SPINAL CORD VESSELS	Surgery	41.19	23.36	$129.17
63265		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	21.56	13.21	$129.17
63266		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	22.30	13.70	$129.17
63267		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	17.95	11.48	$129.17
63268		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	18.52	10.97	$129.17
63270		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	26.80	16.10	$129.17
63271		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	26.92	16.17	$129.17
63272		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	25.32	15.31	$129.17
63273		EXCISE INTRASPINAL LESION	Surgery	24.29	14.84	$129.17
63275		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	23.68	14.47	$129.17
63276		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	23.45	14.27	$129.17
63277		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	20.83	12.99	$129.17
63278		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	20.56	13.08	$129.17
63280		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	28.35	16.76	$129.17
63281		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	28.05	16.73	$129.17
63282		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	26.39	15.79	$129.17
63283		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	25.00	15.07	$129.17
63285		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	36.00	20.82	$129.17
63286		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	35.63	20.51	$129.17
63287		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	36.70	21.03	$129.17
63290		BIOPSY/EXCISE SPINAL TUMOR	Surgery	37.38	21.58	$129.17
63300		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	24.43	14.63	$129.17
63301		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	27.60	15.65	$129.17
63302		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	27.81	16.45	$129.17
63303		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	30.50	17.71	$129.17
63304		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	30.33	17.80	$129.17
63305		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	32.03	19.24	$129.17
63306		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	32.22	18.19	$129.17
63307		REMOVAL OF VERTEBRAL BODY	Surgery	31.63	17.29	$129.17
63308		REMOVE VERTEBRAL BODY ADD-ON	Surgery	5.25	2.74	$129.17
63600		REMOVE SPINAL CORD LESION	Surgery	14.02	6.38	$129.17
63610		STIMULATION OF SPINAL CORD	Surgery	8.73	3.90	$129.17
63615		REMOVE LESION OF SPINAL CORD	Surgery	16.28	9.50	$129.17
63650		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	6.74	2.97	$129.17
63655		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	10.29	7.26	$129.17
63660		REVISE/REMOVE NEUROELECTRODE	Surgery	6.16	3.67	$129.17
63685		IMPLANT NEURORECEIVER	Surgery	7.04	4.15	$129.17
63688		REVISE/REMOVE NEURORECEIVER	Surgery	5.39	3.69	$129.17
63700		REPAIR OF SPINAL HERNIATION	Surgery	16.53	10.47	$129.17
63702		REPAIR OF SPINAL HERNIATION	Surgery	18.48	9.90	$129.17
63704		REPAIR OF SPINAL HERNIATION	Surgery	21.18	12.37	$129.17
63706		REPAIR OF SPINAL HERNIATION	Surgery	24.11	13.60	$129.17
63707		REPAIR SPINAL FLUID LEAKAGE	Surgery	11.26	8.06	$129.17
63709		REPAIR SPINAL FLUID LEAKAGE	Surgery	14.32	9.79	$129.17
63710		GRAFT REPAIR OF SPINE DEFECT	Surgery	14.07	9.54	$129.17
63740		INSTALL SPINAL SHUNT	Surgery	11.36	7.79	$129.17
63741		INSTALL SPINAL SHUNT	Surgery	8.25	4.72	$129.17
63744		REVISION OF SPINAL SHUNT	Surgery	8.10	5.72	$129.17
63746		REMOVAL OF SPINAL SHUNT	Surgery	6.43	4.96	$129.17
64400		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.11	2.70	$129.17
64402		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.25	4.38	$129.17
64405		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.32	1.34	$129.17
64408		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.41	2.95	$129.17
64410		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.43	0.35	$129.17

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64412		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.18	2.49	$129.17
64413		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.40	2.81	$129.17
64415		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.48	0.32	$129.17
64417		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.44	0.38	$129.17
64418		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.32	2.49	$129.17
64420		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.18	0.27	$129.17
64421		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.68	0.38	$129.17
64425		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.75	2.33	$129.17
64430		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.46	0.47	$129.17
64435		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.45	2.96	$129.17
64445		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.48	1.60	$129.17
64450		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.27	1.79	$129.17
64470		INJ PARAVERTEBRAL C/T	Surgery	1.85	4.02	$129.17
64472		INJ PARAVERTEBRAL C/T ADD-ON	Surgery	1.29	3.90	$129.17
64475		INJ PARAVERTEBRAL L/S	Surgery	1.41	3.82	$129.17
64476		INJ PARAVERTEBRAL L/S ADD-ON	Surgery	0.98	3.86	$129.17
64479		INJ FORAMEN EPIDURAL C/T	Surgery	2.20	4.40	$129.17
64480		INJ FORAMEN EPIDURAL ADD-ON	Surgery	1.54	4.07	$129.17
64483		INJ FORAMEN EPIDURAL L/S	Surgery	1.90	4.44	$129.17
64484		INJ FORAMEN EPIDURAL ADD-ON	Surgery	1.33	4.05	$129.17
64505		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.36	2.41	$129.17
64508		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.12	2.32	$129.17
64510		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.22	0.26	$129.17
64520		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.35	0.31	$129.17
64530		INJECTION FOR NERVE BLOCK	Surgery	1.58	0.37	$129.17
64550		APPLY NEUROSTIMULATOR	Surgery	0.18	0.07	$129.17
64553		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	2.31	4.25	$129.17
64555		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	2.27	2.38	$129.17
64560		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	2.36	2.30	$129.17
64561		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	6.74	3.83	$129.17
64565		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	1.76	3.41	$129.17
64573		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	7.50	5.40	$129.17
64575		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	4.35	3.03	$129.17
64577		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	4.62	3.44	$129.17
64580		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	4.12	3.94	$129.17
64581		IMPLANT NEUROELECTRODES	Surgery	13.50	6.72	$129.17
64585		REVISE/REMOVE NEUROELECTRODE	Surgery	2.06	2.82	$129.17
64590		IMPLANT NEURORECEIVER	Surgery	2.40	2.17	$129.17
64595		REVISE/REMOVE NEURORECEIVER	Surgery	1.73	2.08	$129.17
64600		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	3.45	2.06	$129.17
64605		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	5.61	2.90	$129.17
64610		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	7.16	4.18	$129.17
64612		DESTROY NERVE, FACE MUSCLE	Surgery	1.96	3.00	$129.17
64613		DESTROY NERVE, SPINE MUSCLE	Surgery	1.96	1.82	$129.17
64614		DESTROY NERVE, EXTREM MUSC	Surgery	2.20	3.23	$129.17
64620		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	2.84	0.67	$129.17
64622		DESTR PARAVERTEBRL NERVE L/S	Surgery	3.00	0.74	$129.17
64623		DESTR PARAVERTEBRAL N ADD-ON	Surgery	0.99	0.24	$129.17
64626		DESTR PARAVERTEBRL NERVE C/T	Surgery	3.28	0.80	$129.17
64627		DESTR PARAVERTEBRAL N ADD-ON	Surgery	1.16	0.29	$129.17
64630		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	3.00	0.88	$129.17
64640		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	2.76	3.67	$129.17
64680		INJECTION TREATMENT OF NERVE	Surgery	2.62	0.76	$129.17
64702		REVISE FINGER/TOE NERVE	Surgery	4.23	4.05	$129.17
64704		REVISE HAND/FOOT NERVE	Surgery	4.57	3.23	$129.17
64708		REVISE ARM/LEG NERVE	Surgery	6.12	5.19	$129.17
64712		REVISION OF SCIATIC NERVE	Surgery	7.75	5.61	$129.17
64713		REVISION OF ARM NERVE(S)	Surgery	11.00	6.66	$129.17
64714		REVISE LOW BACK NERVE(S)	Surgery	10.33	4.25	$129.17
64716		REVISION OF CRANIAL NERVE	Surgery	6.31	5.18	$129.17
64718		REVISE ULNAR NERVE AT ELBOW	Surgery	5.99	5.29	$129.17

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64719		REVISE ULNAR NERVE AT WRIST	Surgery	4.85	4.78	$129.17
64721		CARPAL TUNNEL SURGERY	Surgery	4.29	6.14	$129.17
64722		RELIEVE PRESSURE ON NERVE(S)	Surgery	4.70	3.49	$129.17
64726		RELEASE FOOT/TOE NERVE	Surgery	4.18	3.14	$129.17
64727		INTERNAL NERVE REVISION	Surgery	3.10	1.68	$129.17
64732		INCISION OF BROW NERVE	Surgery	4.41	3.69	$129.17
64734		INCISION OF CHEEK NERVE	Surgery	4.92	3.80	$129.17
64736		INCISION OF CHIN NERVE	Surgery	4.60	2.98	$129.17
64738		INCISION OF JAW NERVE	Surgery	5.73	3.92	$129.17
64740		INCISION OF TONGUE NERVE	Surgery	5.59	4.11	$129.17
64742		INCISION OF FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	6.22	4.96	$129.17
64744		INCISE NERVE, BACK OF HEAD	Surgery	5.24	3.94	$129.17
64746		INCISE DIAPHRAGM NERVE	Surgery	5.93	4.58	$129.17
64752		INCISION OF VAGUS NERVE	Surgery	7.06	4.96	$129.17
64755		INCISION OF STOMACH NERVES	Surgery	13.52	6.40	$129.17
64760		INCISION OF VAGUS NERVE	Surgery	6.96	4.05	$129.17
64761		INCISION OF PELVIS NERVE	Surgery	6.41	3.48	$129.17
64763		INCISE HIP/THIGH NERVE	Surgery	6.93	6.21	$129.17
64766		INCISE HIP/THIGH NERVE	Surgery	8.67	4.73	$129.17
64771		SEVER CRANIAL NERVE	Surgery	7.35	5.44	$129.17
64772		INCISION OF SPINAL NERVE	Surgery	7.21	4.88	$129.17
64774		REMOVE SKIN NERVE LESION	Surgery	5.17	3.92	$129.17
64776		REMOVE DIGIT NERVE LESION	Surgery	5.12	3.89	$129.17
64778		DIGIT NERVE SURGERY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.11	1.64	$129.17
64782		REMOVE LIMB NERVE LESION	Surgery	6.23	3.93	$129.17
64783		LIMB NERVE SURGERY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.72	1.95	$129.17
64784		REMOVE NERVE LESION	Surgery	9.82	6.99	$129.17
64786		REMOVE SCIATIC NERVE LESION	Surgery	15.46	10.41	$129.17
64787		IMPLANT NERVE END	Surgery	4.30	2.28	$129.17
64788		REMOVE SKIN NERVE LESION	Surgery	4.61	3.50	$129.17
64790		REMOVAL OF NERVE LESION	Surgery	11.31	7.53	$129.17
64792		REMOVAL OF NERVE LESION	Surgery	14.92	9.13	$129.17
64795		BIOPSY OF NERVE	Surgery	3.01	1.81	$129.17
64802		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	9.15	5.17	$129.17
64804		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	14.64	6.83	$129.17
64809		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	13.67	6.04	$129.17
64818		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	10.30	5.76	$129.17
64820		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	10.37	6.48	$129.17
64821		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	8.75	7.09	$129.17
64822		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	8.75	7.09	$129.17
64823		REMOVE SYMPATHETIC NERVES	Surgery	10.37	7.89	$129.17
64831		REPAIR OF DIGIT NERVE	Surgery	9.44	7.44	$129.17
64832		REPAIR NERVE ADD-ON	Surgery	5.66	3.11	$129.17
64834		REPAIR OF HAND OR FOOT NERVE	Surgery	10.19	7.40	$129.17
64835		REPAIR OF HAND OR FOOT NERVE	Surgery	10.94	8.06	$129.17
64836		REPAIR OF HAND OR FOOT NERVE	Surgery	10.94	7.94	$129.17
64837		REPAIR NERVE ADD-ON	Surgery	6.26	3.47	$129.17
64840		REPAIR OF LEG NERVE	Surgery	13.02	7.79	$129.17
64856		REPAIR/TRANSPOSE NERVE	Surgery	13.80	9.66	$129.17
64857		REPAIR ARM/LEG NERVE	Surgery	14.49	10.21	$129.17
64858		REPAIR SCIATIC NERVE	Surgery	16.49	11.04	$129.17
64859		NERVE SURGERY	Surgery	4.26	2.24	$129.17
64861		REPAIR OF ARM NERVES	Surgery	19.24	13.02	$129.17
64862		REPAIR OF LOW BACK NERVES	Surgery	19.44	12.29	$129.17
64864		REPAIR OF FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	12.55	8.63	$129.17
64865		REPAIR OF FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	15.24	10.46	$129.17
64866		FUSION OF FACIAL/OTHER NERVE	Surgery	15.74	9.84	$129.17
64868		FUSION OF FACIAL/OTHER NERVE	Surgery	14.04	9.57	$129.17
64870		FUSION OF FACIAL/OTHER NERVE	Surgery	15.99	9.65	$129.17
64872		SUBSEQUENT REPAIR OF NERVE	Surgery	1.99	1.08	$129.17
64874		REPAIR & REVISE NERVE ADD-ON	Surgery	2.98	1.64	$129.17

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64876		REPAIR NERVE/SHORTEN BONE	Surgery	3.38	1.35	$129.17
64885		NERVE GRAFT, HEAD OR NECK	Surgery	17.53	11.66	$129.17
64886		NERVE GRAFT, HEAD OR NECK	Surgery	20.75	13.60	$129.17
64890		NERVE GRAFT, HAND OR FOOT	Surgery	15.15	10.27	$129.17
64891		NERVE GRAFT, HAND OR FOOT	Surgery	16.14	5.75	$129.17
64892		NERVE GRAFT, ARM OR LEG	Surgery	14.65	8.96	$129.17
64893		NERVE GRAFT, ARM OR LEG	Surgery	15.60	10.75	$129.17
64895		NERVE GRAFT, HAND OR FOOT	Surgery	19.25	8.62	$129.17
64896		NERVE GRAFT, HAND OR FOOT	Surgery	20.49	11.75	$129.17
64897		NERVE GRAFT, ARM OR LEG	Surgery	18.24	10.92	$129.17
64898		NERVE GRAFT, ARM OR LEG	Surgery	19.50	10.75	$129.17
64901		NERVE GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	10.22	5.75	$129.17
64902		NERVE GRAFT ADD-ON	Surgery	11.83	6.32	$129.17
64905		NERVE PEDICLE TRANSFER	Surgery	14.02	8.93	$129.17
64907		NERVE PEDICLE TRANSFER	Surgery	18.83	12.07	$129.17
65091		REVISE EYE	Surgery	6.46	11.59	$129.17
65093		REVISE EYE WITH IMPLANT	Surgery	6.87	11.83	$129.17
65101		REMOVAL OF EYE	Surgery	7.03	12.04	$129.17
65103		REMOVE EYE/INSERT IMPLANT	Surgery	7.57	12.17	$129.17
65105		REMOVE EYE/ATTACH IMPLANT	Surgery	8.49	12.67	$129.17
65110		REMOVAL OF EYE	Surgery	13.95	15.90	$129.17
65112		REMOVE EYE/REVISE SOCKET	Surgery	16.38	17.26	$129.17
65114		REMOVE EYE/REVISE SOCKET	Surgery	17.53	18.54	$129.17
65125		REVISE OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	3.12	1.48	$129.17
65130		INSERT OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	7.15	11.46	$129.17
65135		INSERT OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	7.33	12.37	$129.17
65140		ATTACH OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	8.02	12.36	$129.17
65150		REVISE OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	6.26	10.94	$129.17
65155		REINSERT OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	8.66	12.59	$129.17
65175		REMOVAL OF OCULAR IMPLANT	Surgery	6.28	11.35	$129.17
65205		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	0.71	0.63	$129.17
65210		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	0.84	0.78	$129.17
65220		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	0.71	8.23	$129.17
65222		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	0.93	0.80	$129.17
65235		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	7.57	7.04	$129.17
65260		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	10.96	12.66	$129.17
65265		REMOVE FOREIGN BODY FROM EYE	Surgery	12.59	14.38	$129.17
65270		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	1.90	2.44	$129.17
65272		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	3.82	4.75	$129.17
65273		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	4.36	5.15	$129.17
65275		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	5.34	5.50	$129.17
65280		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	7.66	7.88	$129.17
65285		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	12.90	13.86	$129.17
65286		REPAIR OF EYE WOUND	Surgery	5.51	7.85	$129.17
65290		REPAIR OF EYE SOCKET WOUND	Surgery	5.41	6.60	$129.17
65400		REMOVAL OF EYE LESION	Surgery	6.06	7.13	$129.17
65410		BIOPSY OF CORNEA	Surgery	1.47	0.71	$129.17
65420		REMOVAL OF EYE LESION	Surgery	4.17	7.22	$129.17
65426		REMOVAL OF EYE LESION	Surgery	5.25	6.75	$129.17
65430		CORNEAL SMEAR	Surgery	1.47	8.68	$129.17
65435		CURETTE/TREAT CORNEA	Surgery	0.92	1.37	$129.17
65436		CURETTE/TREAT CORNEA	Surgery	4.19	6.02	$129.17
65450		TREATMENT OF CORNEAL LESION	Surgery	3.27	6.80	$129.17
65600		REVISION OF CORNEA	Surgery	3.40	5.54	$129.17
65710		CORNEAL TRANSPLANT	Surgery	12.35	13.25	$129.17
65730		CORNEAL TRANSPLANT	Surgery	14.25	12.16	$129.17
65750		CORNEAL TRANSPLANT	Surgery	15.00	14.54	$129.17
65755		CORNEAL TRANSPLANT	Surgery	14.89	14.48	$129.17
65770		REVISE CORNEA WITH IMPLANT	Surgery	17.56	15.48	$129.17
65772		CORRECTION OF ASTIGMATISM	Surgery	4.29	6.47	$129.17
65775		CORRECTION OF ASTIGMATISM	Surgery	5.79	8.63	$129.17

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65800		DRAINAGE OF EYE	Surgery	1.91	1.45	$129.17
65805		DRAINAGE OF EYE	Surgery	1.91	1.46	$129.17
65810		DRAINAGE OF EYE	Surgery	4.87	8.95	$129.17
65815		DRAINAGE OF EYE	Surgery	5.05	8.16	$129.17
65820		RELIEVE INNER EYE PRESSURE	Surgery	8.13	10.99	$129.17
65850		INCISION OF EYE	Surgery	10.52	10.35	$129.17
65855		LASER SURGERY OF EYE	Surgery	3.85	3.70	$129.17
65860		INCISE INNER EYE ADHESIONS	Surgery	3.55	3.18	$129.17
65865		INCISE INNER EYE ADHESIONS	Surgery	5.60	6.92	$129.17
65870		INCISE INNER EYE ADHESIONS	Surgery	6.27	7.25	$129.17
65875		INCISE INNER EYE ADHESIONS	Surgery	6.54	7.37	$129.17
65880		INCISE INNER EYE ADHESIONS	Surgery	7.09	7.64	$129.17
65900		REMOVE EYE LESION	Surgery	10.93	12.75	$129.17
65920		REMOVE IMPLANT OF EYE	Surgery	8.40	8.26	$129.17
65930		REMOVE BLOOD CLOT FROM EYE	Surgery	7.44	8.83	$129.17
66020		INJECTION TREATMENT OF EYE	Surgery	1.59	1.57	$129.17
66030		INJECTION TREATMENT OF EYE	Surgery	1.25	2.25	$129.17
66130		REMOVE EYE LESION	Surgery	7.69	6.71	$129.17
66150		GLAUCOMA SURGERY	Surgery	8.30	10.98	$129.17
66155		GLAUCOMA SURGERY	Surgery	8.29	10.94	$129.17
66160		GLAUCOMA SURGERY	Surgery	10.17	11.84	$129.17
66165		GLAUCOMA SURGERY	Surgery	8.01	10.72	$129.17
66170		GLAUCOMA SURGERY	Surgery	12.16	17.11	$129.17
66172		INCISION OF EYE	Surgery	15.04	15.67	$129.17
66180		IMPLANT EYE SHUNT	Surgery	14.55	12.44	$129.17
66185		REVISE EYE SHUNT	Surgery	8.14	8.47	$129.17
66220		REPAIR EYE LESION	Surgery	7.77	9.99	$129.17
66225		REPAIR/GRAFT EYE LESION	Surgery	11.05	9.65	$129.17
66250		FOLLOW-UP SURGERY OF EYE	Surgery	5.98	6.48	$129.17
66500		INCISION OF IRIS	Surgery	3.71	4.82	$129.17
66505		INCISION OF IRIS	Surgery	4.08	5.01	$129.17
66600		REMOVE IRIS AND LESION	Surgery	8.68	8.90	$129.17
66605		REMOVAL OF IRIS	Surgery	12.79	12.54	$129.17
66625		REMOVAL OF IRIS	Surgery	5.13	6.81	$129.17
66630		REMOVAL OF IRIS	Surgery	6.16	7.76	$129.17
66635		REMOVAL OF IRIS	Surgery	6.25	6.65	$129.17
66680		REPAIR IRIS & CILIARY BODY	Surgery	5.44	6.30	$129.17
66682		REPAIR IRIS & CILIARY BODY	Surgery	6.21	7.75	$129.17
66700		DESTRUCTION, CILIARY BODY	Surgery	4.78	7.17	$129.17
66710		DESTRUCTION, CILIARY BODY	Surgery	4.78	7.53	$129.17
66720		DESTRUCTION, CILIARY BODY	Surgery	4.78	7.53	$129.17
66740		DESTRUCTION, CILIARY BODY	Surgery	4.78	6.53	$129.17
66761		REVISION OF IRIS	Surgery	4.07	4.38	$129.17
66762		REVISION OF IRIS	Surgery	4.58	4.45	$129.17
66770		REMOVAL OF INNER EYE LESION	Surgery	5.18	4.68	$129.17
66820		INCISION, SECONDARY CATARACT	Surgery	3.89	8.50	$129.17
66821		AFTER CATARACT LASER SURGERY	Surgery	2.35	3.46	$129.17
66825		REPOSITION INTRAOCULAR LENS	Surgery	8.23	10.56	$129.17
66830		REMOVAL OF LENS LESION	Surgery	8.20	7.06	$129.17
66840		REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL	Surgery	7.91	6.92	$129.17
66850		REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL	Surgery	9.11	7.52	$129.17
66852		REMOVAL OF LENS MATERIAL	Surgery	9.97	7.99	$129.17
66920		EXTRACTION OF LENS	Surgery	8.86	7.42	$129.17
66930		EXTRACTION OF LENS	Surgery	10.18	8.94	$129.17
66940		EXTRACTION OF LENS	Surgery	8.93	8.39	$129.17
66982		CATARACT SURGERY, COMPLEX	Surgery	13.50	9.31	$129.17
66983		CATARACT SURG W/IOL, 1 STAGE	Surgery	8.99	6.34	$129.17
66984		CATARACT SURG W/IOL, I STAGE	Surgery	10.23	7.85	$129.17
66985		INSERT LENS PROSTHESIS	Surgery	8.39	7.05	$129.17
66986		EXCHANGE LENS PROSTHESIS	Surgery	12.28	8.86	$129.17
67005		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF EYE FLUID	Surgery	5.70	2.75	$129.17

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67010		PARTIAL REMOVAL OF EYE FLUID	Surgery	6.87	3.32	$129.17
67015		RELEASE OF EYE FLUID	Surgery	6.92	8.38	$129.17
67025		REPLACE EYE FLUID	Surgery	6.84	7.77	$129.17
67027		IMPLANT EYE DRUG SYSTEM	Surgery	10.85	9.26	$129.17
67028		INJECTION EYE DRUG	Surgery	2.52	1.21	$129.17
67030		INCISE INNER EYE STRANDS	Surgery	4.84	6.96	$129.17
67031		LASER SURGERY, EYE STRANDS	Surgery	3.67	3.24	$129.17
67036		REMOVAL OF INNER EYE FLUID	Surgery	11.89	9.30	$129.17
67038		STRIP RETINAL MEMBRANE	Surgery	21.24	16.01	$129.17
67039		LASER TREATMENT OF RETINA	Surgery	14.52	12.74	$129.17
67040		LASER TREATMENT OF RETINA	Surgery	17.23	14.08	$129.17
67101		REPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	7.53	9.12	$129.17
67105		REPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	7.41	5.70	$129.17
67107		REPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	14.84	13.63	$129.17
67108		REPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	20.82	18.30	$129.17
67110		REPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	8.81	10.56	$129.17
67112		REREPAIR DETACHED RETINA	Surgery	16.86	15.66	$129.17
67115		RELEASE ENCIRCLING MATERIAL	Surgery	4.99	7.02	$129.17
67120		REMOVE EYE IMPLANT MATERIAL	Surgery	5.98	7.36	$129.17
67121		REMOVE EYE IMPLANT MATERIAL	Surgery	10.67	12.47	$129.17
67141		TREATMENT OF RETINA	Surgery	5.20	7.16	$129.17
67145		TREATMENT OF RETINA	Surgery	5.37	5.43	$129.17
67208		TREATMENT OF RETINAL LESION	Surgery	6.70	7.26	$129.17
67210		TREATMENT OF RETINAL LESION	Surgery	8.82	7.49	$129.17
67218		TREATMENT OF RETINAL LESION	Surgery	18.53	16.36	$129.17
67220		TREATMENT OF CHOROID LESION	Surgery	13.13	9.94	$129.17
67221		OCULAR PHOTODYNAMIC THER	Surgery	4.01	1.95	$129.17
67225		EYE PHOTODYNAMIC THER ADD-ON	Surgery	0.47	0.24	$129.17
67227		TREATMENT OF RETINAL LESION	Surgery	6.58	7.40	$129.17
67228		TREATMENT OF RETINAL LESION	Surgery	12.74	10.17	$129.17
67250		REINFORCE EYE WALL	Surgery	8.66	12.10	$129.17
67255		REINFORCE/GRAFT EYE WALL	Surgery	8.90	12.11	$129.17
67311		REVISE EYE MUSCLE	Surgery	6.65	6.36	$129.17
67312		REVISE TWO EYE MUSCLES	Surgery	8.54	7.46	$129.17
67314		REVISE EYE MUSCLE	Surgery	7.52	6.94	$129.17
67316		REVISE TWO EYE MUSCLES	Surgery	9.66	7.99	$129.17
67318		REVISE EYE MUSCLE(S)	Surgery	7.85	7.37	$129.17
67320		REVISE EYE MUSCLE(S) ADD-ON	Surgery	4.33	2.09	$129.17
67331		EYE SURGERY FOLLOW-UP ADD-ON	Surgery	4.06	2.02	$129.17
67332		REREVISE EYE MUSCLES ADD-ON	Surgery	4.49	2.16	$129.17
67334		REVISE EYE MUSCLE W/SUTURE	Surgery	3.98	1.90	$129.17
67335		EYE SUTURE DURING SURGERY	Surgery	2.49	1.20	$129.17
67340		REVISE EYE MUSCLE ADD-ON	Surgery	4.93	2.41	$129.17
67343		RELEASE EYE TISSUE	Surgery	7.35	7.26	$129.17
67345		DESTROY NERVE OF EYE MUSCLE	Surgery	2.96	4.46	$129.17
67350		BIOPSY EYE MUSCLE	Surgery	2.87	1.99	$129.17
67400		EXPLORE/BIOPSY EYE SOCKET	Surgery	9.76	13.85	$129.17
67405		EXPLORE/DRAIN EYE SOCKET	Surgery	7.93	12.56	$129.17
67412		EXPLORE/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	9.50	16.02	$129.17
67413		EXPLORE/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	10.00	13.80	$129.17
67414		EXPLR/DECOMPRESS EYE SOCKET	Surgery	11.13	16.90	$129.17
67415		ASPIRATION, ORBITAL CONTENTS	Surgery	1.76	0.80	$129.17
67420		EXPLORE/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	20.06	20.79	$129.17
67430		EXPLORE/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	13.39	18.38	$129.17
67440		EXPLORE/DRAIN EYE SOCKET	Surgery	13.09	18.43	$129.17
67445		EXPLR/DECOMPRESS EYE SOCKET	Surgery	14.42	18.19	$129.17
67450		EXPLORE/BIOPSY EYE SOCKET	Surgery	13.51	17.51	$129.17
67500		INJECT/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	0.79	0.95	$129.17
67505		INJECT/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	0.82	0.95	$129.17
67515		INJECT/TREAT EYE SOCKET	Surgery	0.61	0.86	$129.17
67550		INSERT EYE SOCKET IMPLANT	Surgery	10.19	13.57	$129.17

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67560		REVISE EYE SOCKET IMPLANT	Surgery	10.60	13.50	$129.17
67570		DECOMPRESS OPTIC NERVE	Surgery	13.58	17.66	$129.17
67700		DRAINAGE OF EYELID ABSCESS	Surgery	1.35	7.80	$129.17
67710		INCISION OF EYELID	Surgery	1.02	7.92	$129.17
67715		INCISION OF EYELID FOLD	Surgery	1.22	0.59	$129.17
67800		REMOVE EYELID LESION	Surgery	1.38	2.67	$129.17
67801		REMOVE EYELID LESIONS	Surgery	1.88	8.23	$129.17
67805		REMOVE EYELID LESIONS	Surgery	2.22	8.41	$129.17
67808		REMOVE EYELID LESION(S)	Surgery	3.80	4.34	$129.17
67810		BIOPSY OF EYELID	Surgery	1.48	5.26	$129.17
67820		REVISE EYELASHES	Surgery	0.89	2.02	$129.17
67825		REVISE EYELASHES	Surgery	1.38	5.70	$129.17
67830		REVISE EYELASHES	Surgery	1.70	2.20	$129.17
67835		REVISE EYELASHES	Surgery	5.56	4.90	$129.17
67840		REMOVE EYELID LESION	Surgery	2.04	8.19	$129.17
67850		TREAT EYELID LESION	Surgery	1.69	8.79	$129.17
67875		CLOSURE OF EYELID BY SUTURE	Surgery	1.35	2.16	$129.17
67880		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	3.80	3.24	$129.17
67882		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	5.07	4.84	$129.17
67900		REPAIR BROW DEFECT	Surgery	6.14	6.69	$129.17
67901		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	6.97	7.22	$129.17
67902		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	7.03	7.17	$129.17
67903		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	6.37	6.80	$129.17
67904		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	6.26	8.57	$129.17
67906		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	6.79	6.30	$129.17
67908		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.13	6.36	$129.17
67909		REVISE EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.40	6.87	$129.17
67911		REVISE EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.27	6.92	$129.17
67914		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	3.68	3.70	$129.17
67915		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	3.18	11.73	$129.17
67916		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.31	5.52	$129.17
67917		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	6.02	6.86	$129.17
67921		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	3.40	3.47	$129.17
67922		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	3.06	11.73	$129.17
67923		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.88	5.62	$129.17
67924		REPAIR EYELID DEFECT	Surgery	5.79	6.20	$129.17
67930		REPAIR EYELID WOUND	Surgery	3.61	12.50	$129.17
67935		REPAIR EYELID WOUND	Surgery	6.22	5.60	$129.17
67938		REMOVE EYELID FOREIGN BODY	Surgery	1.33	9.65	$129.17
67950		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	5.82	7.67	$129.17
67961		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	5.69	6.03	$129.17
67966		REVISION OF EYELID	Surgery	6.57	6.25	$129.17
67971		RECONSTRUCTION OF EYELID	Surgery	9.79	7.85	$129.17
67973		RECONSTRUCTION OF EYELID	Surgery	12.87	9.95	$129.17
67974		RECONSTRUCTION OF EYELID	Surgery	12.84	9.87	$129.17
67975		RECONSTRUCTION OF EYELID	Surgery	9.13	7.51	$129.17
68020		INCISE/DRAIN EYELID LINING	Surgery	1.37	7.79	$129.17
68040		TREATMENT OF EYELID LESIONS	Surgery	0.85	7.68	$129.17
68100		BIOPSY OF EYELID LINING	Surgery	1.35	7.93	$129.17
68110		REMOVE EYELID LINING LESION	Surgery	1.77	8.98	$129.17
68115		REMOVE EYELID LINING LESION	Surgery	2.36	1.14	$129.17
68130		REMOVE EYELID LINING LESION	Surgery	4.93	2.38	$129.17
68135		REMOVE EYELID LINING LESION	Surgery	1.84	8.23	$129.17
68200		TREAT EYELID BY INJECTION	Surgery	0.49	0.76	$129.17
68320		REVISE/GRAFT EYELID LINING	Surgery	5.37	5.34	$129.17
68325		REVISE/GRAFT EYELID LINING	Surgery	7.36	6.33	$129.17
68326		REVISE/GRAFT EYELID LINING	Surgery	7.15	6.26	$129.17
68328		REVISE/GRAFT EYELID LINING	Surgery	8.18	7.07	$129.17
68330		REVISE EYELID LINING	Surgery	4.83	5.82	$129.17
68335		REVISE/GRAFT EYELID LINING	Surgery	7.19	5.68	$129.17
68340		SEPARATE EYELID ADHESIONS	Surgery	4.17	4.33	$129.17

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68360		REVISE EYELID LINING	Surgery	4.37	5.42	$129.17
68362		REVISE EYELID LINING	Surgery	7.34	8.02	$129.17
68400		INCISE/DRAIN TEAR GLAND	Surgery	1.69	11.48	$129.17
68420		INCISE/DRAIN TEAR SAC	Surgery	2.30	11.89	$129.17
68440		INCISE TEAR DUCT OPENING	Surgery	0.94	7.86	$129.17
68500		REMOVAL OF TEAR GLAND	Surgery	11.02	9.13	$129.17
68505		PARTIAL REMOVAL, TEAR GLAND	Surgery	10.94	10.31	$129.17
68510		BIOPSY OF TEAR GLAND	Surgery	4.61	2.22	$129.17
68520		REMOVAL OF TEAR SAC	Surgery	7.51	7.47	$129.17
68525		BIOPSY OF TEAR SAC	Surgery	4.43	2.15	$129.17
68530		CLEARANCE OF TEAR DUCT	Surgery	3.66	15.33	$129.17
68540		REMOVE TEAR GLAND LESION	Surgery	10.60	9.73	$129.17
68550		REMOVE TEAR GLAND LESION	Surgery	13.26	10.50	$129.17
68700		REPAIR TEAR DUCTS	Surgery	6.60	6.87	$129.17
68705		REVISE TEAR DUCT OPENING	Surgery	2.06	8.33	$129.17
68720		CREATE TEAR SAC DRAIN	Surgery	8.96	8.04	$129.17
68745		CREATE TEAR DUCT DRAIN	Surgery	8.63	7.82	$129.17
68750		CREATE TEAR DUCT DRAIN	Surgery	8.66	8.46	$129.17
68760		CLOSE TEAR DUCT OPENING	Surgery	1.73	6.77	$129.17
68761		CLOSE TEAR DUCT OPENING	Surgery	1.36	3.09	$129.17
68770		CLOSE TEAR SYSTEM FISTULA	Surgery	7.02	6.15	$129.17
68801		DILATE TEAR DUCT OPENING	Surgery	0.94	0.88	$129.17
68810		PROBE NASOLACRIMAL DUCT	Surgery	1.90	2.48	$129.17
68811		PROBE NASOLACRIMAL DUCT	Surgery	2.35	2.46	$129.17
68815		PROBE NASOLACRIMAL DUCT	Surgery	3.20	14.08	$129.17
68840		EXPLORE/IRRIGATE TEAR DUCTS	Surgery	1.25	1.62	$129.17
68850		INJECTION FOR TEAR SAC X-RAY	Surgery	0.80	15.29	$129.17
69000		DRAIN EXTERNAL EAR LESION	Surgery	1.45	2.14	$129.17
69005		DRAIN EXTERNAL EAR LESION	Surgery	2.11	2.11	$129.17
69020		DRAIN OUTER EAR CANAL LESION	Surgery	1.48	2.25	$129.17
69100		BIOPSY OF EXTERNAL EAR	Surgery	0.81	1.44	$129.17
69105		BIOPSY OF EXTERNAL EAR CANAL	Surgery	0.85	1.51	$129.17
69110		REMOVE EXTERNAL EAR, PARTIAL	Surgery	3.44	2.85	$129.17
69120		REMOVAL OF EXTERNAL EAR	Surgery	4.05	4.68	$129.17
69140		REMOVE EAR CANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	7.97	8.24	$129.17
69145		REMOVE EAR CANAL LESION(S)	Surgery	2.62	2.54	$129.17
69150		EXTENSIVE EAR CANAL SURGERY	Surgery	13.43	11.38	$129.17
69155		EXTENSIVE EAR/NECK SURGERY	Surgery	20.80	16.26	$129.17
69200		CLEAR OUTER EAR CANAL	Surgery	0.77	1.45	$129.17
69205		CLEAR OUTER EAR CANAL	Surgery	1.20	1.58	$129.17
69210		REMOVE IMPACTED EAR WAX	Surgery	0.61	0.59	$129.17
69220		CLEAN OUT MASTOID CAVITY	Surgery	0.83	1.53	$129.17
69222		CLEAN OUT MASTOID CAVITY	Surgery	1.40	2.24	$129.17
69300		REVISE EXTERNAL EAR	Surgery	6.36	4.38	$129.17
69310		REBUILD OUTER EAR CANAL	Surgery	10.79	9.86	$129.17
69320		REBUILD OUTER EAR CANAL	Surgery	16.96	13.77	$129.17
69400		INFLATE MIDDLE EAR CANAL	Surgery	0.83	1.51	$129.17
69401		INFLATE MIDDLE EAR CANAL	Surgery	0.63	1.41	$129.17
69405		CATHETERIZE MIDDLE EAR CANAL	Surgery	2.63	3.09	$129.17
69410		INSET MIDDLE EAR (BAFFLE)	Surgery	0.33	1.39	$129.17
69420		INCISION OF EARDRUM	Surgery	1.33	2.35	$129.17
69421		INCISION OF EARDRUM	Surgery	1.73	1.92	$129.17
69424		REMOVE VENTILATING TUBE	Surgery	0.85	1.68	$129.17
69433		CREATE EARDRUM OPENING	Surgery	1.52	2.32	$129.17
69436		CREATE EARDRUM OPENING	Surgery	1.96	2.05	$129.17
69440		EXPLORATION OF MIDDLE EAR	Surgery	7.57	7.41	$129.17
69450		EARDRUM REVISION	Surgery	5.57	6.18	$129.17
69501		MASTOIDECTOMY	Surgery	9.07	8.22	$129.17
69502		MASTOIDECTOMY	Surgery	12.38	10.80	$129.17
69505		REMOVE MASTOID STRUCTURES	Surgery	12.99	10.94	$129.17
69511		EXTENSIVE MASTOID SURGERY	Surgery	13.52	11.45	$129.17

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CPT Code	Modifider	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
69530		EXTENSIVE MASTOID SURGERY	Surgery	19.19	15.06	$129.17
69535		REMOVE PART OF TEMPORAL BONE	Surgery	36.14	25.13	$129.17
69540		REMOVE EAR LESION	Surgery	1.20	2.27	$129.17
69550		REMOVE EAR LESION	Surgery	10.99	9.97	$129.17
69552		REMOVE EAR LESION	Surgery	19.46	14.81	$129.17
69554		REMOVE EAR LESION	Surgery	33.16	21.79	$129.17
69601		MASTOID SURGERY REVISION	Surgery	13.24	11.97	$129.17
69602		MASTOID SURGERY REVISION	Surgery	13.58	11.55	$129.17
69603		MASTOID SURGERY REVISION	Surgery	14.02	11.80	$129.17
69604		MASTOID SURGERY REVISION	Surgery	14.02	11.76	$129.17
69605		MASTOID SURGERY REVISION	Surgery	18.49	14.37	$129.17
69610		REPAIR OF EARDRUM	Surgery	4.43	4.27	$129.17
69620		REPAIR OF EARDRUM	Surgery	5.89	3.40	$129.17
69631		REPAIR EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	9.86	9.38	$129.17
69632		REBUILD EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	12.75	11.73	$129.17
69633		REBUILD EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	12.10	11.36	$129.17
69635		REPAIR EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	13.33	11.41	$129.17
69636		REBUILD EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	15.22	13.23	$129.17
69637		REBUILD EARDRUM STRUCTURES	Surgery	15.11	13.16	$129.17
69641		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	12.71	11.06	$129.17
69642		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	16.84	14.16	$129.17
69643		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	15.32	13.24	$129.17
69644		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	16.97	14.22	$129.17
69645		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	16.38	13.77	$129.17
69646		REVISE MIDDLE EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	17.99	14.83	$129.17
69650		RELEASE MIDDLE EAR BONE	Surgery	9.66	8.53	$129.17
69660		REVISE MIDDLE EAR BONE	Surgery	11.90	9.86	$129.17
69661		REVISE MIDDLE EAR BONE	Surgery	15.74	12.63	$129.17
69662		REVISE MIDDLE EAR BONE	Surgery	15.44	12.56	$129.17
69666		REPAIR MIDDLE EAR STRUCTURES	Surgery	9.75	8.65	$129.17
69667		REPAIR MIDDLE EAR STRUCTURES	Surgery	9.76	8.58	$129.17
69670		REMOVE MASTOID AIR CELLS	Surgery	11.51	10.36	$129.17
69676		REMOVE MIDDLE EAR NERVE	Surgery	9.52	9.14	$129.17
69700		CLOSE MASTOID FISTULA	Surgery	8.23	5.77	$129.17
69711		REMOVE/REPAIR HEARING AID	Surgery	10.44	9.62	$129.17
69714		IMPLANT TEMPLE BONE W/STIMUL	Surgery	14.00	11.53	$129.17
69715		TEMPLE BNE IMPLNT W/STIMULAT	Surgery	18.25	14.05	$129.17
69717		TEMPLE BONE IMPLANT REVISION	Surgery	14.98	11.46	$129.17
69718		REVISE TEMPLE BONE IMPLANT	Surgery	18.50	14.20	$129.17
69720		RELEASE FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	14.38	12.85	$129.17
69725		RELEASE FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	25.38	17.97	$129.17
69740		REPAIR FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	15.96	10.90	$129.17
69745		REPAIR FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	16.69	12.80	$129.17
69801		INCISE INNER EAR	Surgery	8.56	7.96	$129.17
69802		INCISE INNER EAR	Surgery	13.10	11.37	$129.17
69805		EXPLORE INNER EAR	Surgery	13.82	10.91	$129.17
69806		EXPLORE INNER EAR	Surgery	12.35	10.82	$129.17
69820		ESTABLISH INNER EAR WINDOW	Surgery	10.34	8.78	$129.17
69840		REVISE INNER EAR WINDOW	Surgery	10.26	9.00	$129.17
69905		REMOVE INNER EAR	Surgery	11.10	9.94	$129.17
69910		REMOVE INNER EAR & MASTOID	Surgery	13.63	11.42	$129.17
69915		INCISE INNER EAR NERVE	Surgery	21.23	15.88	$129.17
69930		IMPLANT COCHLEAR DEVICE	Surgery	16.81	12.94	$129.17
69950		INCISE INNER EAR NERVE	Surgery	25.64	16.71	$129.17
69955		RELEASE FACIAL NERVE	Surgery	27.04	18.39	$129.17
69960		RELEASE INNER EAR CANAL	Surgery	27.04	18.40	$129.17
69970		REMOVE INNER EAR LESION	Surgery	30.04	19.12	$129.17
69990		MICROSURGERY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.47	1.87	$129.17
70010	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF BRAIN	Radiology	1.19	0.42	$114.70
70015	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF BRAIN	Radiology	1.19	0.42	$114.70
70030	26	X-RAY EYE FOR FOREIGN BODY	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70

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70100	26	X-RAY EXAM OF JAW	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
70110	26	X-RAY EXAM OF JAW	Radiology	0.25	0.09	$114.70
70120	26	X-RAY EXAM OF MASTOIDS	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
70130	26	X-RAY EXAM OF MASTOIDS	Radiology	0.34	0.12	$114.70
70134	26	X-RAY EXAM OF MIDDLE EAR	Radiology	0.34	0.12	$114.70
70140	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FACIAL BONES	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
70150	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FACIAL BONES	Radiology	0.26	0.09	$114.70
70160	26	X-RAY EXAM OF NASAL BONES	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
70170	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TEAR DUCT	Radiology	0.30	0.11	$114.70
70190	26	X-RAY EXAM OF EYE SOCKETS	Radiology	0.21	0.07	$114.70
70200	26	X-RAY EXAM OF EYE SOCKETS	Radiology	0.28	0.10	$114.70
70210	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SINUSES	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
70220	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SINUSES	Radiology	0.25	0.09	$114.70
70240	26	X-RAY EXAM, PITUITARY SADDLE	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
70250	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SKULL	Radiology	0.24	0.08	$114.70
70260	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SKULL	Radiology	0.34	0.12	$114.70
70300	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TEETH	Radiology	0.10	0.04	$114.70
70310	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TEETH	Radiology	0.16	0.07	$114.70
70320	26	FULL MOUTH X-RAY OF TEETH	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
70328	26	X-RAY EXAM OF JAW JOINT	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
70330	26	X-RAY EXAM OF JAW JOINTS	Radiology	0.24	0.08	$114.70
70332	26	X-RAY EXAM OF JAW JOINT	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
70336	26	MAGNETIC IMAGE, JAW JOINT	Radiology	1.48	0.52	$114.70
70350	26	X-RAY HEAD FOR ORTHODONTIA	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
70355	26	PANORAMIC X-RAY OF JAWS	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
70360	26	X-RAY EXAM OF NECK	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
70370	26	THROAT X-RAY & FLUOROSCOPY	Radiology	0.32	0.11	$114.70
70371	26	SPEECH EVALUATION, COMPLEX	Radiology	0.84	0.30	$114.70
70373	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF LARYNX	Radiology	0.44	0.15	$114.70
70380	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SALIVARY GLAND	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
70390	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SALIVARY DUCT	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
70450	26	CT HEAD/BRAIN W/O DYE	Radiology	0.85	0.30	$114.70
70460	26	CT HEAD/BRAIN W/DYE	Radiology	1.13	0.40	$114.70
70470	26	CT HEAD/BRAIN W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.27	0.45	$114.70
70480	26	CT ORBIT/EAR/FOSSA W/O DYE	Radiology	1.28	0.45	$114.70
70481	26	CT ORBIT/EAR/FOSSA W/DYE	Radiology	1.38	0.48	$114.70
70482	26	CT ORBIT/EAR/FOSSA W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.45	0.51	$114.70
70486	26	CT MAXILLOFACIAL W/O DYE	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
70487	26	CT MAXILLOFACIAL W/DYE	Radiology	1.30	0.46	$114.70
70488	26	CT MAXILLOFACIAL W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.42	0.50	$114.70
70490	26	CT SOFT TISSUE NECK W/O DYE	Radiology	1.28	0.45	$114.70
70491	26	CT SOFT TISSUE NECK W/DYE	Radiology	1.38	0.48	$114.70
70492	26	CT SFT TSUE NCK W/O & W/DYE	Radiology	1.45	0.51	$114.70
70496	26	CT ANGIOGRAPHY, HEAD	Radiology	1.75	0.70	$114.70
70498	26	CT ANGIOGRAPHY, NECK	Radiology	1.75	0.70	$114.70
70540	26	MRI ORBIT/FACE/NECK W/O DYE	Radiology	1.35	0.47	$114.70
70542	26	MRI ORBIT/FACE/NECK W/DYE	Radiology	1.62	0.57	$114.70
70543	26	MRI ORBT/FAC/NCK W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.15	0.75	$114.70
70544	26	MR ANGIOGRAPHY HEAD W/O DYE	Radiology	1.20	0.42	$114.70
70545	26	MR ANGIOGRAPHY HEAD W/DYE	Radiology	1.20	0.42	$114.70
70546	26	MR ANGIOGRAPH HEAD W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.80	0.63	$114.70
70547	26	MR ANGIOGRAPHY NECK W/O DYE	Radiology	1.20	0.42	$114.70
70548	26	MR ANGIOGRAPHY NECK W/DYE	Radiology	1.20	0.42	$114.70
70549	26	MR ANGIOGRAPH NECK W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.80	0.63	$114.70
70551	26	MRI BRAIN W/O DYE	Radiology	1.48	0.52	$114.70
70552	26	MRI BRAIN W/DYE	Radiology	1.78	0.64	$114.70
70553	26	MRI BRAIN W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.36	0.83	$114.70
71010	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
71015	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.21	0.07	$114.70
71020	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
71021	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.27	0.09	$114.70

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71022	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.31	0.11	$114.70
71023	26	CHEST X-RAY AND FLUOROSCOPY	Radiology	0.38	0.14	$114.70
71030	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.31	0.11	$114.70
71034	26	CHEST X-RAY AND FLUOROSCOPY	Radiology	0.46	0.17	$114.70
71035	26	CHEST X-RAY	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
71040	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF BRONCHI	Radiology	0.58	0.20	$114.70
71060	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF BRONCHI	Radiology	0.74	0.26	$114.70
71090	26	X-RAY & PACEMAKER INSERTION	Radiology	0.54	0.22	$114.70
71100	26	X-RAY EXAM OF RIBS	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
71101	26	X-RAY EXAM OF RIBS/CHEST	Radiology	0.27	0.09	$114.70
71110	26	X-RAY EXAM OF RIBS	Radiology	0.27	0.09	$114.70
71111	26	X-RAY EXAM OF RIBS/ CHEST	Radiology	0.32	0.11	$114.70
71120	26	X-RAY EXAM OF BREASTBONE	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
71130	26	X-RAY EXAM OF BREASTBONE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
71250	26	CT THORAX W/O DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
71260	26	CT THORAX W/DYE	Radiology	1.24	0.43	$114.70
71270	26	CT THORAX W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.38	0.48	$114.70
71275	26	CT ANGIOGRAPHY, CHEST	Radiology	1.92	0.77	$114.70
71550	26	MRI CHEST W/O DYE	Radiology	1.46	0.51	$114.70
71551	26	MRI CHEST W/DYE	Radiology	1.73	0.60	$114.70
71552	26	MRI CHEST W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.26	0.79	$114.70
71555	26	MRI ANGIO CHEST W OR W/O DYE	Radiology	1.81	0.64	$114.70
72010	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SPINE	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
72020	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SPINE	Radiology	0.15	0.05	$114.70
72040	26	X-RAY EXAM OF NECK SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72050	26	X-RAY EXAM OF NECK SPINE	Radiology	0.31	0.11	$114.70
72052	26	X-RAY EXAM OF NECK SPINE	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
72069	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TRUNK SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.09	$114.70
72070	26	X-RAY EXAM OF THORACIC SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72072	26	X-RAY EXAM OF THORACIC SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72074	26	X-RAY EXAM OF THORACIC SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72080	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TRUNK SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72090	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TRUNK SPINE	Radiology	0.28	0.10	$114.70
72100	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LOWER SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72110	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LOWER SPINE	Radiology	0.31	0.11	$114.70
72114	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LOWER SPINE	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
72120	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LOWER SPINE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
72125	26	CT NECK SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
72126	26	CT NECK SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
72127	26	CT NECK SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.27	0.45	$114.70
72128	26	CT CHEST SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
72129	26	CT CHEST SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
72130	26	CT CHEST SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.27	0.45	$114.70
72131	26	CT LUMBAR SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
72132	26	CT LUMBAR SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
72133	26	CT LUMBAR SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.27	0.45	$114.70
72141	26	MRI NECK SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.60	0.56	$114.70
72142	26	MRI NECK SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.92	0.69	$114.70
72146	26	MRI CHEST SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.60	0.56	$114.70
72147	26	MRI CHEST SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.92	0.68	$114.70
72148	26	MRI LUMBAR SPINE W/O DYE	Radiology	1.48	0.52	$114.70
72149	26	MRI LUMBAR SPINE W/DYE	Radiology	1.78	0.64	$114.70
72156	26	MRI NECK SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.57	0.91	$114.70
72157	26	MRI CHEST SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.57	0.90	$114.70
72158	26	MRI LUMBAR SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.36	0.83	$114.70
72159	26	MR ANGIO SPINE W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.80	0.72	$114.70
72170	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PELVIS	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
72190	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PELVIS	Radiology	0.21	0.07	$114.70
72191	26	CT ANGIOGRAPH PELV W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.81	0.72	$114.70
72192	26	CT PELVIS W/O DYE	Radiology	1.09	0.38	$114.70
72193	26	CT PELVIS W/DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70

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72194	26	CT PELVIS W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
72195	26	MRI PELVIS W/O DYE	Radiology	1.46	0.51	$114.70
72196	26	MRI PELVIS W/DYE	Radiology	1.73	0.60	$114.70
72197	26	MRI PELVIS W/O & W DYE	Radiology	2.26	0.79	$114.70
72198	26	MR ANGIO PELVIS W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.80	0.72	$114.70
72200	26	X-RAY EXAM SACROILIAC JOINTS	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
72202	26	X-RAY EXAM SACROILIAC JOINTS	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
72220	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TAILBONE	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
72240	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF NECK SPINE	Radiology	0.91	0.31	$114.70
72255	26	CONTRAST X-RAY, THORAX SPINE	Radiology	0.91	0.30	$114.70
72265	26	CONTRAST X-RAY, LOWER SPINE	Radiology	0.83	0.28	$114.70
72270	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF SPINE	Radiology	1.33	0.46	$114.70
72275	26	EPIDUROGRAPHY	Radiology	0.76	0.21	$114.70
72285	26	X-RAY C/T SPINE DISK	Radiology	1.16	0.39	$114.70
72295	26	X-RAY OF LOWER SPINE DISK	Radiology	0.83	0.29	$114.70
73000	26	X-RAY EXAM OF COLLAR BONE	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73010	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SHOULDER BLADE	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73020	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SHOULDER	Radiology	0.15	0.05	$114.70
73030	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SHOULDER	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
73040	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF SHOULDER	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
73050	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SHOULDERS	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
73060	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HUMERUS	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73070	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ELBOW	Radiology	0.15	0.05	$114.70
73080	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ELBOW	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73085	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF ELBOW	Radiology	0.54	0.20	$114.70
73090	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FOREARM	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73092	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ARM, INFANT	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73100	26	X-RAY EXAM OF WRIST	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73110	26	X-RAY EXAM OF WRIST	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73115	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF WRIST	Radiology	0.54	0.20	$114.70
73120	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HAND	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73130	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HAND	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73140	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FINGER(S)	Radiology	0.13	0.05	$114.70
73200	26	CT UPPER EXTREMITY W/O DYE	Radiology	1.09	0.38	$114.70
73201	26	CT UPPER EXTREMITY W/DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
73202	26	CT UPPR EXTREMITY W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
73206	26	CT ANGIO UPR EXTRM W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.81	0.72	$114.70
73218	26	MRI UPPER EXTREMITY W/O DYE	Radiology	1.35	0.47	$114.70
73219	26	MRI UPPER EXTREMITY W/DYE	Radiology	1.62	0.57	$114.70
73220	26	MRI UPPR EXTREMITY W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.15	0.75	$114.70
73221	26	MRI JOINT UPR EXTREM W/O DYE	Radiology	1.35	0.47	$114.70
73222	26	MRI JOINT UPR EXTREM W/ DYE	Radiology	1.62	0.57	$114.70
73223	26	MRI JOINT UPR EXTR W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.15	0.75	$114.70
73225	26	MR ANGIO UPR EXTR W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.73	0.69	$114.70
73500	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HIP	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73510	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HIP	Radiology	0.21	0.07	$114.70
73520	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HIPS	Radiology	0.26	0.09	$114.70
73525	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF HIP	Radiology	0.54	0.20	$114.70
73530	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HIP	Radiology	0.29	0.10	$114.70
73540	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PELVIS & HIPS	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
73542	26	X-RAY EXAM, SACROILIAC JOINT	Radiology	0.59	0.17	$114.70
73550	26	X-RAY EXAM OF THIGH	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73560	26	X-RAY EXAM OF KNEE, 1 OR 2	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73562	26	X-RAY EXAM OF KNEE, 3	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
73564	26	X-RAY EXAM, KNEE, 4 OR MORE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
73565	26	X-RAY EXAM OF KNEES	Radiology	0.17	0.07	$114.70
73580	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF KNEE JOINT	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
73590	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LOWER LEG	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73592	26	X-RAY EXAM OF LEG, INFANT	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73600	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ANKLE	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73610	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ANKLE	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70

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73615	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF ANKLE	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
73620	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FOOT	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73630	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FOOT	Radiology	0.17	0.06	$114.70
73650	26	X-RAY EXAM OF HEEL	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
73660	26	X-RAY EXAM OF TOE(S)	Radiology	0.13	0.05	$114.70
73700	26	CT LOWER EXTREMITY W/O DYE	Radiology	1.09	0.38	$114.70
73701	26	CT LOWER EXTREMITY W/DYE	Radiology	1.16	0.41	$114.70
73702	26	CT LWR EXTREMITY W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.22	0.43	$114.70
73706	26	CT ANGIO LWR EXTR W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.90	0.76	$114.70
73718	26	MRI LOWER EXTREMITY W/O DYE	Radiology	1.35	0.47	$114.70
73719	26	MRI LOWER EXTREMITY W/DYE	Radiology	1.62	0.56	$114.70
73720	26	MRI LWR EXTREMITY W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.15	0.75	$114.70
73721	26	MRI JOINT OF LWR EXTRE W/O D	Radiology	1.35	0.47	$114.70
73722	26	MRI JOINT OF LWR EXTR W/DYE	Radiology	1.62	0.57	$114.70
73723	26	MRI JOINT LWR EXTR W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.15	0.75	$114.70
73725	26	MR ANG LWR EXT W OR W/O DYE	Radiology	1.82	0.64	$114.70
74000	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ABDOMEN	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
74010	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ABDOMEN	Radiology	0.23	0.08	$114.70
74020	26	X-RAY EXAM OF ABDOMEN	Radiology	0.27	0.09	$114.70
74022	26	X-RAY EXAM SERIES, ABDOMEN	Radiology	0.32	0.11	$114.70
74150	26	CT ABDOMEN W/O DYE	Radiology	1.19	0.42	$114.70
74160	26	CT ABDOMEN W/DYE	Radiology	1.27	0.44	$114.70
74170	26	CT ABDOMEN W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.40	0.49	$114.70
74175	26	CT ANGIO ABDOM W/O&W DYE	Radiology	1.90	0.76	$114.70
74181	26	MRI ABDOMEN W/O DYE	Radiology	1.46	0.51	$114.70
74182	26	MRI ABDOMEN W/DYE	Radiology	1.73	0.60	$114.70
74183	26	MRI ABDOMEN W/O&W DYE	Radiology	2.26	0.79	$114.70
74185	26	MRI ANGIO, ABDOM W OR W/O DY	Radiology	1.80	0.63	$114.70
74190	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PERITONEUM	Radiology	0.48	0.17	$114.70
74210	26	CONTRST X-RAY EXAM OF THROAT	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
74220	26	CONTRAST X-RAY, ESOPHAGUS	Radiology	0.46	0.16	$114.70
74230	26	CINE/VIDEO X-RAY, THROAT/ESO	Radiology	0.53	0.19	$114.70
74235	26	REMOVE ESOPHAGUS OBSTRUCTION	Radiology	1.19	0.41	$114.70
74240	26	X-RAY EXAM, UPPER GI TRACT	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74241	26	X-RAY EXAM, UPPER GI TRACT	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74245	26	X-RAY EXAM, UPPER GI TRACT	Radiology	0.91	0.32	$114.70
74246	26	CONTRST X-RAY UPPR GI TRACT	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74247	26	CONTRST X-RAY UPPR GI TRACT	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74249	26	CONTRST X-RAY UPPR GI TRACT	Radiology	0.91	0.32	$114.70
74250	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SMALL BOWEL	Radiology	0.47	0.16	$114.70
74251	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SMALL BOWEL	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74260	26	X-RAY EXAM OF SMALL BOWEL	Radiology	0.50	0.17	$114.70
74270	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF COLON	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
74280	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF COLON	Radiology	0.99	0.35	$114.70
74283	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF COLON	Radiology	2.02	0.71	$114.70
74290	26	CONTRAST X-RAY, GALLBLADDER	Radiology	0.32	0.11	$114.70
74291	26	CONTRAST X-RAYS, GALLBLADDER	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
74300	26	X-RAY BILE DUCTS/PANCREAS	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
74301	26	X-RAYS AT SURGERY ADD-ON	Radiology	0.21	0.07	$114.70
74305	26	X-RAY BILE DUCTS/PANCREAS	Radiology	0.42	0.15	$114.70
74320	26	CONTRAST X-RAY OF BILE DUCTS	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74327	26	X-RAY BILE STONE REMOVAL	Radiology	0.70	0.24	$114.70
74328	26	XRAY BILE DUCT ENDOSCOPY	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
74329	26	X-RAY FOR PANCREAS ENDOSCOPY	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
74330	26	X-RAY BILE/PANC ENDOSCOPY	Radiology	0.90	0.32	$114.70
74340	26	X-RAY GUIDE FOR GI TUBE	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74350	26	X-RAY GUIDE, STOMACH TUBE	Radiology	0.76	0.27	$114.70
74355	26	X-RAY GUIDE, INTESTINAL TUBE	Radiology	0.76	0.26	$114.70
74360	26	X-RAY GUIDE, GI DILATION	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74363	26	X-RAY, BILE DUCT DILATION	Radiology	0.88	0.31	$114.70
74400	26	CONTRST X-RAY, URINARY TRACT	Radiology	0.49	0.17	$114.70

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74410	26	CONTRST X-RAY, URINARY TRACT	Radiology	0.49	0.17	$114.70
74415	26	CONTRST X-RAY, URINARY TRACT	Radiology	0.49	0.17	$114.70
74420	26	CONTRST X-RAY, URINARY TRACT	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
74425	26	CONTRST X-RAY, URINARY TRACT	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
74430	26	CONTRAST X-RAY, BLADDER	Radiology	0.32	0.11	$114.70
74440	26	X-RAY, MALE GENITAL TRACT	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
74445	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PENIS	Radiology	1.14	0.39	$114.70
74450	26	X-RAY, URETHRA/BLADDER	Radiology	0.33	0.12	$114.70
74455	26	X-RAY, URETHRA/BLADDER	Radiology	0.33	0.11	$114.70
74470	26	X-RAY EXAM OF KIDNEY LESION	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74475	26	X-RAY CONTROL, CATH INSERT	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74480	26	X-RAY CONTROL, CATH INSERT	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74485	26	X-RAY GUIDE, GU DILATION	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
74710	26	X-RAY MEASUREMENT OF PELVIS	Radiology	0.34	0.12	$114.70
74740	26	X-RAY, FEMALE GENITAL TRACT	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
74742	26	X-RAY, FALLOPIAN TUBE	Radiology	0.61	0.24	$114.70
74775	26	X-RAY EXAM OF PERINEUM	Radiology	0.62	0.23	$114.70
75552	26	HEART MRI FOR MORPH W/O DYE	Radiology	1.60	0.56	$114.70
75553	26	HEART MRI FOR MORPH W/DYE	Radiology	2.00	0.71	$114.70
75554	26	CARDIAC MRI/FUNCTION	Radiology	1.83	0.69	$114.70
75555	26	CARDIAC MRI/LIMITED STUDY	Radiology	1.74	0.68	$114.70
75600	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF AORTA	Radiology	0.49	0.20	$114.70
75605	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF AORTA	Radiology	1.14	0.43	$114.70
75625	26	CONTRAST X-RAY EXAM OF AORTA	Radiology	1.14	0.41	$114.70
75630	26	X-RAY AORTA, LEG ARTERIES	Radiology	1.79	0.67	$114.70
75635	26	CT ANGIO ABDOMINAL ARTERIES	Radiology	2.40	0.96	$114.70
75650	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, HEAD & NECK	Radiology	1.49	0.53	$114.70
75658	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ARM	Radiology	1.31	0.48	$114.70
75660	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, HEAD & NECK	Radiology	1.31	0.48	$114.70
75662	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, HEAD & NECK	Radiology	1.66	0.64	$114.70
75665	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, HEAD & NECK	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75671	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, HEAD & NECK	Radiology	1.66	0.59	$114.70
75676	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, NECK	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75680	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, NECK	Radiology	1.66	0.59	$114.70
75685	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, SPINE	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75705	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, SPINE	Radiology	2.18	0.79	$114.70
75710	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ARM/LEG	Radiology	1.14	0.42	$114.70
75716	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ARMS/LEGS	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75722	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, KIDNEY	Radiology	1.14	0.43	$114.70
75724	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, KIDNEYS	Radiology	1.49	0.60	$114.70
75726	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ABDOMEN	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75731	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ADRENAL GLAND	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75733	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, ADRENALS	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75736	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, PELVIS	Radiology	1.14	0.41	$114.70
75741	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, LUNG	Radiology	1.31	0.46	$114.70
75743	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, LUNGS	Radiology	1.66	0.58	$114.70
75746	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, LUNG	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75756	26	ARTERY X-RAYS, CHEST	Radiology	1.14	0.48	$114.70
75774	26	ARTERY X-RAY, EACH VESSEL	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
75790	26	VISUALIZE A-V SHUNT	Radiology	1.84	0.64	$114.70
75801	26	LYMPH VESSEL X-RAY, ARM/LEG	Radiology	0.81	0.28	$114.70
75803	26	LYMPH VESSEL X-RAY,ARMS/LEGS	Radiology	1.17	0.41	$114.70
75805	26	LYMPH VESSEL X-RAY, TRUNK	Radiology	0.81	0.29	$114.70
75807	26	LYMPH VESSEL X-RAY, TRUNK	Radiology	1.17	0.41	$114.70
75809	26	NONVASCULAR SHUNT, X-RAY	Radiology	0.47	0.17	$114.70
75810	26	VEIN X-RAY, SPLEEN/LIVER	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75820	26	VEIN X-RAY, ARM/LEG	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
75822	26	VEIN X-RAY, ARMS/LEGS	Radiology	1.06	0.37	$114.70
75825	26	VEIN X-RAY, TRUNK	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75827	26	VEIN X-RAY, CHEST	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75831	26	VEIN X-RAY, KIDNEY	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70

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75833	26	VEIN X-RAY, KIDNEYS	Radiology	1.49	0.53	$114.70
75840	26	VEIN X-RAY, ADRENAL GLAND	Radiology	1.14	0.42	$114.70
75842	26	VEIN X-RAY, ADRENAL GLANDS	Radiology	1.49	0.52	$114.70
75860	26	VEIN X-RAY, NECK	Radiology	1.14	0.43	$114.70
75870	26	VEIN X-RAY, SKULL	Radiology	1.14	0.42	$114.70
75872	26	VEIN X-RAY, SKULL	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75880	26	VEIN X-RAY, EYE SOCKET	Radiology	0.70	0.27	$114.70
75885	26	VEIN X-RAY, LIVER	Radiology	1.44	0.50	$114.70
75887	26	VEIN X-RAY, LIVER	Radiology	1.44	0.50	$114.70
75889	26	VEIN X-RAY, LIVER	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75891	26	VEIN X-RAY, LIVER	Radiology	1.14	0.40	$114.70
75893	26	VENOUS SAMPLING BY CATHETER	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
75894	26	X-RAYS, TRANSCATH THERAPY	Radiology	1.31	0.46	$114.70
75896	26	X-RAYS, TRANSCATH THERAPY	Radiology	1.31	0.48	$114.70
75898	26	FOLLOW-UP ANGIOGRAPHY	Radiology	1.65	0.60	$114.70
75900	26	ARTERIAL CATHETER EXCHANGE	Radiology	0.49	0.17	$114.70
75940	26	X-RAY PLACEMENT, VEIN FILTER	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
75945	26	INTRAVASCULAR US	Radiology	0.40	0.15	$114.70
75946	26	INTRAVASCULAR US ADD-ON	Radiology	0.40	0.14	$114.70
75952	26	ENDOVASC REPAIR ABDOM AORTA	Radiology	4.50	1.80	$114.70
75953	26	ABDOM ANEURYSM ENDOVAS RPR	Radiology	1.36	0.54	$114.70
75960	26	TRANSCATHETER INTRO, STENT	Radiology	0.82	0.30	$114.70
75961	26	RETRIEVAL, BROKEN CATHETER	Radiology	4.25	1.49	$114.70
75962	26	REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Radiology	0.54	0.20	$114.70
75964	26	REPAIR ARTERY BLOCKAGE, EACH	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
75966	26	REPAIR ARTERIAL BLOCKAGE	Radiology	1.31	0.50	$114.70
75968	26	REPAIR ARTERY BLOCKAGE, EACH	Radiology	0.36	0.14	$114.70
75970	26	VASCULAR BIOPSY	Radiology	0.83	0.30	$114.70
75978	26	REPAIR VENOUS BLOCKAGE	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
75980	26	CONTRAST XRAY EXAM BILE DUCT	Radiology	1.44	0.50	$114.70
75982	26	CONTRAST XRAY EXAM BILE DUCT	Radiology	1.44	0.50	$114.70
75984	26	XRAY CONTROL CATHETER CHANGE	Radiology	0.72	0.25	$114.70
75989	26	ABSCESS DRAINAGE UNDER X-RAY	Radiology	1.19	0.42	$114.70
75992	26	ATHERECTOMY, X-RAY EXAM	Radiology	0.54	0.20	$114.70
75993	26	ATHERECTOMY, X-RAY EXAM	Radiology	0.36	0.14	$114.70
75994	26	ATHERECTOMY, X-RAY EXAM	Radiology	1.31	0.50	$114.70
75995	26	ATHERECTOMY, X-RAY EXAM	Radiology	1.31	0.47	$114.70
75996	26	ATHERECTOMY, X-RAY EXAM	Radiology	0.36	0.12	$114.70
76000	26	FLUOROSCOPE EXAMINATION	Radiology	0.17	0.07	$114.70
76001	26	FLUOROSCOPE EXAM, EXTENSIVE	Radiology	0.67	0.24	$114.70
76003	26	NEEDLE LOCALIZATION BY X-RAY	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
76005	26	FLUOROGUIDE FOR SPINE INJECT	Radiology	0.60	0.17	$114.70
76006		X-RAY STRESS VIEW	Radiology	0.41	0.20	$114.70
76010	26	X-RAY, NOSE TO RECTUM	Radiology	0.18	0.06	$114.70
76012		PERCUT VERTEBROPLASTY FLUOR	Radiology	1.31	0.52	$114.70
76013		PERCUT VERTEBROPLASTY, CT	Radiology	1.38	0.55	$114.70
76020	26	X-RAYS FOR BONE AGE	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
76040	26	X-RAYS, BONE EVALUATION	Radiology	0.27	0.10	$114.70
76061	26	X-RAYS, BONE SURVEY	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
76062	26	X-RAYS, BONE SURVEY	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
76065	26	X-RAYS, BONE EVALUATION	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
76066	26	JOINT SURVEY, SINGLE VIEW	Radiology	0.31	0.11	$114.70
76070	26	CT SCAN, BONE DENSITY STUDY	Radiology	0.25	0.10	$114.70
76075	26	US EXAM, ABDOM, LIMITED	Radiology	0.30	0.11	$114.70
76076	26	DUAL ENERGY X-RAY STUDY	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
76078	26	RADIOGRAPHIC ABSORPTIOMETRY	Radiology	0.20	0.08	$114.70
76080	26	X-RAY EXAM OF FISTULA	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
76085		COMPUTER MAMMOGRAM ADD-ON	Radiology	0.06	0.31	$114.70
76086	26	X-RAY OF MAMMARY DUCT	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
76088	26	X-RAY OF MAMMARY DUCTS	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
76090	26	MAMMOGRAM, ONE BREAST	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70

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76091	26	MAMMOGRAM, BOTH BREASTS	Radiology	0.87	0.30	$114.70
76092	26	MAMM0GRAM, SCREENING	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
76093	26	MAGNETIC IMAGE, BREAST	Radiology	1.63	0.57	$114.70
76094	26	MAGNETIC IMAGE, BOTH BREASTS	Radiology	1.63	0.57	$114.70
76095	26	STEREOTACTIC BREAST BIOPSY	Radiology	1.59	0.56	$114.70
76096	26	X-RAY OF NEEDLE WIRE, BREAST	Radiology	0.56	0.20	$114.70
76098	26	X-RAY EXAM, BREAST SPECIMEN	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
76100	26	X-RAY EXAM OF BODY SECTION	Radiology	0.58	0.20	$114.70
76101	26	COMPLEX BODY SECTION X-RAY	Radiology	0.58	0.20	$114.70
76102	26	COMPLEX BODY SECTION X-RAYS	Radiology	0.58	0.20	$114.70
76120	26	CINE/VIDEO X-RAYS	Radiology	0.38	0.14	$114.70
76125	26	CINE/ VIDEO X-RAYS ADD-ON	Radiology	0.27	0.10	$114.70
76355	26	CAT SCAN FOR LOCALIZATION	Radiology	1.21	0.44	$114.70
76360	26	CAT SCAN FOR NEEDLE BIOPSY	Radiology	1.16	0.40	$114.70
76362		CAT SCAN FOR TISSUE ABLATION	Radiology	4.00	9.24	$114.70
76370	26	CAT SCAN FOR THERAPY GUIDE	Radiology	0.85	0.30	$114.70
76375	26	3D/HOLOGRAPH RECONSTR ADD-ON	Radiology	0.16	0.06	$114.70
76380	26	CAT SCAN FOLLOW-UP STUDY	Radiology	0.98	0.34	$114.70
76390	26	MR SPECTROSCOPY	Radiology	1.40	0.50	$114.70
76393	26	MR GUIDANCE FOR NEEDLE PLACE	Radiology	1.50	0.52	$114.70
76394		MRI FOR TISSUE ABLATION	Radiology	4.25	12.13	$114.70
76400	26	MAGNETIC IMAGE, BONE MARROW	Radiology	1.60	0.56	$114.70
76490		US FOR TISSUE ABLATION	Radiology	2.00	2.13	$114.70
76506	26	ECHO EXAM OF HEAD	Radiology	0.63	0.26	$114.70
76511	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE	Radiology	0.94	0.45	$114.70
76512	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE	Radiology	0.66	0.31	$114.70
76513	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE, WATER BATH	Radiology	0.66	0.32	$114.70
76516	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE	Radiology	0.54	0.26	$114.70
76519	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE	Radiology	0.54	0.26	$114.70
76529	26	ECHO EXAM OF EYE	Radiology	0.57	0.27	$114.70
76536	26	US EXAM OF HEAD AND NECK	Radiology	0.56	0.20	$114.70
76604	26	US EXAM, CHEST, B-SCAN	Radiology	0.55	0.19	$114.70
76645	26	US EXAM, BREAST(S)	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
76700	26	US EXAM, ABDOM, COMPLETE	Radiology	0.81	0.28	$114.70
76705	26	US EXAM, ABDOM, LIMITED	Radiology	0.59	0.21	$114.70
76770	26	US EXAM ABDO BACK WALL, COMP	Radiology	0.74	0.26	$114.70
76775	26	US EXAM ABDO BACK WALL, LIM	Radiology	0.58	0.20	$114.70
76778	26	US EXAM KIDNEY TRANSPLANT	Radiology	0.74	0.26	$114.70
76800	26	US EXAM, SPINAL CANAL	Radiology	1.13	0.38	$114.70
76805	26	US EXAM, PG UTERUS, COMPL	Radiology	0.99	0.36	$114.70
76810	26	US EXAM, PG UTERUS, MULT	Radiology	1.97	0.75	$114.70
76815	26	US EXAM, PG UTERUS LIMIT	Radiology	0.65	0.25	$114.70
76816	26	US EXAM PG UTERUS REPEAT	Radiology	0.57	0.22	$114.70
76818	26	FETAL BIOPHY PROFILE W/NST	Radiology	1.05	0.41	$114.70
76819	26	FETAL BIOPHYS PROFIL W/O NST	Radiology	0.77	0.30	$114.70
76825	26	ECHO EXAM OF FETAL HEART	Radiology	1.67	0.63	$114.70
76826	26	ECHO EXAM OF FETAL HEART	Radiology	0.83	0.30	$114.70
76827	26	ECHO EXAM OF FETAL HEART	Radiology	0.58	0.22	$114.70
76828	26	ECHO EXAM OF FETAL HEART	Radiology	0.56	0.23	$114.70
76830	26	US EXAM, TRANSVAGINAL	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
76831	26	ECHO EXAM, UTERUS	Radiology	0.72	0.27	$114.70
76856	26	US EXAM, PELVIC, COMPLETE	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
76857	26	US EXAM, PELVIC, LIMITED	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
76870	26	US EXAM, SCROTUM	Radiology	0.64	0.22	$114.70
76872	26	ECHO EXAM, TRANSRECTAL	Radiology	0.69	0.24	$114.70
76873	26	ECHOGRAP TRANS R, PROS STUDY	Radiology	1.55	0.54	$114.70
76880	26	US EXAM, EXTREMITY	Radiology	0.59	0.21	$114.70
76885	26	US EXAM INFANT HIPS, DYNAMIC	Radiology	0.74	0.26	$114.70
76886	26	US EXAM INFANT HIPS, STATIC	Radiology	0.62	0.22	$114.70
76930	26	ECHO GUIDE, CARDIOCENTESIS	Radiology	0.67	0.27	$114.70
76932	26	ECHO GUIDE FOR HEART BIOPSY	Radiology	0.67	0.27	$114.70

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76936	26	ECHO GUIDE FOR ARTERY REPAIR	Radiology	1.99	0.70	$114.70
76941	26	ECHO GUIDE FOR TRANSFUSION	Radiology	1.34	0.53	$114.70
76942	26	ECHO GUIDE FOR BIOPSY	Radiology	0.67	0.23	$114.70
76945	26	ECHO GUIDE, VILLUS SAMPLING	Radiology	0.67	0.24	$114.70
76946	26	ECHO GUIDE FOR AMNIOCENTESIS	Radiology	0.38	0.15	$114.70
76948	26	ECHO GUIDE, OVA ASPIRATION	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
76950	26	ECHO GUIDANCE RADIOTHERAPY	Radiology	0.58	0.21	$114.70
76965	26	ECHO GUIDANCE RADIOTHERAPY	Radiology	1.34	0.46	$114.70
76970	26	ULTRASOUND EXAM FOLLOW-UP	Radiology	0.40	0.14	$114.70
76975	26	GI ENDOSCOPIC ULTRASOUND	Radiology	0.81	0.29	$114.70
76977	26	US BONE DENSITY MEASURE	Radiology	0.05	0.02	$114.70
76986	26	ULTRASOUND GUIDE INTRAOPER	Radiology	1.20	0.42	$114.70
77261		RADIATION THERAPY PLANNING	Radiology	1.39	0.56	$114.70
77262		RADIATION THERAPY PLANNING	Radiology	2.11	0.82	$114.70
77263		RADIATION THERAPY PLANNING	Radiology	3.14	1.23	$114.70
77280	26	SET RADIATION THERAPY FIELD	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
77285	26	SET RADIATION THERAPY FIELD	Radiology	1.05	0.38	$114.70
77290	26	SET RADIATION THERAPY FIELD	Radiology	1.56	0.56	$114.70
77295	26	SET RADIATION THERAPY FIELD	Radiology	4.57	1.65	$114.70
77300	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	0.62	0.22	$114.70
77301		RADIOLTHERAPY DOS PLAN, IMRT	Radiology	8.00	29.72	$114.70
77305	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	0.70	0.25	$114.70
77310	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	1.05	0.38	$114.70
77315	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	1.56	0.56	$114.70
77321	26	RADIATION THERAPY PORT PLAN	Radiology	0.95	0.34	$114.70
77326	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	0.93	0.34	$114.70
77327	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	1.39	0.50	$114.70
77328	26	RADIATION THERAPY DOSE PLAN	Radiology	2.09	0.75	$114.70
77331	26	SPECIAL RADIATION DOSIMETRY	Radiology	0.87	0.31	$114.70
77332	26	RADIATION TREATMENT AID(S)	Radiology	0.54	0.19	$114.70
77333	26	RADIATION TREATMENT AID(S)	Radiology	0.84	0.30	$114.70
77334	26	RADIATION TREATMENT AID(S)	Radiology	1.24	0.45	$114.70
77427		RADIATION TX MANAGEMENT, X5	Radiology	3.31	1.19	$114.70
77431		RADIATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT	Radiology	1.81	0.73	$114.70
77432		STEREOTACTIC RADIATION TRMT	Radiology	7.93	3.25	$114.70
77470	26	SPECIAL RADIATION TREATMENT	Radiology	2.09	0.75	$114.70
77600	26	HYPERTHERMIA TREATMENT	Radiology	1.56	0.55	$114.70
77605	26	HYPERTHERMIA TREATMENT	Radiology	2.09	0.76	$114.70
77610	26	HYPERTHERMIA TREATMENT	Radiology	1.56	0.55	$114.70
77615	26	HYPERTHERMIA TREATMENT	Radiology	2.09	0.74	$114.70
77620	26	HYPERTHERMIA TREATMENT	Radiology	1.56	0.58	$114.70
77750	26	INFUSE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS	Radiology	4.91	1.77	$114.70
77761	26	APPLY INTRCAV RADIAT SIMPLE	Radiology	3.81	1.13	$114.70
77762	26	APPLY INTRCAV RADIAT INTERM	Radiology	5.72	1.99	$114.70
77763	26	APPLY INTRCAV RADIAT COMPL	Radiology	8.57	3.12	$114.70
77776	26	APPLY INTERSTIT RADIAT SIMPL	Radiology	4.66	1.65	$114.70
77777	26	APPLY INTERSTIT RADIAT INTER	Radiology	7.48	2.35	$114.70
77778	26	APPLY ITERSTIT RADIAT COMPL	Radiology	11.19	4.02	$114.70
77781	26	HIGH INTENSITY BRACHYTHERAPY	Radiology	1.66	0.60	$114.70
77782	26	HIGH INTENSITY BRACHYTHERAPY	Radiology	2.49	0.90	$114.70
77783	26	HIGH INTENSITY BRACHYTHERAPY	Radiology	3.73	1.34	$114.70
77784	26	HIGH INTENSITY BRACHYTHERAPY	Radiology	5.61	2.02	$114.70
77789	26	APPLY SURFACE RADIATION	Radiology	1.12	0.41	$114.70
77790	26	RADIATION HANDLING	Radiology	1.05	0.38	$114.70
78000	26	THYROID, SINGLE UPTAKE	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
78001	26	THYROID, MULTIPLE UPTAKES	Radiology	0.26	0.09	$114.70
78003	26	THYROID SUPPRESS/STIMUL	Radiology	0.33	0.12	$114.70
78006	26	THYROID IMAGING WITH UPTAKE	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78007	26	THYROID IMAGE, MULT UPTAKES	Radiology	0.50	0.18	$114.70
78010	26	THYROID IMAGING	Radiology	0.39	0.14	$114.70
78011	26	THYROID IMAGING WITH FLOW	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70

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78015	26	THYROID MET IMAGING	Radiology	0.67	0.24	$114.70
78016	26	THYROID MET IMAGING/STUDIES	Radiology	0.82	0.31	$114.70
78018	26	THYROID MET IMAGING, BODY	Radiology	0.86	0.32	$114.70
78020	26	THYROID MET UPTAKE	Radiology	0.60	0.23	$114.70
78070	26	PARATHYROID NUCLEAR IMAGING	Radiology	0.82	0.30	$114.70
78075	26	ADRENAL NUCLEAR IMAGING	Radiology	0.74	0.29	$114.70
78102	26	BONE MARROW IMAGING, LTD	Radiology	0.55	0.21	$114.70
78103	26	BONE MARROW IMAGING, MULT	Radiology	0.75	0.27	$114.70
78104	26	BONE MARROW IMAGING, BODY	Radiology	0.80	0.29	$114.70
78110	26	PLASMA VOLUME, SINGLE	Radiology	0.19	0.07	$114.70
78111	26	PLASMA VOLUME, MULTIPLE	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
78120	26	RED CELL MASS, SINGLE	Radiology	0.23	0.09	$114.70
78121	26	RED CELL MASS, MULTIPLE	Radiology	0.32	0.12	$114.70
78122	26	BLOOD VOLUME	Radiology	0.45	0.17	$114.70
78130	26	RED CELL SURVIVAL STUDY	Radiology	0.61	0.22	$114.70
78135	26	RED CELL SURVIVAL KINETICS	Radiology	0.64	0.23	$114.70
78140	26	RED CELL SEQUESTRATION	Radiology	0.61	0.21	$114.70
78160	26	PLASMA IRON TURNOVER	Radiology	0.33	0.12	$114.70
78162	26	IRON ABSORPTION EXAM	Radiology	0.45	0.18	$114.70
78170	26	RED CELL IRON UTILIZATION	Radiology	0.41	0.15	$114.70
78172	26	TOTAL BODY IRON ESTIMATION	Radiology	0.53	0.20	$114.70
78185	26	SPLEEN IMAGING	Radiology	0.40	0.15	$114.70
78190	26	PLATELET SURVIVAL, KINETICS	Radiology	1.09	0.40	$114.70
78191	26	PLATELET SURVIVAL	Radiology	0.61	0.22	$114.70
78195	26	LYMPH SYSTEM IMAGING	Radiology	1.20	0.44	$114.70
78201	26	LIVER IMAGING	Radiology	0.44	0.16	$114.70
78202	26	LIVER IMAGING WITH FLOW	Radiology	0.51	0.19	$114.70
78205	26	LIVER IMAGING (3D)	Radiology	0.71	0.26	$114.70
78206	26	LIVER IMAGE (3D) W/FLOW	Radiology	0.96	0.35	$114.70
78215	26	LIVER AND SPLEEN IMAGING	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78216	26	LIVER & SPLEEN IMAGE/FLOW	Radiology	0.57	0.21	$114.70
78220	26	LIVER FUNCTION STUDY	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78223	26	HEPATOBILIARY IMAGING	Radiology	0.84	0.30	$114.70
78230	26	SALIVARY GLAND IMAGING	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
78231	26	SERIAL SALIVARY IMAGING	Radiology	0.52	0.20	$114.70
78232	26	SALIVARY GLAND FUNCTION EXAM	Radiology	0.47	0.18	$114.70
78258	26	ESOPHAGEAL MOTILITY STUDY	Radiology	0.74	0.27	$114.70
78261	26	GASTRIC MUCOSA IMAGING	Radiology	0.69	0.26	$114.70
78262	26	GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX EXAM	Radiology	0.68	0.25	$114.70
78264	26	GASTRIC EMPTYING STUDY	Radiology	0.78	0.28	$114.70
78270	26	VIT B-12 ABSORPTION EXAM	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
78271	26	VIT B-12 ABSORP EXAM, IF	Radiology	0.20	0.07	$114.70
78272	26	VIT B-12 ABSORP, COMBINED	Radiology	0.27	0.10	$114.70
78278	26	ACUTE GI BLOOD LOSS IMAGING	Radiology	0.99	0.35	$114.70
78282	26	GI PROTEIN LOSS EXAM	Radiology	0.38	0.13	$114.70
78290	26	MECKEL'S DIVERT EXAM	Radiology	0.68	0.24	$114.70
78291	26	LEVEEN/SHUNT PATENCY EXAM	Radiology	0.88	0.32	$114.70
78300	26	BONE IMAGING, LIMITED AREA	Radiology	0.62	0.22	$114.70
78305	26	BONE IMAGING, MULTIPLE AREAS	Radiology	0.83	0.30	$114.70
78306	26	BONE IMAGING, WHOLE BODY	Radiology	0.86	0.31	$114.70
78315	26	BONE IMAGING, 3 PHASE	Radiology	1.02	0.37	$114.70
78320	26	BONE IMAGING (3D)	Radiology	1.04	0.39	$114.70
78350	26	BONE MINERAL, SINGLE PHOTON	Radiology	0.22	0.08	$114.70
78414	26	NON-IMAGING HEART FUNCTION	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
78428	26	CARDIAC SHUNT IMAGING	Radiology	0.78	0.32	$114.70
78445	26	VASCULAR FLOW IMAGING	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78455	26	VENOUS THROMBOSIS STUDY	Radiology	0.73	0.26	$114.70
78456	26	ACUTE VENOUS THROMBUS IMAGE	Radiology	1.00	0.37	$114.70
78457	26	VENOUS THROMBOSIS IMAGING	Radiology	0.77	0.28	$114.70
78458	26	VEN THROMBOSIS IMAGES, BILAT	Radiology	0.90	0.35	$114.70
78459	26	HEART MUSCLE IMAGING (PET)	Radiology	1.88	0.75	$114.70

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78460	26	HEART MUSCLE BLOOD, SINGLE	Radiology	0.86	0.31	$114.70
78461	26	HEART MUSCLE BLOOD, MULTIPLE	Radiology	1.23	0.46	$114.70
78464	26	HEART IMAGE (3D), SINGLE	Radiology	1.09	0.41	$114.70
78465	26	HEART IMAGE (3D), MULTIPLE	Radiology	1.46	0.56	$114.70
78466	26	HEART INFARCT IMAGE	Radiology	0.69	0.26	$114.70
78468	26	HEART INFARCT IMAGE (EF)	Radiology	0.80	0.30	$114.70
78469	26	HEART INFARCT IMAGE (3D)	Radiology	0.92	0.35	$114.70
78472	26	GATED HEART, PLANAR, SINGLE	Radiology	0.98	0.37	$114.70
78473	26	GATED HEART, MULTIPLE	Radiology	1.47	0.56	$114.70
78478	26	HEART WALL MOTION ADD-ON	Radiology	0.62	0.24	$114.70
78480	26	HEART FUNCTION ADD-ON	Radiology	0.62	0.24	$114.70
78481	26	HEART FIRST PASS, SINGLE	Radiology	0.98	0.39	$114.70
78483	26	HEART FIRST PASS, MULTIPLE	Radiology	1.47	0.58	$114.70
78491	26	HEART IMAGE (PET), SINGLE	Radiology	1.50	0.60	$114.70
78492	26	HEART IMAGE (PET), MULTIPLE	Radiology	1.87	0.75	$114.70
78494	26	HEART IMAGE, SPECT	Radiology	1.19	0.44	$114.70
78496	26	HEART FIRST PASS ADD-ON	Radiology	0.50	0.20	$114.70
78580	26	LUNG PERFUSION IMAGING	Radiology	0.74	0.27	$114.70
78584	26	LUNG V/Q IMAGE SINGLE BREATH	Radiology	0.99	0.35	$114.70
78585	26	LUNG V/Q IMAGING	Radiology	1.09	0.39	$114.70
78586	26	AEROSOL LUNG IMAGE, SINGLE	Radiology	0.40	0.14	$114.70
78587	26	AEROSOL LUNG IMAGE, MULTIPLE	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78588	26	PERFUSION LUNG IMAGE	Radiology	1.09	0.39	$114.70
78591	26	VENT IMAGE, 1 BREATH, 1 PROJ	Radiology	0.40	0.15	$114.70
78593	26	VENT IMAGE, 1 PROJ, GAS	Radiology	0.49	0.18	$114.70
78594	26	VENT IMAGE, MULT PROJ, GAS	Radiology	0.53	0.19	$114.70
78596	26	LUNG DIFFERENTIAL FUNCTION	Radiology	1.27	0.46	$114.70
78600	26	BRAIN IMAGING, LTD STATIC	Radiology	0.44	0.16	$114.70
78601	26	BRAIN IMAGING, LTD W/ FLOW	Radiology	0.51	0.18	$114.70
78605	26	BRAIN IMAGING, COMPLETE	Radiology	0.53	0.19	$114.70
78606	26	BRAIN IMAGING, COMPL W/FLOW	Radiology	0.64	0.23	$114.70
78607	26	BRAIN IMAGING (3D)	Radiology	1.23	0.47	$114.70
78610	26	BRAIN FLOW IMAGING ONLY	Radiology	0.30	0.11	$114.70
78615	26	CEREBRAL VASCULAR FLOW IMAGE	Radiology	0.42	0.16	$114.70
78630	26	CEREBROSPINAL FLUID SCAN	Radiology	0.68	0.24	$114.70
78635	26	CSF VENTRICULOGRAPHY	Radiology	0.61	0.25	$114.70
78645	26	CSF SHUNT EVALUATION	Radiology	0.57	0.21	$114.70
78647	26	CEREBROSPINAL FLUID SCAN	Radiology	0.90	0.33	$114.70
78650	26	CSF LEAKAGE IMAGING	Radiology	0.61	0.22	$114.70
78660	26	NUCLEAR EXAM OF TEAR FLOW	Radiology	0.53	0.19	$114.70
78700	26	KIDNEY IMAGING, STATIC	Radiology	0.45	0.16	$114.70
78701	26	KIDNEY IMAGING WITH FLOW	Radiology	0.49	0.17	$114.70
78704	26	IMAGING RENOGRAM	Radiology	0.74	0.27	$114.70
78707	26	KIDNEY FLOW/FUNCTION IMAGE	Radiology	0.96	0.35	$114.70
78708	26	KIDNEY FLOW/FUNCTION IMAGE	Radiology	1.21	0.44	$114.70
78709	26	KIDNEY FLOW/FUNCTION IMAGE	Radiology	1.41	0.51	$114.70
78710	26	KIDNEY IMAGING (3D)	Radiology	0.66	0.23	$114.70
78715	26	RENAL VASCULAR FLOW EXAM	Radiology	0.30	0.11	$114.70
78725	26	KIDNEY FUNCTION STUDY	Radiology	0.38	0.14	$114.70
78730	26	URINARY BLADDER RETENTION	Radiology	0.36	0.13	$114.70
78740	26	URETERAL REFLUX STUDY	Radiology	0.57	0.21	$114.70
78760	26	TESTICULAR IMAGING	Radiology	0.66	0.23	$114.70
78761	26	TESTICULAR IMAGING/FLOW	Radiology	0.71	0.26	$114.70
78800	26	TUMOR IMAGING, LIMITED AREA	Radiology	0.66	0.23	$114.70
78801	26	TUMOR IMAGING, MULT AREAS	Radiology	0.79	0.29	$114.70
78802	26	TUMOR IMAGING, WHOLE BODY	Radiology	0.86	0.32	$114.70
78803	26	TUMOR IMAGING (3D)	Radiology	1.09	0.41	$114.70
78805	26	ABSCESS IMAGING, LTD AREA	Radiology	0.73	0.27	$114.70
78806	26	ABSCESS IMAGING, WHOLE BODY	Radiology	0.86	0.32	$114.70
78807	26	NUCLEAR LOCALIZATION/ABSCESS	Radiology	1.09	0.43	$114.70
78810	26	TUMOR IMAGING (PET)	Radiology	1.93	0.77	$114.70

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78890	26	NUCLEAR MEDICINE DATA PROC	Radiology	0.05	0.02	$114.70
78891	26	NUCLEAR MED DATA PROC	Radiology	0.10	0.04	$114.70
79000	26	INIT HYPERTHYROID THERAPY	Radiology	1.80	0.65	$114.70
79001	26	REPEAT HYPERTHYROID THERAPY	Radiology	1.05	0.39	$114.70
79020	26	THYROID ABLATION	Radiology	1.81	0.64	$114.70
79030	26	THYROID ABLATION, CARCINOMA	Radiology	2.10	0.77	$114.70
79035	26	THYROID METASTATIC THERAPY	Radiology	2.52	0.94	$114.70
79100	26	HEMATOPOETIC NUCLEAR THERAPY	Radiology	1.32	0.51	$114.70
79200	26	INTRACAVITARY NUCLEAR TRMT	Radiology	1.99	0.74	$114.70
79300	26	INTERSTITIAL NUCLEAR THERAPY	Radiology	1.60	0.68	$114.70
79400	26	NONHEMATO NUCLEAR THERAPY	Radiology	1.96	0.73	$114.70
79420	26	INTRAVASCULAR NUCLEAR THER	Radiology	1.51	0.54	$114.70
79440	26	NUCLEAR JOINT THERAPY	Radiology	1.99	0.80	$114.70
90471		IMMUNIZATION ADMIN	Immunizations	0.00	0.10	$192.80
90472		IMMUNIZATION ADMIN, EACH ADD	Immunizations	0.00	0.10	$192.80
90780		IV INFUSION THERAPY, 1 HOUR	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	1.06	$175.89
90781		IV INFUSION, ADDITIONAL HOUR	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	0.53	$175.89
90782		INJECTION, SC/IM	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	0.10	$175.89
90783		INJECTION, IA	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	0.39	$175.89
90784		INJECTION, IV	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	0.45	$175.89
90788		INJECTION OF ANTIBIOTIC	Therapeutic Injections	0.00	0.11	$175.89
90801		PSY DX INTERVIEW	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.80	1.14	$53.90
90802		INTAC PSY DX INTERVIEW	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	3.01	1.17	$53.90
90804		PSYTX, OFFICE, 20-30 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.21	0.53	$53.90
90805		PSYTX, OFF, 20-30 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.37	0.59	$53.90
90806		PSYTX, OFF, 45-50 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.86	0.75	$53.90
90807		PSYTX, OFF, 45-50 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.02	0.79	$53.90
90808		PSYTX, OFFICE, 75-80 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.79	1.06	$53.90
90809		PSYTX, OFF, 75-80, W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.95	1.11	$53.90
90810		INTAC PSYTX, OFF, 20-30 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.32	0.56	$53.90
90811		INTAC PSYTX, 20-30, W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.48	0.63	$53.90
90812		INTAC PSYTX, OFF, 45-50 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.97	0.80	$53.90
90813		INTAC PSYTX, 45-50 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.13	0.87	$53.90
90814		INTAC PSYTX, OFF, 75-80 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.90	1.15	$53.90
90815		INTAC PSYTX, 75-80 W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	3.06	1.15	$53.90
90816		PSYTX, HOSP, 20-30 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.25	0.57	$53.90
90817		PSYTX, HOSP, 20-30 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.41	0.62	$53.90
90818		PSYTX, HOSP, 45-50 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.89	0.80	$53.90
90819		PSYTX, HOSP, 45-50 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.05	0.83	$53.90
90821		PSYTX, HOSP, 75-80 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.83	1.11	$53.90
90822		PSYTX, HOSP, 75-80 MIN W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.99	1.30	$53.90

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90823		INTAC PSYTX, HOSP, 20-30 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.36	0.65	$53.90
90824		INTAC PSYTX, HSP 20-30 W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.52	0.70	$53.90
90826		INTAC PSYTX, HOSP, 45-50 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.01	0.89	$53.90
90827		INTAC PSYTX, HSP 45-50 W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.16	0.91	$53.90
90828		INTAC PSYTX, HOSP, 75-80 MIN	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.94	1.90	$53.90
90829		INTAC PSYTX, HSP 75-80 W/E&M	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	3.10	1.23	$53.90
90845		PSYCHOANALYSIS	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.79	0.71	$53.90
90846		FAMILY PSYTX W/O PATIENT	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.83	0.73	$53.90
90847		FAMILY PSYTX W/PATIENT	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.21	0.86	$53.90
90849		MULTIPLE FAMILY GROUP PSYTX	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	0.59	0.31	$53.90
90853		GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	0.59	0.35	$53.90
90857		INTAC GROUP PSYTX	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	0.63	0.37	$53.90
90862		MEDICATION MANAGEMENT	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	0.95	0.44	$53.90
90865		NARCOSYNTHESIS	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.84	1.70	$53.90
90870		ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.88	0.74	$53.90
90871		ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.72	1.04	$53.90
90875		PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL THERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.20	0.90	$53.90
90876		PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGICAL THERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.90	1.18	$53.90
90880		HYPNOTHERAPY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2.19	0.91	$53.90
90885		PSY EVALUATION OF RECORDS	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	0.97	0.39	$53.90
90887		CONSULTATION WITH FAMILY	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1.48	0.83	$53.90
90901		BIOFEEDBACK TRAIN, ANY METH	Miscellaneous Medical	0.41	0.17	$89.52
90911		BIOFEEDBACK PERI/URO/RECTAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.89	0.39	$89.52
90918		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, MONTH	Miscellaneous Medical	11.18	5.53	$89.52
90919		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, MONTH	Miscellaneous Medical	8.54	4.53	$89.52
90920		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, MONTH	Miscellaneous Medical	7.27	4.02	$89.52
90921		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, MONTH	Miscellaneous Medical	4.47	2.96	$89.52
90922		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, DAY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.17	$89.52
90923		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, DAY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.28	0.15	$89.52
90924		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, DAY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.24	0.13	$89.52
90925		ESRD RELATED SERVICES, DAY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.15	0.10	$89.52
90935		HEMODIALYSIS, ONE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.22	0.86	$89.52
90937		HEMODIALYSIS, REPEATED EVAL	Miscellaneous Medical	2.11	1.20	$89.52
90945		DIALYSIS, ONE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.28	0.89	$89.52
90947		DIALYSIS, REPEATED EVAL	Miscellaneous Medical	2.16	1.24	$89.52
90997		HEMOPERFUSION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.84	1.10	$89.52
91000	26	ESOPHAGEAL INTUBATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.73	0.25	$89.52
91010	26	ESOPHAGUS MOTILITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.25	0.46	$89.52
91011	26	ESOPHAGUS MOTILITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.50	0.55	$89.52
91012	26	ESOPHAGUS MOTILITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.46	0.54	$89.52

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91020	26	GASTRIC MOTILITY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.44	0.51	$89.52
91030	26	ACID PERFUSION OF ESOPHAGUS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.91	0.34	$89.52
91032	26	ESOPHAGUS, ACID REFLUX TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	1.21	0.44	$89.52
91033	26	PROLONGED ACID REFLUX TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	1.30	0.48	$89.52
91052	26	GASTRIC ANALYSIS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.79	0.29	$89.52
91055	26	GASTRIC INTUBATION FOR SMEAR	Miscellaneous Medical	0.94	0.28	$89.52
91060	26	GASTRIC SALINE LOAD TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.15	$89.52
91065	26	BREATH HYDROGEN TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.20	0.07	$89.52
91100		PASS INTESTINE BLEEDING TUBE	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.48	$89.52
91105		GASTRIC INTUBATION TREATMENT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.21	$89.52
91122	26	ANAL PRESSURE RECORD	Miscellaneous Medical	1.77	0.63	$89.52
91132	26	ELECTROGASTROGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.52	0.21	$89.52
91133	26	ELECTROGASTROGRAPHY W/TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.66	0.26	$89.52
92002		EYE EXAM, NEW PATIENT	Vision Exams	0.88	0.96	$41.62
92004		EYE EXAM, NEW PATIENT	Vision Exams	1.67	1.71	$41.62
92012		EYE EXAM ESTABLISHED PAT	Vision Exams	0.67	1.01	$41.62
92014		EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	Vision Exams	1.10	1.40	$41.62
92015		REFRACTION	Vision Exams	0.38	1.51	$41.62
92018		NEW EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	Miscellaneous Medical	2.50	1.14	$89.52
92019		EYE EXAM & TREATMENT	Miscellaneous Medical	1.31	0.61	$89.52
92020		SPECIAL EYE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.95	$89.52
92060	26	SPECIAL EYE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.69	0.31	$89.52
92065	26	ORTHOPTIC/PLEOPTIC TRAINING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.15	$89.52
92070		FITTING OF CONTACT LENS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.70	1.12	$89.52
92081	26	VISUAL FIELD EXAMINATION(S)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.36	0.16	$89.52
92082	26	VISUAL FIELD EXAMINATION(S)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.44	0.20	$89.52
92083	26	VISUAL FIELD EXAMINATION(S)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	0.23	$89.52
92100		SERIAL TONOMETRY EXAM(S)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.92	0.75	$89.52
92120		TONOGRAPHY & EYE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	0.81	$89.52
92130		WATER PROVOCATION TONOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	0.92	$89.52
92135	26	OPTHALMIC DX IMAGING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.35	0.17	$89.52
92136		OPHTHALMIC BIOMETRY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.54	1.52	$89.52
92140		GLAUCOMA PROVOCATIVE TESTS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	1.01	$89.52
92225		SPECIAL EYE EXAM, INITIAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.38	0.23	$89.52
92226		SPECIAL EYE EXAM, SUBSEQUENT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.33	0.22	$89.52
92230		EYE EXAM WITH PHOTOS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	1.73	$89.52
92235	26	EYE EXAM WITH PHOTOS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	0.39	$89.52
92240	26	ICG ANGIOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.10	0.53	$89.52
92250	26	EYE EXAM WITH PHOTOS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.44	0.20	$89.52
92260		OPHTHALMOSCOPY/DYNAMOMETRY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.20	0.24	$89.52
92265	26	EYE MUSCLE EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	0.38	$89.52
92270	26	ELECTRO-OCULOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	0.37	$89.52
92275	26	ELECTRORETINOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.01	0.46	$89.52
92283	26	COLOR VISION EXAMINATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.17	0.07	$89.52
92284	26	DARK ADAPTATION EYE EXAM	Miscellaneous Medical	0.24	0.09	$89.52
92285	26	EYE PHOTOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.20	0.09	$89.52
92286	26	INTERNAL EYE PHOTOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.66	0.32	$89.52
92287		INTERNAL EYE PHOTOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.81	3.16	$89.52
92310		CONTACT LENS FITTING	Vision Exams	1.17	1.10	$41.62
92311		CONTACT LENS FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	1.17	$89.52
92312		CONTACT LENS FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	1.26	1.17	$89.52
92313		CONTACT LENS FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.92	1.21	$89.52
92314		PRESCRIPTION OF CONTACT LENS	Vision Exams	0.69	0.91	$41.62
92315		PRESCRIPTION OF CONTACT LENS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.95	$89.52
92316		PRESCRIPTION OF CONTACT LENS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.68	1.03	$89.52
92317		PRESCRIPTION OF CONTACT LENS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.97	$89.52
92325		MODIFICATION OF CONTACT LENS	Vision Exams	0.00	0.38	$41.62
92326		REPLACEMENT OF CONTACT LENS	Vision Exams	0.00	1.55	$41.62
92330		FITTING OF ARTIFICIAL EYE	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	1.01	$89.52
92335		FITTING OF ARTIFICIAL EYE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.99	$89.52
92340		FITTING OF SPECTACLES	Vision Exams	0.37	0.68	$41.62

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92341		FITTING OF SPECTACLES	Vision Exams	0.47	0.72	$41.62
92342		FITTING OF SPECTACLES	Vision Exams	0.53	0.74	$41.62
92352		SPECIAL SPECTACLES FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.68	$89.52
92353		SPECIAL SPECTACLES FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	0.73	$89.52
92354		SPECIAL SPECTACLES FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	8.41	$89.52
92355		SPECIAL SPECTACLES FITTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	4.11	$89.52
92358		EYE PROSTHESIS SERVICE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.92	$89.52
92370		REPAIR & ADJUST SPECTACLES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.32	0.54	$89.52
92371		REPAIR & ADJUST SPECTACLES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.59	$89.52
92392		SUPPLY OF LOW VISION AIDS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	3.84	$89.52
92393		SUPPLY OF ARTIFICIAL EYE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	11.92	$89.52
92395		SUPPLY OF SPECTACLES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.30	$89.52
92396		SUPPLY OF CONTACT LENSES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	2.19	$89.52
92502		EAR AND THROAT EXAMINATION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.51	1.28	$89.52
92504		EAR MICROSCOPY EXAMINATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.18	1.10	$89.52
92506		SPEECH/HEARING EVALUATION	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.86	0.43	$70.23
92507		SPEECH/HEARING THERAPY	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.52	0.28	$70.23
92508		SPEECH/HEARING THERAPY	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.26	0.15	$70.23
92510		REHAB FOR EAR IMPLANT	Hearing/Speech Exams	1.50	0.83	$70.23
92511		NASOPHARYNGOSCOPY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.84	1.36	$89.52
92512		NASAL FUNCTION STUDIES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.55	1.13	$89.52
92516		FACIAL NERVE FUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.43	0.94	$89.52
92520		LARYNGEAL FUNCTION STUDIES	Miscellaneous Medical	0.76	0.52	$89.52
92525		ORAL FUNCTION EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.50	1.69	$89.52
92526		ORAL FUNCTION THERAPY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.55	1.55	$89.52
92541	26	SPONTANEOUS NYSTAGMUS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.40	0.20	$89.52
92542	26	POSITIONAL NYSTAGMUS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.33	0.17	$89.52
92543	26	CALORIC VESTIBULAR TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.10	0.05	$89.52
92544	26	OPTOKINETIC NYSTAGMUS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.13	$89.52
92545	26	OSCILLATING TRACKING TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.23	0.12	$89.52
92546	26	SINUSOIDAL ROTATIONAL TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.29	0.14	$89.52
92548	26	POSTUROGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	0.28	$89.52
92585	26	AUDITOR EVOKE POTENT, COMPRE	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.50	0.23	$70.23
92587	26	EVOKED AUDITORY TEST	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.13	0.07	$70.23
92588	26	EVOKED AUDITORY TEST	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.36	0.18	$70.23
92597		EVALUATION FOR USE OF VOICE PROSTHETIC	Hearing/Speech Exams	1.35	1.49	$70.23
92598		MODIFICATION OF VOICE PROSTHETIC	Hearing/Speech Exams	0.99	0.76	$70.23
92950		HEART/LUNG RESUSCITATION CPR	Cardiovascular	3.80	1.18	$115.43
92953		TEMPORARY EXTERNAL PACING	Cardiovascular	0.23	0.23	$115.43
92960		CARDIOVERSION ELECTRIC, EXT	Cardiovascular	2.25	0.91	$115.43
92970		CARDIOASSIST, INTERNAL	Cardiovascular	3.52	1.27	$115.43
92971		CARDIOASSIST, EXTERNAL	Cardiovascular	1.77	0.86	$115.43
92973		PERCUT CORONARY THROMBECTOMY	Cardiovascular	3.28	1.37	$115.43
92974		CATH PLACE, CARDIO BRACHYTX	Cardiovascular	3.00	1.26	$115.43
92975		DISSOLVE CLOT, HEART VESSEL	Cardiovascular	7.25	3.01	$115.43
92977		DISSOLVE CLOT, HEART VESSEL	Cardiovascular	0.00	7.65	$115.43
92978	26	INTRAVASC US, HEART ADD-ON	Cardiovascular	1.80	0.76	$115.43
92979	26	INTRAVASC US, HEART ADD-ON	Cardiovascular	1.44	0.58	$115.43
92980		INSERT INTRACORONARY STENT	Surgery	14.84	6.22	$129.17
92981		INSERT INTRACORONARY STENT	Surgery	4.17	1.75	$129.17
92982		CORONARY ARTERY DILATION	Surgery	10.98	4.59	$129.17
92984		CORONARY ARTERY DILATION	Surgery	2.97	1.24	$129.17
92986		REVISION OF AORTIC VALVE	Surgery	21.80	10.43	$129.17
92987		REVISION OF MITRAL VALVE	Surgery	22.70	10.85	$129.17
92990		REVISION OF PULMONARY VALVE	Surgery	17.34	8.41	$129.17
92995		CORONARY ATHERECTOMY	Surgery	12.09	5.06	$129.17
92996		CORONARY ATHERECTOMY ADD-ON	Surgery	3.26	1.37	$129.17
92997		PUL ART BALLOON REPR, PERCUT	Surgery	12.00	4.55	$129.17
92998		PUL ART BALLOON REPR, PERCUT	Surgery	6.00	2.06	$129.17
93000		ELECTROCARDIOGRAM, COMPLETE	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.50	$115.43
93010		ELECTROCARDIOGRAM REPORT	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.07	$115.43

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93014		REPORT ON TRANSMITTED ECG	Cardiovascular	0.52	0.19	$115.43
93015		CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST	Cardiovascular	0.75	1.90	$115.43
93016		CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST	Cardiovascular	0.45	0.18	$115.43
93018		CARDIOVASCULAR STRESS TEST	Cardiovascular	0.30	0.12	$115.43
93024	26	CARDIAC DRUG STRESS TEST	Cardiovascular	1.17	0.48	$115.43
93025		MICROVOLT T-WAVE ASSESS	Cardiovascular	0.75	6.42	$115.43
93040		RHYTHM ECG WITH REPORT	Cardiovascular	0.16	0.19	$115.43
93042		RHYTHM ECG, REPORT	Cardiovascular	0.16	0.05	$115.43
93224		ECG MONITOR/REPORT, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.52	3.47	$115.43
93227		ECG MONITOR/REVIEW, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.52	0.21	$115.43
93230		ECG MONITOR/REPORT, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.52	3.72	$115.43
93233		ECG MONITOR/REVIEW, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.52	0.21	$115.43
93235		ECG MONITOR/REPORT, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.45	2.66	$115.43
93237		ECG MONITOR/REVIEW, 24 HRS	Cardiovascular	0.45	0.17	$115.43
93268		ECG RECORD/REVIEW	Cardiovascular	0.52	3.62	$115.43
93272		ECG/REVIEW, INTERPRET ONLY	Cardiovascular	0.52	0.20	$115.43
93278	26	ECG/SIGNAL-AVERAGED	Cardiovascular	0.25	0.10	$115.43
93303	26	ECHO TRANSTHORACIC	Cardiovascular	1.30	0.50	$115.43
93304	26	ECHO TRANSTHORACIC	Cardiovascular	0.75	0.30	$115.43
93307	26	ECHO EXAM OF HEART	Cardiovascular	0.92	0.38	$115.43
93308	26	ECHO EXAM OF HEART	Cardiovascular	0.53	0.22	$115.43
93312	26	ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	2.20	0.86	$115.43
93313		ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	0.95	5.29	$115.43
93314	26	ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	1.25	0.51	$115.43
93315	26	ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	2.78	1.11	$115.43
93316		ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	0.95	6.39	$115.43
93317	26	ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL	Cardiovascular	1.83	0.72	$115.43
93318	26	ECHO TRANSESOPHAGEAL INTRAOP	Cardiovascular	2.20	0.88	$115.43
93320	26	DOPPLER ECHO EXAM, HEART	Cardiovascular	0.38	0.16	$115.43
93321	26	DOPPLER ECHO EXAM, HEART	Cardiovascular	0.15	0.06	$115.43
93325	26	DOPPLER COLOR FLOW ADD-ON	Cardiovascular	0.07	0.03	$115.43
93350	26	ECHO TRANSTHORACIC	Cardiovascular	1.48	0.61	$115.43
93501	26	RIGHT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	3.02	1.24	$129.17
93503		INSERT/PLACE HEART CATHETER	Surgery	2.91	0.71	$129.17
93505	26	BIOPSY OF HEART LINING	Surgery	4.38	1.80	$129.17
93508	26	CATH PLACEMENT, ANGIOGRAPHY	Surgery	4.10	1.71	$129.17
93510	26	LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	4.33	1.82	$129.17
93511	26	LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	5.03	2.10	$129.17
93514	26	LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	7.05	2.77	$129.17
93524	26	LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	6.95	2.86	$129.17
93526	26	RT & LT HEART CATHETERS	Surgery	5.99	2.50	$129.17
93527	26	RT & LT HEART CATHETERS	Surgery	7.28	3.03	$129.17
93528	26	RT & LT HEART CATHETERS	Surgery	9.00	3.81	$129.17
93529	26	RT&LT HEART CATHETERIZATION	Surgery	4.80	2.00	$129.17
93530	26	RT HEART CATH, CONGENITAL	Surgery	4.23	1.60	$129.17
93531	26	R & L HEART CATH, CONGENITAL	Surgery	8.35	3.24	$129.17
93532	26	R & L HEART CATH, CONGENITAL	Surgery	10.00	4.12	$129.17
93533	26	R & L HEART CATH, CONGENITAL	Surgery	6.70	2.55	$129.17
93539		INJECTION, CARDIAC CATH	Cardiovascular	0.40	0.84	$115.43
93540		INJECTION, CARDIAC CATH	Cardiovascular	0.43	0.86	$115.43
93541		INJECTION FOR LUNG ANGIOGRAM	Cardiovascular	0.29	0.12	$115.43
93542		INJECTION FOR HEART X-RAYS	Cardiovascular	0.29	0.12	$115.43
93543		INJECTION FOR HEART X-RAYS	Cardiovascular	0.29	0.55	$115.43
93544		INJECTION FOR AORTOGRAPHY	Cardiovascular	0.25	0.53	$115.43
93545		INJECT FOR CORONARY X-RAYS	Cardiovascular	0.40	0.85	$115.43
93555	26	IMAGING, CARDIAC CATH	Cardiovascular	0.81	0.34	$115.43
93556	26	IMAGING, CARDIAC CATH	Cardiovascular	0.83	0.35	$115.43
93561	26	CARDIAC OUTPUT MEASUREMENT	Surgery	0.50	0.16	$129.17
93562	26	CARDIAC OUTPUT MEASUREMENT	Surgery	0.16	0.05	$129.17
93571	26	HEART FLOW RESERVE MEASURE	Surgery	1.80	0.73	$129.17
93572	26	HEART FLOW RESERVE MEASURE	Surgery	1.44	0.52	$129.17

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93600	26	BUNDLE OF HIS RECORDING	Cardiovascular	2.12	0.89	$115.43
93602	26	INTRA-ATRIAL RECORDING	Cardiovascular	2.12	0.88	$115.43
93603	26	RIGHT VENTRICULAR RECORDING	Cardiovascular	2.12	0.86	$115.43
93609	26	MAP TACHYCARDIA, ADD-ON	Cardiovascular	4.81	2.01	$115.43
93610	26	INTRA-ATRIAL PACING	Cardiovascular	3.02	1.23	$115.43
93612	26	INTRAVENTRICULAR PACING	Cardiovascular	3.02	1.23	$115.43
93613		ELECTROPHYS MAP, 3D, ADD-ON	Cardiovascular	7.00	2.79	$115.43
93615	26	ESOPHAGEAL RECORDING	Cardiovascular	0.99	0.36	$115.43
93616	26	ESOPHAGEAL RECORDING	Cardiovascular	1.49	0.50	$115.43
93618	26	HEART RHYTHM PACING	Cardiovascular	4.26	1.78	$115.43
93619	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	7.32	3.00	$115.43
93620	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	11.59	4.82	$115.43
93621	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	2.10	0.88	$115.43
93622	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	3.10	1.30	$115.43
93623	26	STIMULATION, PACING HEART	Cardiovascular	2.85	1.19	$115.43
93624	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGIC STUDY	Cardiovascular	4.81	1.99	$115.43
93631	26	HEART PACING, MAPPING	Cardiovascular	7.60	2.81	$115.43
93640	26	EVALUATION HEART DEVICE	Cardiovascular	3.52	1.46	$115.43
93641	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	5.93	2.47	$115.43
93642	26	ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	4.89	2.04	$115.43
93660	26	TILT TABLE EVALUATION	Cardiovascular	1.89	0.79	$115.43
93662		INTRACARDIAC ECG (ICE)	Cardiovascular	2.80	1.12	$115.43
93701		BIOIMPEDANCE, THORACIC	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.78	$115.43
93720		TOTAL BODY PLETHYSMOGRAPHY	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.73	$115.43
93722		PLETHYSMOGRAPHY REPORT	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.06	$115.43
93724	26	ANALYZE PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	4.89	2.04	$115.43
93727		ANALYZE ILR SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	0.52	0.21	$115.43
93731	26	ANALYZE PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	0.45	0.19	$115.43
93732	26	ANALYZE PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	0.92	0.38	$115.43
93733	26	TELEPHONE ANALY, PACEMAKER	Cardiovascular	0.17	0.07	$115.43
93734	26	ANALYZE PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	0.38	0.16	$115.43
93735	26	ANALYZE PACEMAKER SYSTEM	Cardiovascular	0.74	0.30	$115.43
93736	26	TELEPHONE ANALY, PACEMAKER	Cardiovascular	0.15	0.06	$115.43
93740	26	TEMPERATURE GRADIENT STUDIES	Cardiovascular	0.16	0.06	$115.43
93741	26	ANALYZE HT PACE DEVICE SNGL	Cardiovascular	0.80	0.33	$115.43
93742	26	ANALYZE HT PACE DEVICE SNGL	Cardiovascular	0.91	0.38	$115.43
93743	26	ANALYZE HT PACE DEVICE DUAL	Cardiovascular	1.03	0.43	$115.43
93744	26	ANALYZE HT PACE DEVICE DUAL	Cardiovascular	1.18	0.49	$115.43
93770	26	MEASURE VENOUS PRESSURE	Cardiovascular	0.16	0.06	$115.43
93797		CARDIAC REHAB	Cardiovascular	0.18	0.33	$115.43
93798		CARDIAC REHAB/MONITOR	Cardiovascular	0.28	0.44	$115.43
93875	26	EXTRACRANIAL STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.22	0.08	$89.52
93880	26	EXTRACRANIAL STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	0.22	$89.52
93882	26	EXTRACRANIAL STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.40	0.15	$89.52
93886	26	INTRACRANIAL STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.94	0.40	$89.52
93888	26	INTRACRANIAL STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.62	0.24	$89.52
93922	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.25	0.09	$89.52
93923	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.16	$89.52
93924	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	0.18	$89.52
93925	26	LOWER EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.58	0.21	$89.52
93926	26	LOWER EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.39	0.14	$89.52
93930	26	UPPER EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.46	0.16	$89.52
93931	26	UPPER EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.31	0.11	$89.52
93965	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.35	0.13	$89.52
93970	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.68	0.24	$89.52
93971	26	EXTREMITY STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.16	$89.52
93975	26	VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.80	0.64	$89.52
93976	26	VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.21	0.43	$89.52
93978	26	VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.65	0.23	$89.52
93979	26	VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.44	0.16	$89.52
93980	26	PENILE VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.25	0.44	$89.52

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93981	26	PENILE VASCULAR STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.44	0.15	$89.52
93990	26	DOPPLER FLOW TESTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.25	0.09	$89.52
94010	26	BREATHING CAPACITY TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.17	0.06	$89.52
94014		PATIENT RECORDED SPIROMETRY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.52	0.46	$89.52
94016		REVIEW PATIENT SPIROMETRY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.52	0.17	$89.52
94060	26	EVALUATION OF WHEEZING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.31	0.10	$89.52
94070	26	EVALUATION OF WHEEZING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	0.19	$89.52
94150	26	VITAL CAPACITY TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.07	0.03	$89.52
94200	26	LUNG FUNCTION TEST (MBC/MVV)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.11	0.04	$89.52
94240	26	RESIDUAL LUNG CAPACITY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94250	26	EXPIRED GAS COLLECTION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.11	0.04	$89.52
94260	26	THORACIC GAS VOLUME	Miscellaneous Medical	0.13	0.04	$89.52
94350	26	LUNG NITROGEN WASHOUT CURVE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94360	26	MEASURE AIRFLOW RESISTANCE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94370	26	BREATH AIRWAY CLOSING VOLUME	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94375	26	RESPIRATORY FLOW VOLUME LOOP	Miscellaneous Medical	0.31	0.10	$89.52
94400	26	CO2 BREATHING RESPONSE CURVE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.40	0.13	$89.52
94450	26	HYPOXIA RESPONSE CURVE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.40	0.12	$89.52
94620	26	PULMONARY STRESS TEST/SIMPLE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.64	0.21	$89.52
94621	26	PULM STRESS TEST/COMPLEX	Miscellaneous Medical	1.42	0.47	$89.52
94640		AIRWAY INHALATION TREATMENT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.74	$89.52
94650		PRESSURE BREATHING (IPPB)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.67	$89.52
94651		PRESSURE BREATHING (IPPB)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.62	$89.52
94652		PRESSURE BREATHING (IPPB)	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.77	$89.52
94656		INITIAL VENTILATOR MGMT	Miscellaneous Medical	1.22	0.33	$89.52
94657		CONTINUED VENTILATOR MGMT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.83	0.26	$89.52
94660		POS AIRWAY PRESSURE, CPAP	Miscellaneous Medical	0.76	0.24	$89.52
94662		NEG PRESS VENTILATION, CNP	Miscellaneous Medical	0.76	0.24	$89.52
94664		AEROSOL OR VAPOR INHALATIONS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.53	$89.52
94665		AEROSOL OR VAPOR INHALATIONS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.53	$89.52
94667		CHEST WALL MANIPULATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.01	$89.52
94668		CHEST WALL MANIPULATION	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.75	$89.52
94680	26	EXHALED AIR ANALYSIS, O2	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.09	$89.52
94681	26	EXHALED AIR ANALYSIS, O2/CO2	Miscellaneous Medical	0.20	0.07	$89.52
94690	26	EXHALED AIR ANALYSIS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.07	0.02	$89.52
94720	26	MONOXIDE DIFFUSING CAPACITY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94725	26	MEMBRANE DIFFUSION CAPACITY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.26	0.08	$89.52
94750	26	PULMONARY COMPLIANCE STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.23	0.07	$89.52
94760		MEASURE BLOOD OXYGEN LEVEL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.10	$89.52
94761		MEASURE BLOOD OXYGEN LEVEL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.14	$89.52
94762		MEASURE BLOOD OXYGEN LEVEL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.74	$89.52
94770	26	EXHALED CARBON DIOXIDE TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.15	0.04	$89.52
95004		ALLERGY SKIN TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.09	$71.83
95010		SENSITIVITY SKIN TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.15	0.45	$71.83
95015		SENSITIVITY SKIN TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.15	0.39	$71.83
95024		ALLERGY SKIN TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.14	$71.83
95027		SKIN END POINT TITRATION	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.14	$71.83
95028		ALLERGY SKIN TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.22	$71.83
95044		ALLERGY PATCH TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.19	$71.83
95052		PHOTO PATCH TEST	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.24	$71.83
95056		PHOTOSENSITIVITY TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.17	$71.83
95060		EYE ALLERGY TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.33	$71.83
95065		NOSE ALLERGY TEST	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.19	$71.83
95070		BRONCHIAL ALLERGY TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	2.17	$71.83
95071		BRONCHIAL ALLERGY TESTS	Allergy Testing	0.00	2.77	$71.83
95075		INGESTION CHALLENGE TEST	Allergy Testing	0.95	0.80	$71.83
95078		PROVOCATIVE TESTING	Allergy Testing	0.00	0.24	$71.83
95115		IMMUNOTHERAPY, ONE INJECTION	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.00	0.37	$50.40
95117		IMMUNOTHERAPY INJECTIONS	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.00	0.48	$50.40
95144		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.25	$50.40
95145		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.47	$50.40

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95146		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.62	$50.40
95147		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.91	$50.40
95148		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.81	$50.40
95149		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	1.04	$50.40
95165		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.21	$50.40
95170		ANTIGEN THERAPY SERVICES	Allergy Immunotherapy	0.06	0.26	$50.40
95180		RAPID DESENSITIZATION	Allergy Immunotherapy	2.01	1.66	$50.40
95805	26	MULTIPLE SLEEP LATENCY TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	1.88	0.70	$89.52
95806	26	SLEEP STUDY, UNATTENDED	Miscellaneous Medical	1.66	0.57	$89.52
95807	26	SLEEP STUDY, ATTENDED	Miscellaneous Medical	1.66	0.56	$89.52
95808	26	POLYSOMNOGRAPHY, 1-3	Miscellaneous Medical	2.65	0.99	$89.52
95810	26	POLYSOMNOGRAPHY, 4 OR MORE	Miscellaneous Medical	3.53	1.26	$89.52
95811	26	POLYSOMNOGRAPHY W/CPAP	Miscellaneous Medical	3.80	1.34	$89.52
95812	26	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG)	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.48	$89.52
95813	26	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG)	Miscellaneous Medical	1.73	0.73	$89.52
95816	26	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG)	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.49	$89.52
95819	26	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG)	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.49	$89.52
95822	26	SLEEP ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.49	$89.52
95824	26	ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.74	0.30	$89.52
95827	26	NIGHT ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM	Miscellaneous Medical	1.08	0.46	$89.52
95829	26	SURGERY ELECTROCORTICOGRAM	Miscellaneous Medical	6.21	2.90	$89.52
95830		INSERT ELECTRODES FOR EEG	Miscellaneous Medical	1.70	3.76	$89.52
95831		LIMB MUSCLE TESTING, MANUAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.28	0.52	$89.52
95832		HAND MUSCLE TESTING, MANUAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.29	0.48	$89.52
95833		BODY MUSCLE TESTING, MANUAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.47	0.54	$89.52
95834		BODY MUSCLE TESTING, MANUAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	0.59	$89.52
95851		RANGE OF MOTION MEASUREMENTS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.16	0.55	$89.52
95852		RANGE OF MOTION MEASUREMENTS	Miscellaneous Medical	0.11	0.49	$89.52
95857		TENSILON TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.53	0.66	$89.52
95858	26	TENSILON TEST & MYOGRAM	Miscellaneous Medical	1.56	0.72	$89.52
95860	26	MUSCLE TEST, ONE LIMB	Miscellaneous Medical	0.96	0.45	$89.52
95861	26	MUSCLE TEST, TWO LIMBS	Miscellaneous Medical	1.54	0.72	$89.52
95863	26	MUSCLE TEST, 3 LIMBS	Miscellaneous Medical	1.87	0.87	$89.52
95864	26	MUSCLE TEST, 4 LIMBS	Miscellaneous Medical	1.99	0.93	$89.52
95867	26	MUSCLE TEST, HEAD OR NECK	Miscellaneous Medical	0.79	0.37	$89.52
95868	26	MUSCLE TEST, HEAD OR NECK	Miscellaneous Medical	1.18	0.57	$89.52
95869	26	MUSCLE TEST, THOR PARASPINAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.17	$89.52
95870	26	MUSCLE TEST, NONPARASPINAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.37	0.17	$89.52
95872	26	MUSCLE TEST, ONE FIBER	Miscellaneous Medical	1.50	0.68	$89.52
95875	26	LIMB EXERCISE TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	1.10	0.49	$89.52
95900	26	MOTOR NERVE CONDUCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.42	0.20	$89.52
95903	26	MOTOR NERVE CONDUCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	0.27	$89.52
95904	26	SENSE NERVE CONDUCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.34	0.16	$89.52
95920	26	INTRAOP NERVE TEST ADD-ON	Miscellaneous Medical	2.11	0.99	$89.52
95921	26	AUTONOMIC NERV FUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.90	0.34	$89.52
95922	26	AUTONOMIC NERV FUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.96	0.43	$89.52
95923	26	AUTONOMIC NERV FUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.90	0.40	$89.52
95925	26	SOMATOSENSORY TESTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.54	0.24	$89.52
95926	26	SOMATOSENSORY TESTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.54	0.25	$89.52
95927	26	SOMATOSENSORY TESTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.54	0.27	$89.52
95930	26	VISUAL EVOKED POTENTIAL TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.35	0.16	$89.52
95933	26	BLINK REFLEX TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.59	0.27	$89.52
95934	26	H-REFLEX TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.51	0.24	$89.52
95936	26	H-REFLEX TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.55	0.25	$89.52
95937	26	NEUROMUSCULAR JUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	0.65	0.28	$89.52
95950	26	AMBULATORY EEG MONITORING	Miscellaneous Medical	1.51	0.70	$89.52
95951	26	EEG MONITORING/VIDEORECORD	Miscellaneous Medical	6.00	2.72	$89.52
95953	26	EEG MONITORING/COMPUTER	Miscellaneous Medical	3.08	1.38	$89.52
95954	26	EEG MONITORING/GIVING DRUGS	Miscellaneous Medical	2.45	1.07	$89.52
95955	26	EEG DURING SURGERY	Miscellaneous Medical	1.01	0.40	$89.52
95956	26	EEG MONITORING, CABLE/RADIO	Miscellaneous Medical	3.08	1.35	$89.52

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95957	26	EEG DIGITAL ANALYSIS	Miscellaneous Medical	1.98	0.90	$89.52
95958	26	EEG MONITORING/FUNCTION TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	4.25	1.86	$89.52
95961	26	ELECTRODE STIMULATION, BRAIN	Miscellaneous Medical	2.97	1.43	$89.52
95962	26	ELECTRODE STIM, BRAIN ADD-ON	Miscellaneous Medical	3.21	1.48	$89.52
95965		MEG, SPONTANEOUS	Miscellaneous Medical	8.00	3.19	$89.52
95966		MEG, EVOKED, SINGLE	Miscellaneous Medical	4.00	1.60	$89.52
95967		MEG, EVOKED, EACH ADDL	Miscellaneous Medical	3.50	1.40	$89.52
95970		ANALYZE NEUROSTIM, NO PROG	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.18	$89.52
95971		ANALYZE NEUROSTIM, SIMPLE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.78	0.28	$89.52
95972		ANALYZE NEUROSTIM, COMPLEX	Miscellaneous Medical	1.50	0.62	$89.52
95973		ANALYZE NEUROSTIM, COMPLEX	Miscellaneous Medical	0.92	0.42	$89.52
95974		CRANIAL NEUROSTIM, COMPLEX	Miscellaneous Medical	3.00	1.37	$89.52
95975		CRANIAL NEUROSTIM, COMPLEX	Miscellaneous Medical	1.70	0.78	$89.52
96002		DYNAMIC SURFACE EMG	Physical Medicine	0.41	0.16	$72.78
96003		DYNAMIC FINE WIRE EMG	Physical Medicine	0.37	0.15	$72.78
96004		PHYS REVIEW OF MOTION TESTS	Physical Medicine	1.80	0.72	$72.78
96100		PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.67	$89.52
96105		ASSESSMENT OF APHASIA	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.67	$89.52
96111		DEVELOPMENTAL TEST, EXTEND	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.67	$89.52
96115		NEUROBEHAVIOR STATUS EXAM	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.67	$89.52
96117		NEUROPSYCH TEST BATTERY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.67	$89.52
96150		ASSESS HLTH/BEHAVE, INIT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.50	0.21	$89.52
96151		ASSESS HLTH/BEHAVE, SUBSEQ	Miscellaneous Medical	0.48	0.21	$89.52
96152		INTERVENE HLTH/BEHAVE, INDIV	Miscellaneous Medical	0.46	0.20	$89.52
96153		INTERVENE HLTH/BEHAVE, GROUP	Miscellaneous Medical	0.10	0.04	$89.52
96154		INTERV HLTH/BEHAV, FAM W/PT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.45	0.19	$89.52
96155		INTERV HLTH/BEHAV FAM NO PT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.44	0.18	$89.52
96400		CHEMOTHERAPY, SC/IM	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.13	$89.52
96405		INTRALESIONAL CHEMO ADMIN	Miscellaneous Medical	0.52	1.88	$89.52
96406		INTRALESIONAL CHEMO ADMIN	Miscellaneous Medical	0.80	2.94	$89.52
96408		CHEMOTHERAPY, PUSH TECHNIQUE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.92	$89.52
96410		CHEMOTHERAPY INFUSION METHOD	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.47	$89.52
96412		CHEMO, INFUSE METHOD ADD-ON	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.09	$89.52
96414		CHEMO, INFUSE METHOD ADD-ON	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.27	$89.52
96420		CHEMOTHERAPY, PUSH TECHNIQUE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.18	$89.52
96422		CHEMOTHERAPY INFUSION METHOD	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.17	$89.52
96423		CHEMO, INFUSE METHOD ADD-ON	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.46	$89.52
96425		CHEMOTHERAPY INFUSION METHOD	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.36	$89.52
96440		CHEMOTHERAPY, INTRACAVITARY	Miscellaneous Medical	2.37	7.99	$89.52
96445		CHEMOTHERAPY, INTRACAVITARY	Miscellaneous Medical	2.20	8.74	$89.52
96450		CHEMOTHERAPY, INTO CNS	Miscellaneous Medical	1.89	6.79	$89.52
96520		PUMP REFILLING, MAINTENANCE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.84	$89.52
96530		PUMP REFILLING, MAINTENANCE	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.01	$89.52
96542		CHEMOTHERAPY INJECTION	Miscellaneous Medical	1.42	4.70	$89.52
96570		PHOTODYNAMIC TX, 30 MIN	Miscellaneous Medical	1.10	0.38	$89.52
96571		PHOTODYNAMIC TX, ADDL 15 MIN	Miscellaneous Medical	0.55	0.20	$89.52
96900		ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT THERAPY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.45	$89.52
96902		TRICHOGRAM	Miscellaneous Medical	0.41	0.16	$89.52
96910		PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY WITH UV-B	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.37	$89.52
96912		PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY WITH UV-A	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.54	$89.52
96913		PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY, UV-A OR B	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	2.26	$89.52
97039		PHYSICAL THERAPY TREATMENT	Physical Medicine	0.20	0.07	$72.78
97139		PHYSICAL MEDICINE PROCEDURE	Physical Medicine	0.21	0.21	$72.78
97802		MEDICAL NUTRITION, INDIV, IN	Physical Medicine	0.00	0.45	$72.78
97803		MED NUTRITION, INDIV, SUBSEQ	Physical Medicine	0.00	0.45	$72.78
97804		MEDICAL NUTRITION, GROUP	Physical Medicine	0.00	0.17	$72.78
98925		OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION	Physical Medicine	0.45	0.38	$72.78
98926		OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION	Physical Medicine	0.65	0.44	$72.78
98927		OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION	Physical Medicine	0.87	0.52	$72.78
98928		OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION	Physical Medicine	1.03	0.59	$72.78
98929		OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION	Physical Medicine	1.19	0.65	$72.78

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98940		CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION	Chiropractor	0.45	0.25	$64.20
98941		CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION	Chiropractor	0.65	0.31	$64.20
98942		CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION	Chiropractor	0.87	0.37	$64.20
98943		CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION	Chiropractor	0.40	0.34	$64.20
99141		SEDATION, IV/IM OR INHALANT	Miscellaneous Medical	0.80	2.12	$89.52
99142		SEDATION, ORAL/RECTAL/NASAL	Miscellaneous Medical	0.60	1.24	$89.52
99170		ANOGENITAL EXAM, CHILD	Miscellaneous Medical	1.75	2.02	$89.52
99175		INDUCTION OF VOMITING	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	1.32	$89.52
99183		HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY	Miscellaneous Medical	2.34	0.77	$89.52
99195		PHLEBOTOMY	Miscellaneous Medical	0.00	0.42	$89.52
99201		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, NEW	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.45	0.16	$54.61
99202		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, NEW	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.88	0.33	$54.61
99203		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, NEW	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.34	0.50	$54.61
99204		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, NEW	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	2.00	0.74	$54.61
99205		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, NEW	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	2.67	0.98	$54.61
99211		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, EST	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.17	0.06	$54.61
99212		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, EST	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.45	0.17	$54.61
99213		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, EST	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.67	0.24	$54.61
99214		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, EST	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.10	0.41	$54.61
99215		OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISIT, EST	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.77	0.66	$54.61
99217		OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	1.28	0.45	$105.28
99218		OBSERVATION CARE	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	1.28	0.45	$105.28
99219		OBSERVATION CARE	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	2.14	0.75	$105.28
99220		OBSERVATION CARE	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	2.99	1.06	$105.28
99221		INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	1.28	0.47	$78.27
99222		INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	2.14	0.77	$78.27
99223		INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	2.99	1.08	$78.27
99231		SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	0.64	0.24	$78.27
99232		SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	1.06	0.39	$78.27
99233		SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	1.51	0.55	$78.27
99234		OBSERV/HOSP SAME DATE	Inpatient Visits	2.56	0.93	$78.27
99235		OBSERV/HOSP SAME DATE	Inpatient Visits	3.42	1.21	$78.27
99236		OBSERV/HOSP SAME DATE	Inpatient Visits	4.27	1.49	$78.27
99238		HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DAY	Inpatient Visits	1.28	0.51	$78.27
99239		HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DAY	Inpatient Visits	1.75	0.71	$78.27
99241		OFFICE CONSULTATION	Consults	0.64	0.62	$61.81
99242		OFFICE CONSULTATION	Consults	1.29	1.03	$61.81
99243		OFFICE CONSULTATION	Consults	1.72	1.38	$61.81
99244		OFFICE CONSULTATION	Consults	2.58	1.83	$61.81
99245		OFFICE CONSULTATION	Consults	3.43	2.29	$61.81
99251		INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	0.66	0.26	$61.81
99252		INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	1.32	0.53	$61.81
99253		INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	1.82	0.72	$61.81
99254		INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	2.64	1.03	$61.81
99255		INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	3.65	1.41	$61.81
99261		FOLLOW-UP INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	0.42	0.16	$61.81
99262		FOLLOW-UP INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	0.85	0.32	$61.81
99263		FOLLOW-UP INPATIENT CONSULT	Consults	1.27	0.48	$61.81
99271		CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	Consults	0.45	0.67	$61.81
99272		CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	Consults	0.84	0.89	$61.81
99273		CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	Consults	1.19	1.13	$61.81
99274		CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	Consults	1.73	1.41	$61.81
99275		CONFIRMATORY CONSULTATION	Consults	2.31	1.68	$61.81
99281		EMERGENCY DEPT VISIT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	0.33	0.09	$105.28
99282		EMERGENCY DEPT VISIT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	0.55	0.15	$105.28

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99283		EMERGENCY DEPT VISIT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	1.24	0.32	$105.28
99284		EMERGENCY DEPT VISIT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	1.95	0.49	$105.28
99285		EMERGENCY DEPT VISIT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	3.06	0.75	$105.28
99291		CRITICAL CARE, FIRST HOUR	Inpatient Visits	4.00	1.63	$78.27
99292		CRITICAL CARE, ADDL 30 MIN	Inpatient Visits	2.00	0.92	$78.27
99295		NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	16.00	4.53	$78.27
99296		NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	8.00	2.58	$78.27
99297		NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	4.00	1.32	$78.27
99298		NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE	Inpatient Visits	2.75	0.97	$78.27
99301		NURSING FACILITY CARE	Inpatient Visits	1.20	0.70	$78.27
99302		NURSING FACILITY CARE	Inpatient Visits	1.61	0.98	$78.27
99303		NURSING FACILITY CARE	Inpatient Visits	2.01	1.21	$78.27
99311		NURSING FAC CARE, SUBSEQ	Inpatient Visits	0.60	0.49	$78.27
99312		NURSING FAC CARE, SUBSEQ	Inpatient Visits	1.00	0.68	$78.27
99313		NURSING FAC CARE, SUBSEQ	Inpatient Visits	1.42	0.87	$78.27
99315		NURSING FAC DISCHARGE DAY	Inpatient Visits	1.13	0.74	$78.27
99316		NURSING FAC DISCHARGE DAY	Inpatient Visits	1.50	0.95	$78.27
99321		REST HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.71	0.49	$54.61
99322		REST HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.01	0.70	$54.61
99323		REST HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.28	0.93	$54.61
99331		REST HOME VISIT, EST PAT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.60	0.47	$54.61
99332		REST HOME VISIT, EST PAT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.80	0.59	$54.61
99333		REST HOME VISIT, EST PAT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.00	0.73	$54.61
99341		HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.01	0.56	$54.61
99342		HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.52	0.87	$54.61
99343		HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	2.27	1.29	$54.61
99344		HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	3.03	1.57	$54.61
99345		HOME VISIT, NEW PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	3.79	1.86	$54.61
99347		HOME VISIT, EST PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	0.76	0.49	$54.61
99348		HOME VISIT, EST PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.26	0.74	$54.61
99349		HOME VISIT, EST PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	2.02	1.08	$54.61
99350		HOME VISIT, EST PATIENT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	3.03	1.47	$54.61
99354		PROLONGED SERVICE, OFFICE	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.77	1.46	$54.61
99355		PROLONGED SERVICE, OFFICE	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.77	1.24	$54.61
99356		PROLONGED SERVICE, INPATIENT	Inpatient Visits	1.71	0.61	$78.27
99357		PROLONGED SERVICE, INPATIENT	Inpatient Visits	1.71	0.63	$78.27
99374		HOME HEALTH CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.10	1.47	$54.61
99375		HOME HEALTH CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.73	1.57	$54.61
99377		HOSPICE CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.10	1.47	$54.61
99378		HOSPICE CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.73	1.97	$54.61
99379		NURSING FAC CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.10	1.47	$54.61
99380		NURSING FAC CARE SUPERVISION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	1.73	1.72	$54.61
99381		PREV VISIT, NEW, INFANT	Well Baby Exams	1.19	1.50	$46.13
99382		PREV VISIT, NEW, AGE 1-4	Physical Exams	1.36	1.54	$52.43
99383		PREV VISIT, NEW, AGE 5-11	Physical Exams	1.36	1.48	$52.43
99384		PREV VISIT, NEW, AGE 12-17	Physical Exams	1.53	1.55	$52.43
99385		PREV VISIT, NEW, AGE 18-39	Physical Exams	1.53	1.55	$52.43
99386		PREV VISIT, NEW, AGE 40-64	Physical Exams	1.88	1.74	$52.43
99387		PREV VISIT, NEW, 65 & OVER	Physical Exams	2.06	1.87	$52.43
99391		PREV VISIT, EST, INFANT	Well Baby Exams	1.02	1.02	$46.13
99392		PREV VISIT, EST, AGE 1-4	Physical Exams	1.19	1.09	$52.43
99393		PREV VISIT, EST, AGE 5-11	Physical Exams	1.19	1.06	$52.43
99394		PREV VISIT, EST, AGE 12-17	Physical Exams	1.36	1.15	$52.43
99395		PREV VISIT, EST, AGE 18-39	Physical Exams	1.36	1.18	$52.43
99396		PREV VISIT, EST, AGE 40-64	Physical Exams	1.53	1.27	$52.43
99397		PREV VISIT, EST, 65 & OVER	Physical Exams	1.71	1.37	$52.43
99401		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, INDIV	Physical Exams	0.48	0.62	$52.43
99402		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, INDIV	Physical Exams	0.98	0.86	$52.43

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99403		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, INDIV	Physical Exams	1.46	1.10	$52.43
99404		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, INDIV	Physical Exams	1.95	1.35	$52.43
99411		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, GROUP	Physical Exams	0.15	0.18	$52.43
99412		PREVENTIVE COUNSELING, GROUP	Physical Exams	0.25	0.24	$52.43
99431		INITIAL CARE, NORMAL NEWBORN	Inpatient Visits	1.17	0.39	$78.27
99432		NEWBORN CARE, NOT IN HOSP	Well Baby Exams	1.26	1.12	$46.13
99433		NORMAL NEWBORN CARE/HOSPITAL	Inpatient Visits	0.62	0.21	$78.27
99435		NEWBORN DISCHARGE DAY HOSP	Inpatient Visits	1.50	0.54	$78.27
99436		ATTENDANCE, BIRTH	Inpatient Visits	1.50	0.50	$78.27
99440		NEWBORN RESUSCITATION	Inpatient Visits	2.93	1.17	$78.27

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CPT Code	Modifier	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Data Source	Total RVUs	Conversion Factor
15824		REMOVAL OF FOREHEAD WRINKLES	Surgery	A	19.17	$129.17
15825		REMOVAL OF NECK WRINKLES	Surgery	a	21.91	$129.17
15826		REMOVAL OF BROW WRINKLES	Surgery	a	19.17	$129.17
15828		REMOVAL OF FACE WRINKLES	Surgery	a	50.66	$129.17
15829		REMOVAL OF SKIN WRINKLES	Surgery	a	56.14	$129.17
15876		SUCTION ASSISTED LIPECTOMY	Surgery	c	12.33	$129.17
15877		SUCTION ASSISTED LIPECTOMY	Surgery	c	20.54	$129.17
15878		SUCTION ASSISTED LIPECTOMY	Surgery	c	13.48	$129.17
15879		SUCTION ASSISTED LIPECTOMY	Surgery	c	24.65	$129.17
17380		HAIR REMOVAL BY ELECTROLYSIS	Surgery	a	0.83	$129.17
20930		SPINAL BONE ALLOGRAFT	Surgery	a	3.44	$129.17
20936		SPINAL BONE AUTOGRAFT	Surgery	a	5.24	$129.17
21088		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	c	10.27	$129.17
21089		PREPARE FACE/ORAL PROSTHESIS	Surgery	b	8.26	$129.17
22841		INSERT SPINE FIXATION DEVICE	Surgery	a	9.96	$129.17
23929		SHOULDER SURGERY PROCEDURE	Surgery	b	12.53	$129.17
24940		REVISION OF UPPER ARM	Surgery	a	23.30	$129.17
26989		HAND/FINGER SURGERY	Surgery	b	7.66	$129.17
32850		DONOR PNEUMONECTOMY	Surgery	c	43.66	$129.17
33940		REMOVAL OF DONOR HEART	Surgery	c	47.66	$129.17
33979		INSERT INTRACORPOREAL DEVICE	Surgery	d	32.99	$129.17
33980		REMOVE INTRACORPOREAL DEVICE	Surgery	d	28.93	$129.17
36415		DRAWING BLOOD	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.17	$89.52
36468		INJECTION(S), SPIDER VEINS	Surgery	b	1.69	$129.17
36469		INJECTION(S), SPIDER VEINS	Surgery	c	2.21	$129.17
36540		COLLECT BLOOD VENOUS DEVICE	Surgery	a	0.52	$129.17
41820		EXCISION, GUM, EACH QUADRANT	Surgery	a	5.40	$129.17
41821		EXCISION OF GUM FLAP	Surgery	a	1.22	$129.17
41850		TREATMENT OF GUM LESION	Surgery	a	2.70	$129.17
41870		GUM GRAFT	Surgery	a	6.75	$129.17
43496		FREE JEJUNUM FLAP, MICROVASC	Surgery	c	67.18	$129.17
43752		NASAL/OROGASTRIC W/STENT	Surgery	a	1.14	$129.17
47133		REMOVAL OF DONOR LIVER	Surgery	c	55.06	$129.17
48160		PANCREAS REMOVAL/TRANSPLANT	Surgery	a	64.26	$129.17
48550		DONOR PANCREATECTOMY	Surgery	b	26.46	$129.17
50300		REMOVAL OF DONOR KIDNEY	Surgery	a	28.46	$129.17
54440		REPAIR OF PENIS	Surgery	a	15.32	$129.17
55970		SEX TRANSFORMATION, M TO F	Surgery	c	88.06	$129.17
58974		TRANSFER OF EMBRYO	Surgery	a	4.79	$129.17
63043		LAMINOTOMY, ADDL CERVICAL	Surgery	a	17.20	$129.17
63044		LAMINOTOMY, ADDL LUMBAR	Surgery	a	16.34	$129.17
65760		REVISION OF CORNEA	Surgery	a	33.27	$129.17
65765		REVISION OF CORNEA	Surgery	a	38.60	$129.17
65767		CORNEAL TISSUE TRANSPLANT	Surgery	a	35.94	$129.17
65771		RADIAL KERATOTOMY	Surgery	a	19.57	$129.17
69090		PIERCE EARLOBES	Surgery	a	0.68	$129.17
69710		IMPLANT/REPLACE HEARING AID	Surgery	c	18.16	$129.17
76140		X-RAY CONSULTATION	Radiology	b	0.76	$114.70
76350	26	SPECIAL X-RAY CONTRAST STUDY	Radiology	d	0.25	$114.70
78351	26	BONE MINERAL, DUAL PHOTON	Radiology	b	0.62	$114.70
78608		BRAIN IMAGING (PET)	Radiology	c	27.77	$114.70
78609		BRAIN IMAGING (PET)	Radiology	c	28.75	$114.70
78990		PROVIDE DIAG RADIONUCLIDE(S)	Radiology	c	1.85	$114.70
79900		PROVIDE THER RADIOPHARM(S)	Radiology	b	2.48	$114.70
90281		HUMAN IG, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.30	$175.89
90283		HUMAN IG, IV	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.68	$175.89
90287		BOTULINUM ANTITOXIN	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.45	$175.89
90288		BOTULISM IG, IV	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.22	$175.89
90291		CMV IG, IV	Therapeutic Injections	c	1.66	$175.89

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90296		DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.44	$175.89
90371		HEP B IG, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.92	$175.89
90375		RABIES IG, IM/SC	Therapeutic Injections	a	1.59	$175.89
90376		RABIES IG, HEAT TREATED	Therapeutic Injections	a	1.52	$175.89
90378		RSV IG, IM, 50MG	Therapeutic Injections	c	4.53	$175.89
90379		RSV IG, IV	Therapeutic Injections	c	8.45	$175.89
90384		RH IG, FULL-DOSE, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.91	$175.89
90385		RH IG, MINIDOSE, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.66	$175.89
90386		RH IG, IV	Therapeutic Injections	c	2.19	$175.89
90389		TETANUS IG, IM	Therapeutic Injections	a	1.06	$175.89
90393		VACCINA IG, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.60	$175.89
90396		VARICELLA-ZOSTER IG, IM	Therapeutic Injections	c	0.66	$175.89
90473		IMMUNE ADMIN ORAL/NASAL	Immunizations	a	0.15	$192.80
90474		IMMUNE ADMIN ORAL/NASAL ADDL	Immunizations	a	0.15	$192.80
90476		ADENOVIRUS VACCINE, TYPE 4	Immunizations	c	0.33	$192.80
90477		ADENOVIRUS VACCINE, TYPE 7	Immunizations	c	0.23	$192.80
90581		ANTHRAX VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	a	1.19	$192.80
90585		BCG VACCINE, PERCUT	Immunizations	c	1.38	$192.80
90586		BCG VACCINE, INTRAVESICAL	Immunizations	c	1.17	$192.80
90632		HEP A VACCINE, ADULT IM	Immunizations	c	0.47	$192.80
90633		HEP A VACC, PED/ADOL, 2 DOSE	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80
90634		HEP A VACC, PED/ADOL, 3 DOSE	Immunizations	c	0.41	$192.80
90636		HEP A/HEP B VACC, ADULT IM	Immunizations	c	0.83	$192.80
90645		HIB VACCINE, HBOC, IM	Immunizations	c	0.23	$192.80
90646		HIB VACCINE, PRP-D, IM	Immunizations	c	0.25	$192.80
90647		HIB VACCINE, PRP-OMP, IM	Immunizations	c	0.22	$192.80
90648		HIB VACCINE, PRP-T, IM	Immunizations	c	0.25	$192.80
90657		FLU VACCINE, 6-35 MO, IM	Immunizations	c	0.07	$192.80
90658		FLU VACCINE, 3 YRS, IM	Immunizations	c	0.06	$192.80
90659		FLU VACCINE, WHOLE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.07	$192.80
90660		FLU VACCINE, NASAL	Immunizations	c	0.13	$192.80
90665		LYME DISEASE VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.44	$192.80
90669		PNEUMOCOCCAL VACC, PED<5	Immunizations	c	0.52	$192.80
90675		RABIES VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	1.04	$192.80
90676		RABIES VACCINE, ID	Immunizations	c	0.65	$192.80
90680		ROTOVIRUS VACCINE, ORAL	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80
90690		TYPHOID VACCINE, ORAL	Immunizations	c	0.32	$192.80
90691		TYPHOID VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.36	$192.80
90692		TYPHOID VACCINE, H-P, SC/ID	Immunizations	c	0.33	$192.80
90693		TYPHOID VACCINE, AKD, SC	Immunizations	c	0.35	$192.80
90700		DTAP VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.25	$192.80
90701		DTP VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.17	$192.80
90702		DT VACCINE < 7, IM	Immunizations	c	0.08	$192.80
90703		TETANUS VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.06	$192.80
90704		MUMPS VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.25	$192.80
90705		MEASLES VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.22	$192.80
90706		RUBELLA VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.22	$192.80
90707		MMR VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.33	$192.80
90708		MEASLES-RUBELLA VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.22	$192.80
90709		RUBELLA & MUMPS VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80
90710		MMRV VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.33	$192.80
90712		ORAL POLIOVIRUS VACCINE	Immunizations	c	0.21	$192.80
90713		POLIOVIRUS, IPV, SC	Immunizations	c	0.24	$192.80
90716		CHICKEN POX VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.43	$192.80
90717		YELLOW FEVER VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.48	$192.80
90718		TD VACCINE > 7, IM	Immunizations	c	0.07	$192.80
90719		DIPHTHERIA VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.13	$192.80
90720		DTP/HIB VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80
90721		DTAP/HIB VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80

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90723		DTAP-HEP B-IPV VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.30	$192.80
90725		CHOLERA VACCINE, INJECTABLE	Immunizations	c	0.14	$192.80
90727		PLAGUE VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.10	$192.80
90732		PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE	Immunizations	c	0.17	$192.80
90733		MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.55	$192.80
90735		ENCEPHALITIS VACCINE, SC	Immunizations	c	0.58	$192.80
90740		HEPB VACC, ILL PAT 3 DOSE IM	Immunizations	a	1.69	$192.80
90743		HEP B VACC, ADOL, 2 DOSE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.39	$192.80
90744		HEPB VACC PED/ADOL 3 DOSE IM	Immunizations	c	0.33	$192.80
90746		HEP B VACCINE, ADULT, IM	Immunizations	c	0.47	$192.80
90747		HEPB VACC, ILL PAT 4 DOSE IM	Immunizations	c	1.63	$192.80
90748		HEP B/HIB VACCINE, IM	Immunizations	c	0.43	$192.80
90749		VACCINE TOXOID	Immunizations	b	0.16	$192.80
90882		ENVIRONMENTAL MANIPULATION	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	a	3.07	$53.90
90889		PREPARATION OF REPORT	Outpatient Psych/Alcohol and Drug Abuse	a	2.65	$53.90
90939		HEMODIALYSIS STUDY, TRANSCUT	Miscellaneous Medical	d	0.85	$89.52
90940	26	HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	d	0.86	$89.52
90989		DIALYSIS TRAINING, COMPLETE	Miscellaneous Medical	a	13.92	$89.52
90993		DIALYSIS TRAINING, INCOMPL	Miscellaneous Medical	a	2.34	$89.52
92390		SUPPLY OF SPECTACLES	Miscellaneous Medical	b	2.08	$89.52
92391		SUPPLY OF CONTACT LENSES	Miscellaneous Medical	b	1.17	$89.52
92531		SPONTANEOUS NYSTAGMUS STUDY	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.52	$89.52
92532		POSITIONAL NYSTAGMUS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.61	$89.52
92533		CALORIC VESTIBULAR TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.98	$89.52
92534		OPTOKINETIC NYSTAGMUS TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.43	$89.52
92547	26	SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTRICAL TEST	Miscellaneous Medical	d	0.97	$89.52
92551		PURE TONE HEARING TEST, AIR	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	0.41	$70.23
92559		GROUP AUDIOMETRIC TESTING	Hearing/Speech Exams	c	1.33	$70.23
92560		BEKESY AUDIOMETRY, SCREEN	Hearing/Speech Exams	c	0.60	$70.23
92590		HEARING AID EXAM, ONE EAR	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	1.56	$70.23
92591		HEARING AID EXAM, BOTH EARS	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	2.34	$70.23
92592		HEARING AID CHECK, ONE EAR	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	0.69	$70.23
92593		HEARING AID CHECK, BOTH EARS	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	1.03	$70.23
92594		ELECTRO HEARNG AID TEST, ONE	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	0.75	$70.23
92595		ELECTRO HEARNG AID TST, BOTH	Hearing/Speech Exams	a	1.12	$70.23
92961	26	CARDIOVERSION, ELECTRIC, INT	Cardiovascular	d	3.55	$115.43
92992		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	a	40.38	$129.17
92993		REVISION OF HEART CHAMBER	Surgery	a	28.29	$129.17
93650	26	ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Cardiovascular	d	8.16	$115.43
93651	26	ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Cardiovascular	d	12.67	$115.43
93652	26	ABLATE HEART DYSRHYTHM FOCUS	Cardiovascular	d	13.77	$115.43
93668		PERIPHERAL VASCULAR REHAB	Cardiovascular	a	1.81	$115.43
93760	26	CEPHALIC THERMOGRAM	Cardiovascular	d	0.28	$115.43
93762	26	PERIPHERAL THERMOGRAM	Cardiovascular	d	0.63	$115.43
93784		AMBULATORY BP MONITORING	Cardiovascular	a	3.95	$115.43
93790		REVIEW/REPORT BP RECORDING	Cardiovascular	a	1.58	$115.43
94642		AEROSOL INHALATION TREATMENT	Miscellaneous Medical	a	2.10	$89.52
95120		IMMUNOTHERAPY, ONE INJECTION	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	0.57	$50.40
95125		IMMUNOTHERAPY, MANY ANTIGENS	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	0.70	$50.40
95130		IMMUNOTHERAPY, INSECT VENOM	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	0.98	$50.40
95131		IMMUNOTHERAPY, INSECT VENOMS	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	1.24	$50.40
95132		IMMUNOTHERAPY, INSECT VENOMS	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	1.49	$50.40
95133		IMMUNOTHERAPY, INSECT VENOMS	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	1.80	$50.40
95134		IMMUNOTHERAPY, INSECT VENOMS	Allergy Immunotherapy	a	2.16	$50.40
96110		DEVELOPMENTAL TEST, LIM	Miscellaneous Medical	a	1.83	$89.52
96545		PROVIDE CHEMOTHERAPY AGENT	Miscellaneous Medical	b	1.83	$89.52
96549		CHEMOTHERAPY, UNSPECIFIED	Miscellaneous Medical	b	0.38	$89.52

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97780		ACUPUNCTURE W/O STIMUL	Physical Medicine	b	1.13	$72.78
97781		ACUPUNCTURE W/STIMUL	Physical Medicine	b	1.50	$72.78
99000		SPECIMEN HANDLING	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.21	$89.52
99001		SPECIMEN HANDLING	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.23	$89.52
99002		DEVICE HANDLING	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.34	$89.52
99025		INITIAL SURGICAL EVALUATION	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.55	$89.52
99050		MEDICAL SERVICES AFTER HRS	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.63	$89.52
99052		MEDICAL SERVICES AT NIGHT	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.63	$89.52
99054		MEDICAL SERVCS, UNUSUAL HRS	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.63	$89.52
99056		NON-OFFICE MEDICAL SERVICES	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.83	$89.52
99058		OFFICE EMERGENCY CARE	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.86	$89.52
99075		MEDICAL TESTIMONY	Miscellaneous Medical	c	9.01	$89.52
99078		GROUP HEALTH EDUCATION	Miscellaneous Medical	c	0.89	$89.52
99080		SPECIAL REPORTS OR FORMS	Miscellaneous Medical	b	0.43	$89.52
99082		UNUSUAL PHYSICIAN TRAVEL	Miscellaneous Medical	c	0.38	$89.52
99090		COMPUTER DATA ANALYSIS	Miscellaneous Medical	b	1.53	$89.52
99100		SPECIAL ANESTHESIA SERVICE	Miscellaneous Medical	b	0.79	$89.52
99116		ANESTHESIA WITH HYPOTHERMIA	Miscellaneous Medical	c	0.65	$89.52
99135		SPECIAL ANESTHESIA PROCEDURE	Miscellaneous Medical	c	0.83	$89.52
99140		EMERGENCY ANESTHESIA	Miscellaneous Medical	b	1.59	$89.52
99172		OCULAR FUNCTION SCREEN	Miscellaneous Medical	a	0.59	$89.52
99173		VISUAL ACUITY SCREEN	Vision Exams	a	0.64	$41.62
99185	26	REGIONAL HYPOTHERMIA	Miscellaneous Medical	d	0.24	$89.52
99186	26	TOTAL BODY HYPOTHERMIA	Miscellaneous Medical	d	0.68	$89.52
99190		SPECIAL PUMP SERVICES	Miscellaneous Medical	a	13.39	$89.52
99191		SPECIAL PUMP SERVICES	Miscellaneous Medical	a	10.04	$89.52
99192		SPECIAL PUMP SERVICES	Miscellaneous Medical	a	6.69	$89.52
99288		DIRECT ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT	Emergency Room Visits and Observation Care	b	1.35	$105.28
99358		PROLONGED SERV, W/O CONTACT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	a	4.41	$54.61
99359		PROLONGED SERV, W/O CONTACT	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	a	2.21	$54.61
99360		PHYSICIAN STANDBY SERVICES	Miscellaneous Medical	c	2.37	$89.52
99420		HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT TEST	Physical Exams	c	1.52	$52.43
99429		UNLISTED PREVENTIVE SERVICE	Physical Exams	b	1.07	$52.43
99450		LIFE/DISABILITY EVALUATION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	c	2.62	$54.61
99455		DISABILITY EXAMINATION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	b	4.21	$54.61
99456		DISABILITY EXAMINATION	Office/Home/Urgent Care Visits	c	11.66	$54.61

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00100		ANES- SALIVARY GLANDS INCL BX	Anesthesia	$971.01
00102		ANES- PLASTIC REPR CLEFT LIP	Anesthesia	$1,150.80
00103		ANES-RECON PROCS EYELID (EG, BLEPH-PTOSIS SURG)	Anesthesia	$977.35
00104		ANES- ELEC-CONVULS THERAP	Anesthesia	$439.57
00120		ANES- EXT, MID, & INNER EAR INCL BX; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,038.33
00124		ANES- EXT, MID, & INNER EAR INCL BX; OTOSCOPY	Anesthesia	$603.52
00126		ANES- EXT, MID, & INNER EAR INCL BX; TYMPANOTOMY	Anesthesia	$593.22
00140		ANES- EYE; NOS	Anesthesia	$860.92
00142		ANES- EYE; LENS SURG	Anesthesia	$692.22
00144		ANES- EYE; CORNEAL TRANSPL	Anesthesia	$1,101.70
00145		ANES- EYE; VITREORETINAL SURG	Anesthesia	$1,182.49
00147		ANES- EYE; IRIDECTOMY	Anesthesia	$787.26
00148		ANES- EYE; OPHTH	Anesthesia	$754.80
00160		ANES- NOSE & ACCES SINUSES; NOS	Anesthesia	$954.38
00162		ANES- NOSE & ACCES SINUSES; RADICAL SURG	Anesthesia	$1,292.58
00164		ANES- NOSE & ACCES SINUSES; BX, SOFT TISS	Anesthesia	$766.67
00170		ANES- INTRAORAL PROC, INCL BX; NOS	Anesthesia	$879.93
00172		ANES- INTRAORAL PROC, INCL BX; REPR CLEFT PALATE	Anesthesia	$1,167.43
00174		ANES- INTRAORAL INCL BX; EXC RETROPHARYNG TUMOR	Anesthesia	$999.53
00176		ANES- INTRAORAL PROC, INCL BX; RADICAL SURG	Anesthesia	$2,179.63
00190		ANES- FACIAL BONES/SKULL; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,161.89
00192		ANES- FACIAL BONES/SKULL; RADICAL SURG	Anesthesia	$2,016.47
00210		ANES- INTRACRAN PROC; NOS	Anesthesia	$2,075.08
00212		ANES- INTRACRAN PROC; SUBDURAL TAPS	Anesthesia	$901.31
00214		ANES-INTRACRAN; BURR HOLES INCL VENTRICULOGRPHY	Anesthesia	$1,332.17
00215		ANES- INTRACRAN; PLASTY/ELEV SKULL FX-XTRA DURL	Anesthesia	$1,332.17
00216		ANES- INTRACRAN PROC; VASCULAR PROC	Anesthesia	$2,855.23
00218		ANES- INTRACRAN PROC; PROC SITTING POSIT	Anesthesia	$2,176.47
00220		ANES- INTRACRAN PROC; SPINAL FLUID SHUNTING PROC	Anesthesia	$1,485.83
00222		ANES- INTRACRAN; ELECTROCOAGULAT INTRACRAN NERV	Anesthesia	$944.88
00300		ANES-INTEG SYST-MUSC & NRV-HEAD/NECK/TRUNK-NOS	Anesthesia	$913.99
00320		ANES- PROC ESOPHAG/THYROID/LARYNX/TRACH; NOS	Anesthesia	$990.03
00322		ANES- PROC ESOPHA/THYROID/TRACH; NEEDLE BX THYRO	Anesthesia	$789.65
00350		ANES- MAJOR VESSELS NECK; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,661.65
00352		ANES- MAJOR VESSELS NECK; SIMPL LIG	Anesthesia	$783.31
00400		ANES-INTEG SYST-EXTREM/ANT TRUNK/PERINEUM; NOS	Anesthesia	$635.99
00402		ANES-INTEG SYST-EXTREM/ANT TRUNK; BREAST RECON	Anesthesia	$1,256.93
00404		ANES-INTEG-ANT TRUNK; RAD/MOD RAD BREAST PROC	Anesthesia	$1,092.99
00406		ANES-INTEG-TRUNK; RAD BREAST W/NODE DISSEC	Anesthesia	$1,751.15
00410		ANES-INTEG SYST-TRUNK; CONVERT ARRYTH	Anesthesia	$477.58
00450		ANES- CLAV & SCAPULA; NOS	Anesthesia	$929.83
00452		ANES- CLAV & SCAPULA; RADICAL SURG	Anesthesia	$1,278.32
00454		ANES- CLAV & SCAPULA; BX CLAV	Anesthesia	$697.76
00470		ANES- PART RIB RESECT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,127.83
00472		ANES- PART RIB RESECT; THORACOPLASTY	Anesthesia	$1,694.13
00474		ANES- PART RIB RESECT; RADICAL PROC	Anesthesia	$2,039.45
00500		ANES- ALL PROC ESOPHAGUS	Anesthesia	$2,861.56
00520		ANES-CLO CHEST; (INCL BRONCHOSCOPY) NOS	Anesthesia	$896.57
00522		ANES-CLO CHEST; NEEDLE BX PLEURA	Anesthesia	$747.67
00524		ANES-CLO CHEST; PNEUMOCENTESIS	Anesthesia	$662.13
00528		ANES-CLO CHEST; MEDIASTINOSCPY & DX THORACOSCPY	Anesthesia	$1,218.92
00530		ANES- PERM TRANSVENOUS PACEMAKER INSRT	Anesthesia	$864.89
00532		ANES- ACCES TO CENTRAL VENOUS CIRCULATION	Anesthesia	$710.44
00534		ANES- TRANSVEN INSRT/REPLC PACING CARDIVERT-DEFI	Anesthesia	$1,359.10
00537		ANES- CARDIAC EPS PROC W/RADIOFREQ ABLATION	Anesthesia	$1,374.95
00540		ANES- THORACOTOMY INVOLV LUNGS; NOS	Anesthesia	$2,058.45
00542		ANES- THORACOTOMY INVOLV LUNGS; DECORTIC	Anesthesia	$2,243.00
00544		ANES- THORACOTOMY INVOLV LUNGS; PLEURECTOMY	Anesthesia	$2,296.85
00546		ANES- THORACOTOMY INVOLV LUNGS; W/THORACOPLASTY	Anesthesia	$2,422.78
00548		ANES- THORACOT INVOLV LUNGS; INTHOR TRACH/BRONCH	Anesthesia	$2,364.96
00550		ANES- STERNAL DEBRID	Anesthesia	$1,735.31
00560		ANES- HEART/GREAT VESSELS; WO PUMP OXYGENATOR	Anesthesia	$2,050.54
00562		ANES- HEART/GREAT VESSELS; W/ PUMP OXYGENATOR	Anesthesia	$3,347.86
00563		ANES- HEART; W/PUMP O2 W/HYPOTHERM CIRC ARREST	Anesthesia	$4,383.82

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00566		ANES- DIRECT CABG WO PUMP OXYGENATOR	Anesthesia	$4,383.82
00580		ANES- HEART TRANSPL OR HEART/LUNG TRANSPL	Anesthesia	$3,723.28
00600		ANES- CERV SPINE & CORD; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,925.40
00604		ANES- CERV SPINE/CORD; PT SITTING POSIT	Anesthesia	$2,094.10
00620		ANES- THORACIC SPINE & CORD; NOS	Anesthesia	$2,006.97
00622		ANES- THORACIC SPINE; THORACOLUMBAR SYMPATHECTMY	Anesthesia	$2,201.81
00630		ANES- PROC LUMBAR REGION; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,528.59
00632		ANES- PROC LUMBAR REGION; LUMBAR SYMPATHECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,184.07
00634		ANES- PROC LUMBAR REGION; CHEMONUCLEOLYSIS	Anesthesia	$944.09
00635		ANES- LUMB; DX/THERAP LUMB PUNCT	Anesthesia	$796.77
00670		ANES- EXTEN SPINE & SPINAL CORD PROC	Anesthesia	$2,757.81
00700		ANES- UPPER ANT ABD WALL; NOS	Anesthesia	$712.02
00702		ANES- UPPER ANT ABD WALL; PERCUT LIVER BX	Anesthesia	$924.29
00730		ANES- UPPER POST ABD WALL	Anesthesia	$945.67
00740		ANES-UP GI ENDOSCOP-SCOPE INTRO PROX TO DUODENUM	Anesthesia	$656.58
00750		ANES- HERNIA REPR UPPER ABD; NOS	Anesthesia	$841.13
00752		ANES- HERNIA REPR UP ABD; LUMBAR &/OR DEHISCENCE	Anesthesia	$1,065.27
00754		ANES- HERNIA REPR UPPER ABD; OMPHALOCELE	Anesthesia	$1,276.73
00756		ANES- HERNIA REPR UP ABD; TRANSABD DIAPHRAGMATIC	Anesthesia	$1,469.19
00770		ANES- ALL PROC MAJOR ABD BLD VESSELS	Anesthesia	$2,614.45
00790		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL UPPER ABD W/LAP; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,336.93
00792		ANES- INTRAPERITONL W/LAP; PART HEPAT/LIVER HEMO	Anesthesia	$2,536.83
00794		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL W/LAP; PANCREATECTOMY	Anesthesia	$2,522.57
00796		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL W/LAP; LIVER TRANSPL	Anesthesia	$5,683.53
00797		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL W/LAP; GASTRIC PROC/OBESITY	Anesthesia	$1,812.93
00800		ANES- LOWER ANT ABD WALL; NOS	Anesthesia	$703.31
00802		ANES- LOWER ANT ABD WALL; PANNICULECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,225.25
00810		ANES-LOW INTES ENDOSCOP-INTRO DIST TO DUODENUM	Anesthesia	$771.43
00820		ANES- LOWER POST ABD WALL	Anesthesia	$915.57
00830		ANES- HERNIA REPR LOWER ABD; NOS	Anesthesia	$846.67
00832		ANES- HERNIA REPR LO ABD; VENTRAL & INCS HERNIAS	Anesthesia	$1,073.18
00840		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL LOWER ABD W/LAP; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,288.62
00842		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL LOWER ABD W/LAP; AMNIOCENT	Anesthesia	$906.86
00844		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL LO ABD W/LAP; ABD-PERINEAL	Anesthesia	$1,737.68
00846		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL LO ABD W/LAP; RAD HYST	Anesthesia	$1,667.99
00848		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL ABD; PELVIC EXENTERATION	Anesthesia	$2,170.93
00851		ANES- INTRAPERITONEAL ABD; TUBAL LIGATION	Anesthesia	$1,133.38
00860		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY TRACT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,284.65
00862		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL; UP 1/3 URETER/DONOR NEPHR	Anesthesia	$1,584.83
00864		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY; TOT CYSTECT	Anesthesia	$2,568.51
00865		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL; RAD PROSTATECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,717.89
00866		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY; ADRENALECTMY	Anesthesia	$1,968.95
00868		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY; RENAL TRNSPL	Anesthesia	$2,243.00
00869		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY; VASECTOMY	Anesthesia	$710.44
00870		ANES- EXTRAPERITONEAL INCL URINARY; CYSTOLITHOTO	Anesthesia	$933.79
00872		ANES- LITH EXTRACORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE; W/H2O BATH	Anesthesia	$1,090.61
00873		ANES- LITH EXTRACORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE;WO H2O BATH	Anesthesia	$921.12
00880		ANES- MAJOR LOWER ABD VESSELS; NOS	Anesthesia	$2,680.19
00882		ANES- MAJOR ABD VESSELS; INFERIOR VENA CAVA LIG	Anesthesia	$1,252.18
00902		ANES- ANORECTAL PROC	Anesthesia	$672.43
00904		ANES- RADICAL PERINEAL PROC	Anesthesia	$1,774.92
00906		ANES- VULVECTOMY	Anesthesia	$933.00
00908		ANES- PERINEAL PROSTATECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,556.32
00910		ANES- TRANSURETHRAL PROC; NOS	Anesthesia	$569.46
00912		ANES- TRANSURETHRAL; RESECT BLADDER TUMOR	Anesthesia	$780.13
00914		ANES- TRANSURETHRAL; TURP	Anesthesia	$895.77
00916		ANES- TRANSURETHRAL; POST RESECT BLEEDING	Anesthesia	$837.16
00918		ANES-TRNSURETH; W/FRAGMENT/MANIP/REMOV CALC	Anesthesia	$872.01
00920		ANES- MALE GENIT; NOS	Anesthesia	$654.21
00922		ANES- MALE GENIT; SEMINAL VESICLES	Anesthesia	$978.94
00924		ANES- MALE GENIT; UNDESCEND TESTIS UNI/BILAT	Anesthesia	$730.24
00926		ANES- MALE GENIT; RAD ORCHIECTOMY-INGUINAL	Anesthesia	$723.91
00928		ANES- MALE GENIT; RADICAL ORCHIECTOMY-ABD	Anesthesia	$1,000.32
00930		ANES- MALE GENIT; ORCHIOPEXY UNI/BILAT	Anesthesia	$745.29

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00932		ANES- MALE GENIT; COMPLT AMPUT PENIS	Anesthesia	$796.77
00934		ANES- MALE; RAD AMPUT PENIS W/BIL ING LYMPHADECT	Anesthesia	$1,123.88
00936		ANES- MALE; RAD AMP PENIS W/BIL ING & ILIAC LYMP	Anesthesia	$1,797.09
00938		ANES- MALE GENIT; INSRT PENILE PROSTH	Anesthesia	$1,063.68
00940		ANES- VAG PROC; NOS	Anesthesia	$536.99
00942		ANES- VAG; COLPOT/COLPECT/COLPORRH/OP URETHRAL	Anesthesia	$944.88
00944		ANES- VAG PROC; VAG HYST	Anesthesia	$1,279.90
00948		ANES- VAG PROC; CERV CERCLAGE	Anesthesia	$655.80
00950		ANES- VAG PROC; CULDOSCOPY	Anesthesia	$778.55
00952		ANES-VAG; HYSTEROSCOPY/HYSTEROSALPINGRPHY	Anesthesia	$629.65
01112		ANES- BONE MARR ASPIR/BX ANT/POST ILIAC CREST	Anesthesia	$979.72
01120		ANES- BONY PELVIS	Anesthesia	$1,138.92
01130		ANES- BODY CAST APPLIC OR REVIS	Anesthesia	$697.76
01140		ANES- INTERPELVIABDOMINAL AMPUTA	Anesthesia	$2,487.73
01150		ANES- RAD PROC TUMOR PELVIS EX HINDQUARTER AMPUT	Anesthesia	$1,864.41
01160		ANES- CLO PROC W/SYMPHYSIS PUBIS/SACROILIAC JT	Anesthesia	$818.94
01170		ANES- OPEN PROC W/SYMPHYS PUBIS OR SACROILIAC JT	Anesthesia	$1,456.52
01180		ANES- OBTURATOR NEURECTOMY; EXTRAPELVIC	Anesthesia	$703.31
01190		ANES- OBTURATOR NEURECTOMY; INTRAPELVIC	Anesthesia	$796.77
01200		ANES- ALL CLO PROC INVOLV HIP JT	Anesthesia	$651.04
01202		ANES- ARTHROSCOPIC PROC HIP JT	Anesthesia	$1,016.16
01210		ANES- OPEN PROC INVOLV HIP JT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,151.60
01212		ANES- OPEN PROC INVOLV HIP JT; HIP DIASART	Anesthesia	$1,679.07
01214		ANES- OP INVOLV HIP JT; TOT HIP REPLAC	Anesthesia	$1,778.08
01215		ANES- OP INVOLV HIP JT; TOT HIP REVISE	Anesthesia	$1,735.31
01220		ANES- ALL CLO PROC INVOLV UPPER 2/3 FEMUR	Anesthesia	$835.58
01230		ANES- OPEN PROC INVOLV UPPER 2/3 FEMUR; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,149.22
01232		ANES- OPEN PROC INVOLV UPPER 2/3 FEMUR; AMPUTA	Anesthesia	$948.05
01234		ANES- OPEN INVOLV UP 2/3 FEMUR; RAD RESECT	Anesthesia	$1,797.09
01250		ANES- ALL NERV/MUSCL/TENDON/FASCIA/BURSAE UP LEG	Anesthesia	$819.74
01260		ANES- ALL INVOLV VEINS UP LEG INCL EXPLOR	Anesthesia	$933.79
01270		ANES- INVOLV ART UP LEG INCL BYPASS GFT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,846.20
01272		ANES- INVOLV ART UP LEG INCL GFT; FEM ART LIG	Anesthesia	$796.77
01274		ANES- INVOLV ART UP LEG INCL GFT; FEM ART EMBOLE	Anesthesia	$1,210.99
01320		ANES- NERV/MUSCL/TENDON/FASCIA/BURSAE KNEE/POP	Anesthesia	$848.25
01340		ANES- ALL CLO PROC LOWER 1/3 FEMUR	Anesthesia	$897.35
01360		ANES- ALL OPEN PROC LOWER 1/3 FEMUR	Anesthesia	$1,223.67
01380		ANES- ALL CLO PROC KNEE JT	Anesthesia	$493.43
01382		ANES- ARTHROSCOPIC PROC KNEE JT	Anesthesia	$719.15
01390		ANES- ALL CLO UP ENDS TIBIA/FIBULA &/OR PATELLA	Anesthesia	$712.82
01392		ANES- ALL OPEN UPPER ENDS TIB/FIB &/OR PATELLA	Anesthesia	$1,016.16
01400		ANES- OPEN PROC KNEE JT; NOS	Anesthesia	$922.70
01402		ANES- OPEN PROC KNEE JT; TOT KNEE REPLAC	Anesthesia	$1,471.57
01404		ANES- OPEN PROC KNEE JT; DISART AT KNEE	Anesthesia	$967.85
01420		ANES- ALL CAST APPLIC/REMOV/REPR INVOLV KNEE JT	Anesthesia	$737.37
01430		ANES- VEINS KNEE & POP AREA; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,260.89
01432		ANES- VEINS KNEE & POP AREA; AV FISTULA	Anesthesia	$977.35
01440		ANES- ART KNEE & POP AREA; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,395.54
01442		ANES- ART KNEE; POP THROMBOENDART W/WO PATCH GFT	Anesthesia	$1,691.75
01444		ANES- ART KNEE; POP EXC/GFT/REPR OCCLUS/ANEURYSM	Anesthesia	$1,976.08
01462		ANES- ALL CLO PROC LOWER LEG, ANK, & FT	Anesthesia	$669.26
01464		ANES- ARTHROSCOPIC PROC ANK JT	Anesthesia	$864.09
01470		ANES- NERV/MUSCL/FASCIA LOW LEG/ANK/FT; NOS	Anesthesia	$698.56
01472		ANES- NERV/MUSCL LO LEG; REPR ACHILLES W/WO GFT	Anesthesia	$1,035.16
01474		ANES- NERV/MUSCL LO LEG; GASTROCNEMIUS RECESSION	Anesthesia	$1,084.27
01480		ANES- OPEN PROC BONES LOWER LEG, ANK, & FT; NOS	Anesthesia	$799.94
01482		ANES- BONES LO LEG/ANK/FT; RAD RESEC INCLU AMPU	Anesthesia	$876.76
01484		ANES- OPEN BONES LO LEG/ANK/FT; OSTEOTMY TIB/FIB	Anesthesia	$1,013.79
01486		ANES- OPEN BONES LO LEG/ANK/FT; TOT ANK REPLAC	Anesthesia	$1,463.65
01490		ANES- LOWER LEG CAST APPLIC, REMOV, OR REPR	Anesthesia	$655.80
01500		ANES- ART LOWER LEG, INCL BYPASS GFT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,836.69
01502		ANES- ART LO LEG W/BYPASS GFT; EMBOLEC DIR/CATH	Anesthesia	$1,242.68
01520		ANES- VEINS LOWER LEG; NOS	Anesthesia	$940.92
01522		ANES- VEINS LO LEG; VENOUS THROMBEC DIRECT/CATH	Anesthesia	$1,048.63

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01610		ANES- ALL NERV/MUSCL/FASCIA/BURSAE SHOULDER/AXIL	Anesthesia	$1,020.12
01620		ANES- ALL CLO HUMERAL/AC/SHLDR JT	Anesthesia	$635.99
01622		ANES- ARTHROSCOPIC PROC SHOULDER JT	Anesthesia	$1,037.55
01630		ANES- OPEN HUMERAL/AC/SHLDR JT; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,122.29
01632		ANES- OPEN HUMERAL/AC/SHLDR JT; RADICAL RESECT	Anesthesia	$1,123.88
01634		ANES- OPEN HUMERAL/AC/SHLDR JT; SHOULDER DISART	Anesthesia	$1,332.17
01636		ANES- OPEN HUMER/AC/SHLDR JT; INTERTHORACAP AMPU	Anesthesia	$2,487.73
01638		ANES- OPEN HUMERAL/AC/SHLDR JT; TOT SHLDR REPLAC	Anesthesia	$1,843.82
01650		ANES- ART SHOULDER AXILLA; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,143.68
01652		ANES- ART SHLDR/AXIL; AXIL-BRACHIAL ANEURY	Anesthesia	$1,622.85
01654		ANES- ART SHOULDER & AXILLA; BYPASS GFT	Anesthesia	$1,688.59
01656		ANES- ART SHLDR & AXIL; AXILRY-FEMORAL BYPAS GFT	Anesthesia	$2,191.52
01670		ANES- ALL PROC VEINS SHOULDER & AXILLA	Anesthesia	$790.43
01680		ANES- SHOULDER CAST APPLIC, REMOV OR REPR; NOS	Anesthesia	$636.78
01682		ANES- SHLDR CAST APPLIC REMOV/REPR; SHLDR SPICA	Anesthesia	$796.77
01710		ANES- NERV/MUSCL/FASCIA/BURSAE UP ARM/ELBOW; NOS	Anesthesia	$699.35
01712		ANES- NERV UP ARM/ELB; TENOTOMY ELBOW-SHLDR OPEN	Anesthesia	$908.44
01714		ANES- NERV UP ARM/ELBOW; TENOPLASTY ELBOW-SHLDR	Anesthesia	$1,145.25
01716		ANES- NERV UP ARM/ELBOW; TENODESIS RUPT BICEPS	Anesthesia	$1,024.08
01730		ANES- ALL CLO PROC HUMERUS & ELBOW	Anesthesia	$670.04
01732		ANES- ARTHROSCOPIC PROC ELBOW JT	Anesthesia	$870.43
01740		ANES- OPEN PROC HUMERUS & ELBOW; NOS	Anesthesia	$983.68
01742		ANES- OPEN PROC HUMERUS & ELBOW; OSTEOTOMY HUMER	Anesthesia	$1,146.84
01744		ANES- OPEN HUMERUS & ELB; REPR NON-MALUNION HUM	Anesthesia	$1,359.10
01756		ANES- OPEN PROC HUMERUS & ELBOW; RADICAL PROC	Anesthesia	$1,337.72
01758		ANES- OPEN HUMERUS/ELBOW; EXC CYST/TUMOR HUMERUS	Anesthesia	$944.09
01760		ANES- OPEN PROC HUMERUS & ELB; TOT ELBOW REPLAC	Anesthesia	$1,808.18
01770		ANES- ART UPPER ARM & ELBOW; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,370.19
01772		ANES- ART UPPER ARM & ELBOW; EMBOLECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,070.81
01780		ANES- VEINS UPPER ARM & ELBOW; NOS	Anesthesia	$732.61
01782		ANES- VEINS UPPER ARM & ELBOW; PHLEBORRHAPHY	Anesthesia	$796.77
01810		ANES- ALL NERV/MUSCL/BURSAE FOREARM/WRIST/HAND	Anesthesia	$654.21
01820		ANES- ALL CLO RADIUS/ULNA/WRIST/HAND BONES	Anesthesia	$621.73
01830		ANES- OPEN RADIUS/ULNA/WRIST/HAND BONES; NOS	Anesthesia	$846.67
01832		ANES- OPEN RAD/ULNA/HAND BONES; TOT WRIST REPL	Anesthesia	$1,269.60
01840		ANES- ART FOREARM, WRIST, & HAND; NOS	Anesthesia	$1,128.62
01842		ANES- ART FOREARM, WRIST, & HAND; EMBOLECTOMY	Anesthesia	$1,029.62
01844		ANES- VASCULAR SHUNT, OR SHUNT REVIS, ANY TYPE	Anesthesia	$1,148.43
01850		ANES- VEINS FOREARM, WRIST, & HAND; NOS	Anesthesia	$707.28
01852		ANES- VEINS FOREARM, WRIST, & HAND; PHLEBORRHAPH	Anesthesia	$796.77
01860		ANES- FOREARM/WRIST/HAND CAST APPLIC/REMOV/REPR	Anesthesia	$591.64
01905		ANES- SPINE INJECT, X-RAY/RE	Anesthesia	$980.52
01916		ANES-ARTERIOGRAMS/NEEDLE; CAROTID/VERTERBRAL	Anesthesia	$946.46
01920		ANES- CARD CATH W/CORONARY ARTERIOGRAPHY & VENTR	Anesthesia	$965.47
01922		ANES- NON-INVASIVE IMAGING/RADIATION THERAP	Anesthesia	$1,033.59
01924		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; ARTERIAL; NOS	Anesthesia	$980.52
01925		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; ARTERIAL; CAROTID	Anesthesia	$1,435.13
01926		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; ARTERIAL; INTRACRANIAL	Anesthesia	$1,812.93
01930		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; VENOUS/LYMPHATIC; NOS	Anesthesia	$980.52
01931		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; VENOUS/LYMPHATIC; INTRAHEPATIC	Anesthesia	$1,435.13
01932		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; VENOUS/LYMPHATIC; INTRATHORACIC	Anesthesia	$1,133.38
01933		ANES- THERAP INTERV RAD; VENOUS/LYMPHATIC; INTRACRANIAL	Anesthesia	$1,435.13
01951		ANES- 2-3 BURN EXC/DEBRID W/WO GFT; <1% TBSA	Anesthesia	$710.44
01952		ANES- 2-3 BURN EXC/DEBRID W/WO GFT; 1-9% TBSA	Anesthesia	$979.72
01953		ANES- 2-3 BURN EXC/DEBRID; EA ADD 9% TBSA	Anesthesia	$236.81
01960		ANES- VAGINAL DELIVERY	Anesthesia	$980.52
01961		ANES- CESAREAN DELIVERY	Anesthesia	$1,435.13
01962		ANES- URGENT HYSTERECTOMY FOLLOWING DELIVERY	Anesthesia	$1,812.93
01963		ANES- CESAREAN HYSTERECTOMY W/O LABOR ANES	Anesthesia	$1,812.93
01964		ANES- ABORTION PROCEDURES	Anesthesia	$796.77
01967		ANES- NEURAXIAL LABOR ANES	Anesthesia	$980.52
01968		ANES- CESAREAN DELIVERY FOLLOWING NEURAXIAL ANES	Anesthesia	$473.62
01969		ANES- CESAREAN HYSTERECTOMY FOLLOWING NEURAXIAL ANES	Anesthesia	$980.52
01990		PHYSIOLOG SUPPORT HARVEST DONOR ORGAN-BRAIN DEAD	Anesthesia	$563.91

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01995		REGIONAL IV ADMIN LOCAL ANES AGENT/OTH MED	Anesthesia	$403.93
01996		ANES- DA MGMT EPIDURAL/SUBARACHNOID DRUG ADMIN	Anesthesia	$237.61

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TABLE H. — PHYSICIAN NATIONWIDE RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTOR FOR PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY CPT CODES WITH WORK EXPENSE AND PRACTICE EXPENSE RVUS

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CPT Code	Modifier	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
80500		LAB PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION	Pathology	0.37	0.21	$104.29
80502		LAB PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION	Pathology	1.33	0.63	$104.29
85060		BLOOD SMEAR INTERPRETATION	Pathology	0.45	0.19	$104.29
85097		BONE MARROW INTERPRETATION	Pathology	0.94	1.75	$104.29
86077		PHYSICIAN BLOOD BANK SERVICE	Pathology	0.94	0.48	$104.29
86078		PHYSICIAN BLOOD BANK SERVICE	Pathology	0.94	0.51	$104.29
86079		PHYSICIAN BLOOD BANK SERVICE	Pathology	0.94	0.50	$104.29
86490		COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS SKIN TEST	Pathology	0.00	0.28	$104.29
86510		HISTOPLASMOSIS SKIN TEST	Pathology	0.00	0.30	$104.29
86580		TB INTRADERMAL TEST	Pathology	0.00	0.24	$104.29
86585		TB TINE TEST	Pathology	0.00	0.19	$104.29
88104		CYTOPATHOLOGY, FLUIDS	Pathology	0.56	0.72	$104.29
88106		CYTOPATHOLOGY, FLUIDS	Pathology	0.56	0.72	$104.29
88107		CYTOPATHOLOGY, FLUIDS	Pathology	0.76	1.01	$104.29
88108		CYTOPATH, CONCENTRATE TECH	Pathology	0.56	0.94	$104.29
88125		FORENSIC CYTOPATHOLOGY	Pathology	0.26	0.30	$104.29
88141		CYTOPATH, C/V, INTERPRET	Pathology	0.42	0.19	$104.29
88160		CYTOPATH SMEAR, OTHER SOURCE	Pathology	0.50	1.01	$104.29
88161		CYTOPATH SMEAR, OTHER SOURCE	Pathology	0.50	1.22	$104.29
88162		CYTOPATH SMEAR, OTHER SOURCE	Pathology	0.76	0.73	$104.29
88172		CYTOPATHOLOGY EVAL OF FNA	Pathology	0.60	0.68	$104.29
88173		CYTOPATH EVAL, FNA, REPORT	Pathology	1.39	1.80	$104.29
88180		CELL MARKER STUDY	Pathology	0.36	0.60	$104.29
88182		CELL MARKER STUDY	Pathology	0.77	1.81	$104.29
88291		CYTO/MOLECULAR REPORT	Pathology	0.52	0.23	$104.29
88300		SURGICAL PATH, GROSS	Pathology	0.08	0.34	$104.29
88302		TISSUE EXAM BY PATHOLOGIST	Pathology	0.13	0.73	$104.29
88304		TISSUE EXAM BY PATHOLOGIST	Pathology	0.22	0.95	$104.29
88305		TISSUE EXAM BY PATHOLOGIST	Pathology	0.75	1.78	$104.29
88307		TISSUE EXAM BY PATHOLOGIST	Pathology	1.59	2.71	$104.29
88309		TISSUE EXAM BY PATHOLOGIST	Pathology	2.28	3.40	$104.29
88311		DECALCIFY TISSUE	Pathology	0.24	0.21	$104.29
88312		SPECIAL STAINS	Pathology	0.54	1.69	$104.29
88313		SPECIAL STAINS	Pathology	0.24	1.47	$104.29
88314		HISTOCHEMICAL STAIN	Pathology	0.45	0.86	$104.29
88318		CHEMICAL HISTOCHEMISTRY	Pathology	0.42	0.59	$104.29
88319		ENZYME HISTOCHEMISTRY	Pathology	0.53	2.45	$104.29
88321		MICROSLIDE CONSULTATION	Pathology	1.30	0.62	$104.29
88323		MICROSLIDE CONSULTATION	Pathology	1.35	1.37	$104.29
88325		COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF DATA	Pathology	2.22	0.98	$104.29
88329		PATH CONSULT INTROP	Pathology	0.67	0.39	$104.29
88331		PATH CONSULT INTRAOP, 1 BLOC	Pathology	1.19	0.87	$104.29
88332		PATH CONSULT INTRAOP, ADDL	Pathology	0.59	0.47	$104.29
88342		IMMUNOCYTOCHEMISTRY	Pathology	0.85	1.43	$104.29
88346		IMMUNOFLUORESCENT STUDY	Pathology	0.86	1.20	$104.29
88347		IMMUNOFLUORESCENT STUDY	Pathology	0.86	1.90	$104.29
88348		ELECTRON MICROSCOPY	Pathology	1.51	6.96	$104.29
88349		SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY	Pathology	0.76	8.51	$104.29
88355		ANALYSIS, SKELETAL MUSCLE	Pathology	1.85	2.41	$104.29
88356		ANALYSIS, NERVE	Pathology	3.02	4.96	$104.29
88358		ANALYSIS, TUMOR	Pathology	2.82	1.76	$104.29
88362		NERVE TEASING PREPARATIONS	Pathology	2.17	3.36	$104.29
88365		TISSUE HYBRIDIZATION	Pathology	0.93	2.03	$104.29
89100		SAMPLE INTESTINAL CONTENTS	Pathology	0.60	2.29	$104.29
89105		SAMPLE INTESTINAL CONTENTS	Pathology	0.50	2.25	$104.29
89130		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.45	2.21	$104.29
89132		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.19	1.15	$104.29
89135		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.79	2.53	$104.29
89136		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.21	2.05	$104.29
89140		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.94	2.36	$104.29
89141		SAMPLE STOMACH CONTENTS	Pathology	0.85	3.14	$104.29
89350		SPUTUM SPECIMEN COLLECTION	Pathology	0.00	0.39	$104.29

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CPT Code	Modifier	CPT Code Description	Physician CPT Code Group	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Conversion Factor
89360		COLLECT SWEAT FOR TEST	Pathology	0.00	0.43	$104.29

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80048		BASIC METABOLIC PANEL	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
80050		GENERAL HEALTH PANEL	Pathology	a	1.43	$104.29
80051		ELECTROLYTE PANEL	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
80053		COMPREHEN METABOLIC PANEL	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
80055		OBSTETRIC PANEL	Pathology	a	1.29	$104.29
80061		LIPID PANEL	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
80069		RENAL FUNCTION PANEL	Pathology		0.42	$104.29
80074		ACUTE HEPATITIS PANEL	Pathology		2.29	$104.29
80076		HEPATIC FUNCTION PANEL	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
80090		TORCH ANTIBODY PANEL	Pathology		2.77	$104.29
80100		DRUG SCREEN, QUALITATE/MULTI	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
80101		DRUG SCREEN, SINGLE	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
80102		DRUG CONFIRMATION	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
80103		DRUG ANALYSIS, TISSUE PREP	Pathology	a	0.46	$104.29
80150		ASSAY OF AMIKACIN	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
80152		ASSAY OF AMITRIPTYLINE	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
80154		ASSAY OF BENZODIAZEPINES	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
80156		ASSAY, CARBAMAZEPINE, TOTAL	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
80157		ASSAY, CARBAMAZEPINE, FREE	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
80158		ASSAY OF CYCLOSPORINE	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
80160		ASSAY OF DESIPRAMINE	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
80162		ASSAY OF DIGOXIN	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
80164		ASSAY, DIPROPYLACETIC ACID	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
80166		ASSAY OF DOXEPIN	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
80168		ASSAY OF ETHOSUXIMIDE	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
80170		ASSAY OF GENTAMICIN	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
80172		ASSAY OF GOLD	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
80173		ASSAY OF HALOPERIDOL	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
80174		ASSAY OF IMIPRAMINE	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
80176		ASSAY OF LIDOCAINE	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
80178		ASSAY OF LITHIUM	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
80182		ASSAY OF NORTRIPTYLINE	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
80184		ASSAY OF PHENOBARBITAL	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
80185		ASSAY OF PHENYTOIN, TOTAL	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
80186		ASSAY OF PHENYTOIN, FREE	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
80188		ASSAY OF PRIMIDONE	Pathology		0.80	$104.29
80190		ASSAY OF PROCAINAMIDE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
80192		ASSAY OF PROCAINAMIDE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
80194		ASSAY OF QUINIDINE	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
80196		ASSAY OF SALICYLATE	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
80197		ASSAY OF TACROLIMUS	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
80198		ASSAY OF THEOPHYLLINE	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
80200		ASSAY OF TOBRAMYCIN	Pathology		0.78	$104.29
80201		ASSAY OF TOPIRAMATE	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
80202		ASSAY OF VANCOMYCIN	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
80299		QUANTITATIVE ASSAY, DRUG	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
80400		ACTH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		1.57	$104.29
80402		ACTH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		4.19	$104.29
80406		ACTH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		3.77	$104.29
80408		ALDOSTERONE SUPPRESSION EVAL	Pathology		6.05	$104.29
80410		CALCITONIN STIMUL PANEL	Pathology		3.87	$104.29
80412		CRH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		15.88	$104.29
80414		TESTOSTERONE RESPONSE	Pathology		2.49	$104.29
80415		ESTRADIOL RESPONSE PANEL	Pathology		2.69	$104.29
80416		RENIN STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		6.36	$104.29
80417		RENIN STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		2.12	$104.29
80418		PITUITARY EVALUATION PANEL	Pathology		27.93	$104.29
80420		DEXAMETHASONE PANEL	Pathology		3.47	$104.29
80422		GLUCAGON TOLERANCE PANEL	Pathology		2.22	$104.29

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80424		GLUCAGON TOLERANCE PANEL	Pathology		2.43	$104.29
80426		GONADOTROPIN HORMONE PANEL	Pathology		7.15	$104.29
80428		GROWTH HORMONE PANEL	Pathology		3.21	$104.29
80430		GROWTH HORMONE PANEL	Pathology		3.78	$104.29
80432		INSULIN SUPPRESSION PANEL	Pathology		6.51	$104.29
80434		INSULIN TOLERANCE PANEL	Pathology		4.87	$104.29
80435		INSULIN TOLERANCE PANEL	Pathology		4.96	$104.29
80436		METYRAPONE PANEL	Pathology		4.39	$104.29
80438		TRH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		2.43	$104.29
80439		TRH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		3.24	$104.29
80440		TRH STIMULATION PANEL	Pathology		2.80	$104.29
81000		URINALYSIS, NONAUTO W/SCOPE	Pathology		0.15	$104.29
81001		URINALYSIS, AUTO W/SCOPE	Pathology		0.15	$104.29
81002		URINALYSIS NONAUTO W/O SCOPE	Pathology		0.12	$104.29
81003		URINALYSIS, AUTO, W/O SCOPE	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
81005		URINALYSIS	Pathology		0.10	$104.29
81007		URINE SCREEN FOR BACTERIA	Pathology		0.12	$104.29
81015		MICROSCOPIC EXAM OF URINE	Pathology		0.15	$104.29
81020		URINALYSIS, GLASS TEST	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
81025		URINE PREGNANCY TEST	Pathology		0.30	$104.29
81050		URINALYSIS, VOLUME MEASURE	Pathology		0.14	$104.29
82000		ASSAY OF BLOOD ACETALDEHYDE	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
82003		ASSAY OF ACETAMINOPHEN	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
82009		TEST FOR ACETONE/KETONES	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
82010		ACETONE ASSAY	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
82013		ACETYLCHOLINESTERASE ASSAY	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
82016		ACYLCARNITINES, QUAL	Pathology		0.67	$104.29
82017		ACYLCARNITINES, QUANT	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82024		ASSAY OF ACTH	Pathology		1.86	$104.29
82030		ASSAY OF ADP & AMP	Pathology		1.24	$104.29
82040		ASSAY OF SERUM ALBUMIN	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82042		ASSAY OF URINE ALBUMIN	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82043		MICROALBUMIN, QUANTITATIVE	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
82044		MICROALBUMIN, SEMIQUANT	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
82055		ASSAY OF ETHANOL	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
82075		ASSAY OF BREATH ETHANOL	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
82085		ASSAY OF ALDOLASE	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
82088		ASSAY OF ALDOSTERONE	Pathology		1.96	$104.29
82101		ASSAY OF URINE ALKALOIDS	Pathology		1.45	$104.29
82103		ALPHA-1-ANTITRYPSIN, TOTAL	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
82104		ALPHA-1-ANTITRYPSIN, PHENO	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
82105		ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN, SERUM	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82106		ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN, AMNIOTIC	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82108		ASSAY OF ALUMINUM	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
82120		AMINES, VAGINAL FLUID QUAL	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
82127		AMINO ACID, SINGLE QUAL	Pathology		0.67	$104.29
82128		AMINO ACIDS, MULT QUAL	Pathology		0.67	$104.29
82131		AMINO ACIDS, SINGLE QUANT	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82135		ASSAY, AMINOLEVULINIC ACID	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
82136		AMINO ACIDS, QUANT, 2-5	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82139		AMINO ACIDS, QUAN, 6 OR MORE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82140		ASSAY OF AMMONIA	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
82143		AMNIOTIC FLUID SCAN	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
82145		ASSAY OF AMPHETAMINES	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
82150		ASSAY OF AMYLASE	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
82154		ANDROSTANEDIOL GLUCURONIDE	Pathology		1.39	$104.29
82157		ASSAY OF ANDROSTENEDIONE	Pathology		1.41	$104.29
82160		ASSAY OF ANDROSTERONE	Pathology		1.21	$104.29
82163		ASSAY OF ANGIOTENSIN II	Pathology		0.99	$104.29

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82164		ANGIOTENSIN I ENZYME TEST	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
82172		ASSAY OF APOLIPOPROTEIN	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
82175		ASSAY OF ARSENIC	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
82180		ASSAY OF ASCORBIC ACID	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
82190		ATOMIC ABSORPTION	Pathology		0.72	$104.29
82205		ASSAY OF BARBITURATES	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
82232		ASSAY OF BETA-2 PROTEIN	Pathology		0.78	$104.29
82239		BILE ACIDS, TOTAL	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
82240		BILE ACIDS, CHOLYLGLYCINE	Pathology		1.28	$104.29
82247		BILIRUBIN, TOTAL	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82248		BILIRUBIN, DIRECT	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82252		FECAL BILIRUBIN TEST	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
82261		ASSAY OF BIOTINIDASE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82270		TEST FOR BLOOD, FECES	Pathology		0.16	$104.29
82273		TEST FOR BLOOD, OTHER SOURCE	Pathology		0.16	$104.29
82274		ASSAY TEST FOR BLOOD, FECAL	Pathology	d	0.73	$104.29
82286		ASSAY OF BRADYKININ	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
82300		ASSAY OF CADMIUM	Pathology		1.12	$104.29
82306		ASSAY OF VITAMIN D	Pathology		1.43	$104.29
82307		ASSAY OF VITAMIN D	Pathology		1.55	$104.29
82308		ASSAY OF CALCITONIN	Pathology		1.29	$104.29
82310		ASSAY OF CALCIUM	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82330		ASSAY OF CALCIUM	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
82331		CALCIUM INFUSION TEST	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82340		ASSAY OF CALCIUM IN URINE	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
82355		CALCULUS ANALYSIS, QUAL	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
82360		CALCULUS ASSAY, QUANT	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
82365		CALCULUS SPECTROSCOPY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
82370		X-RAY ASSAY, CALCULUS	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
82373		ASSAY, C-D TRANSFER MEASURE	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82374		ASSAY, BLOOD CARBON DIOXIDE	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82375		ASSAY, BLOOD CARBON MONOXIDE	Pathology		0.59	$104.29
82376		TEST FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
82378		CARCINOEMBRYONIC ANTIGEN	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
82379		ASSAY OF CARNITINE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82380		ASSAY OF CAROTENE	Pathology		0.44	$104.29
82382		ASSAY, URINE CATECHOLAMINES	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
82383		ASSAY, BLOOD CATECHOLAMINES	Pathology		1.21	$104.29
82384		ASSAY, THREE CATECHOLAMINES	Pathology		1.22	$104.29
82387		ASSAY OF CATHEPSIN-D	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
82390		ASSAY OF CERULOPLASMIN	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
82397		CHEMILUMINESCENT ASSAY	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
82415		ASSAY OF CHLORAMPHENICOL	Pathology		0.61	$104.29
82435		ASSAY OF BLOOD CHLORIDE	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
82436		ASSAY OF URINE CHLORIDE	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82438		ASSAY, OTHER FLUID CHLORIDES	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
82441		TEST FOR CHLOROHYDROCARBONS	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
82465		ASSAY, BLD/SERUM CHOLESTEROL	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
82480		ASSAY, SERUM CHOLINESTERASE	Pathology		0.38	$104.29
82482		ASSAY, RBC CHOLINESTERASE	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
82485		ASSAY, CHONDROITIN SULFATE	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
82486		GAS/LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82487		PAPER CHROMATOGRAPHY	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
82488		PAPER CHROMATOGRAPHY	Pathology		1.03	$104.29
82489		THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
82491		CHROMOTOGRAPHY, QUANT, SING	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82492		CHROMOTOGRAPHY, QUANT, MULT	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82495		ASSAY OF CHROMIUM	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
82507		ASSAY OF CITRATE	Pathology		1.34	$104.29

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82520		ASSAY OF COCAINE	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
82523		COLLAGEN CROSSLINKS	Pathology		0.90	$104.29
82525		ASSAY OF COPPER	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
82528		ASSAY OF CORTICOSTERONE	Pathology		1.08	$104.29
82530		CORTISOL, FREE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82533		TOTAL CORTISOL	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
82540		ASSAY OF CREATINE	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
82541		COLUMN CHROMOTOGRAPHY, QUAL	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82542		COLUMN CHROMOTOGRAPHY, QUANT	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82543		COLUMN CHROMOTOGRAPH/ISOTOPE	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82544		COLUMN CHROMOTOGRAPH/ISOTOPE	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82550		ASSAY OF CK (CPK)	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
82552		ASSAY OF CPK IN BLOOD	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
82553		CREATINE, MB FRACTION	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
82554		CREATINE, ISOFORMS	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
82565		ASSAY OF CREATININE	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82570		ASSAY OF URINE CREATININE	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82575		CREATININE CLEARANCE TEST	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
82585		ASSAY OF CRYOFIBRINOGEN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
82595		ASSAY OF CRYOGLOBULIN	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
82600		ASSAY OF CYANIDE	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
82607		VITAMIN B-12	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
82608		B-12 BINDING CAPACITY	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
82615		TEST FOR URINE CYSTINES	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
82626		DEHYDROEPIANDROSTERONE	Pathology		1.22	$104.29
82627		DEHYDROEPIANDROSTERONE	Pathology		1.07	$104.29
82633		DESOXYCORTICOSTERONE	Pathology		1.49	$104.29
82634		DEOXYCORTISOL	Pathology		1.41	$104.29
82638		ASSAY OF DIBUCAINE NUMBER	Pathology		0.59	$104.29
82646		ASSAY OF DIHYDROCODEINONE	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
82649		ASSAY OF DIHYDROMORPHINONE	Pathology		1.24	$104.29
82651		ASSAY OF DIHYDROTESTOSTERONE	Pathology		1.24	$104.29
82652		ASSAY OF DIHYDROXYVITAMIN D	Pathology		1.85	$104.29
82654		ASSAY OF DIMETHADIONE	Pathology		0.67	$104.29
82657		ENZYME CELL ACTIVITY	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82658		ENZYME CELL ACTIVITY, RA	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82664		ELECTROPHORETIC TEST	Pathology		1.66	$104.29
82666		ASSAY OF EPIANDROSTERONE	Pathology		1.04	$104.29
82668		ASSAY OF ERYTHROPOIETIN	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
82670		ASSAY OF ESTRADIOL	Pathology		1.35	$104.29
82671		ASSAY OF ESTROGENS	Pathology		1.56	$104.29
82672		ASSAY OF ESTROGEN	Pathology		1.04	$104.29
82677		ASSAY OF ESTRIOL	Pathology		1.17	$104.29
82679		ASSAY OF ESTRONE	Pathology		1.20	$104.29
82690		ASSAY OF ETHCHLORVYNOL	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
82693		ASSAY OF ETHYLENE GLYCOL	Pathology		0.72	$104.29
82696		ASSAY OF ETIOCHOLANOLONE	Pathology		1.14	$104.29
82705		FATS/LIPIDS, FECES, QUAL	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
82710		FATS/LIPIDS, FECES, QUANT	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
82715		ASSAY OF FECAL FAT	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
82725		ASSAY OF BLOOD FATTY ACIDS	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
82726		LONG CHAIN FATTY ACIDS	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
82728		ASSAY OF FERRITIN	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
82731		ASSAY OF FETAL FIBRONECTIN	Pathology		3.10	$104.29
82735		ASSAY OF FLUORIDE	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
82742		ASSAY OF FLURAZEPAM	Pathology		0.95	$104.29
82746		BLOOD FOLIC ACID SERUM	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
82747		ASSAY OF FOLIC ACID, RBC	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
82757		ASSAY OF SEMEN FRUCTOSE	Pathology		0.84	$104.29

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82759		ASSAY OF RBC GALACTOKINASE	Pathology		1.04	$104.29
82760		ASSAY OF GALACTOSE	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
82775		ASSAY GALACTOSE TRANSFERASE	Pathology		1.01	$104.29
82776		GALACTOSE TRANSFERASE TEST	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
82784		ASSAY OF GAMMAGLOBULIN IGM	Pathology		0.45	$104.29
82785		ASSAY OF GAMMAGLOBULIN IGE	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
82787		IGG 1, 2, 3 OR 4, EACH	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
82800		BLOOD PH	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
82803		BLOOD GASES: PH, PO2 & PCO2	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
82805		BLOOD GASES W/02 SATURATION	Pathology		1.37	$104.29
82810		BLOOD GASES, O2 SAT ONLY	Pathology		0.42	$104.29
82820		HEMOGLOBIN-OXYGEN AFFINITY	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
82926		ASSAY OF GASTRIC ACID	Pathology		0.26	$104.29
82928		ASSAY OF GASTRIC ACID	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
82938		GASTRIN TEST	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
82941		ASSAY OF GASTRIN	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
82943		ASSAY OF GLUCAGON	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
82945		GLUCOSE OTHER FLUID	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
82946		GLUCAGON TOLERANCE TEST	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
82947		ASSAY, GLUCOSE, BLOOD QUANT	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
82948		REAGENT STRIP/BLOOD GLUCOSE	Pathology		0.15	$104.29
82950		GLUCOSE TEST	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
82951		GLUCOSE TOLERANCE TEST (GTT)	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
82952		GTT-ADDED SAMPLES	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
82953		GLUCOSE-TOLBUTAMIDE TEST	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
82955		ASSAY OF G6PD ENZYME	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
82960		TEST FOR G6PD ENZYME	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
82962		GLUCOSE BLOOD TEST	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
82963		ASSAY OF GLUCOSIDASE	Pathology		1.04	$104.29
82965		ASSAY OF GDH ENZYME	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
82975		ASSAY OF GLUTAMINE	Pathology		0.76	$104.29
82977		ASSAY OF GGT	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
82978		ASSAY OF GLUTATHIONE	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
82979		ASSAY, RBC GLUTATHIONE	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
82980		ASSAY OF GLUTETHIMIDE	Pathology		0.88	$104.29
82985		GLYCATED PROTEIN	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
83001		GONADOTROPIN (FSH)	Pathology		0.90	$104.29
83002		GONADOTROPIN (LH)	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
83003		ASSAY, GROWTH HORMONE (HGH)	Pathology		0.80	$104.29
83008		ASSAY OF GUANOSINE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83010		ASSAY OF HAPTOGLOBIN, QUANT	Pathology		0.61	$104.29
83012		ASSAY OF HAPTOGLOBINS	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
83013		H PYLORI ANALYSIS	Pathology		3.25	$104.29
83014		H PYLORI DRUG ADMIN/COLLECT	Pathology		0.38	$104.29
83015		HEAVY METAL SCREEN	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
83018		QUANTITATIVE SCREEN, METALS	Pathology		1.06	$104.29
83020		HEMOGLOBIN ELECTROPHORESIS	Pathology		1.16	$104.29
83021		HEMOGLOBIN CHROMOTOGRAPHY	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
83026		HEMOGLOBIN, COPPER SULFATE	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
83030		FETAL HEMOGLOBIN, CHEMICAL	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
83033		FETAL HEMOGLOBIN ASSAY, QUAL	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
83036		GLYCATED HEMOGLOBIN TEST	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
83045		BLOOD METHEMOGLOBIN TEST	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
83050		BLOOD METHEMOGLOBIN ASSAY	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
83051		ASSAY OF PLASMA HEMOGLOBIN	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
83055		BLOOD SULFHEMOGLOBIN TEST	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
83060		BLOOD SULFHEMOGLOBIN ASSAY	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
83065		ASSAY OF HEMOGLOBIN HEAT	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
83068		HEMOGLOBIN STABILITY SCREEN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29

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83069		ASSAY OF URINE HEMOGLOBIN	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83070		ASSAY OF HEMOSIDERIN, QUAL	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
83071		ASSAY OF HEMOSIDERIN, QUANT	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
83080		ASSAY OF B HEXOSAMINIDASE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83088		ASSAY OF HISTAMINE	Pathology		1.42	$104.29
83090		ASSAY OF HOMOCYSTINE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83150		ASSAY OF FOR HVA	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
83491		ASSAY OF CORTICOSTEROIDS	Pathology		0.84	$104.29
83497		ASSAY OF 5-HIAA	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83498		ASSAY OF PROGESTERONE	Pathology		1.31	$104.29
83499		ASSAY OF PROGESTERONE	Pathology		1.21	$104.29
83500		ASSAY, FREE HYDROXYPROLINE	Pathology		1.09	$104.29
83505		ASSAY, TOTAL HYDROXYPROLINE	Pathology		1.17	$104.29
83516		IMMUNOASSAY, NONANTIBODY	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
83518		IMMUNOASSAY, DIPSTICK	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
83519		IMMUNOASSAY, NONANTIBODY	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
83520		IMMUNOASSAY, RIA	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83525		ASSAY OF INSULIN	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
83527		ASSAY OF INSULIN	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83528		ASSAY OF INTRINSIC FACTOR	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
83540		ASSAY OF IRON	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
83550		IRON BINDING TEST	Pathology		0.42	$104.29
83570		ASSAY OF IDH ENZYME	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
83582		ASSAY OF KETOGENIC STEROIDS	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
83586		ASSAY 17- KETOSTEROIDS	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83593		FRACTIONATION, KETOSTEROIDS	Pathology		1.27	$104.29
83605		ASSAY OF LACTIC ACID	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
83615		LACTATE (LD) (LDH) ENZYME	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
83625		ASSAY OF LDH ENZYMES	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83632		PLACENTAL LACTOGEN	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
83633		TEST URINE FOR LACTOSE	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
83634		ASSAY OF URINE FOR LACTOSE	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
83655		ASSAY OF LEAD	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
83661		L/S RATIO, FETAL LUNG	Pathology		1.06	$104.29
83662		FOAM STABILITY, FETAL LUNG	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
83663		FLUORO POLARIZE, FETAL LUNG	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
83664		LAMELLAR BDY, FETAL LUNG	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
83670		ASSAY OF LAP ENZYME	Pathology		0.44	$104.29
83690		ASSAY OF LIPASE	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
83715		ASSAY OF BLOOD LIPOPROTEINS	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
83716		ASSAY OF BLOOD LIPOPROTEINS	Pathology		1.20	$104.29
83718		ASSAY OF LIPOPROTEIN	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
83719		ASSAY OF BLOOD LIPOPROTEIN	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
83721		ASSAY OF BLOOD LIPOPROTEIN	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
83727		ASSAY OF LRH HORMONE	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
83735		ASSAY OF MAGNESIUM	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
83775		ASSAY OF MD ENZYME	Pathology		0.36	$104.29
83785		ASSAY OF MANGANESE	Pathology		1.18	$104.29
83788		MASS SPECTROMETRY QUAL	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
83789		MASS SPECTROMETRY QUANT	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
83805		ASSAY OF MEPROBAMATE	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
83825		ASSAY OF MERCURY	Pathology		0.78	$104.29
83835		ASSAY OF METANEPHRINES	Pathology		0.82	$104.29
83840		ASSAY OF METHADONE	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
83857		ASSAY OF METHEMALBUMIN	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
83858		ASSAY OF METHSUXIMIDE	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
83864		MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDES	Pathology		0.96	$104.29
83866		MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDES SCREEN	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
83872		ASSAY SYNOVIAL FLUID MUCIN	Pathology		0.28	$104.29

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83873		ASSAY OF CSF PROTEIN	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
83874		ASSAY OF MYOGLOBIN	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83883		ASSAY, NEPHELOMETRY NOT SPEC	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
83885		ASSAY OF NICKEL	Pathology		1.18	$104.29
83887		ASSAY OF NICOTINE	Pathology		1.14	$104.29
83890		MOLECULE ISOLATE	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83891		MOLECULE ISOLATE NUCLEIC	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83892		MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83893		MOLECULE DOT/SLOT/BLOT	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83894		MOLECULE GEL ELECTROPHOR	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83896		MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83897		MOLECULE NUCLEIC TRANSFER	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
83898		MOLECULE NUCLEIC AMPLI	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83901		MOLECULE NUCLEIC AMPLI	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83902		MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
83903		MOLECULE MUTATION SCAN	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83904		MOLECULE MUTATION IDENTIFY	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83905		MOLECULE MUTATION IDENTIFY	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83906		MOLECULE MUTATION IDENTIFY	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
83912		GENETIC EXAMINATION	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
83915		ASSAY OF NUCLEOTIDASE	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
83916		OLIGOCLONAL BANDS	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
83918		ORGANIC ACIDS, TOTAL, QUANT	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
83919		ORGANIC ACIDS, QUAL, EACH	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
83921		ORGANIC ACID, SINGLE, QUANT	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
83925		ASSAY OF OPIATES	Pathology		0.94	$104.29
83930		ASSAY OF BLOOD OSMOLALITY	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
83935		ASSAY OF URINE OSMOLALITY	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
83937		ASSAY OF OSTEOCALCIN	Pathology		1.44	$104.29
83945		ASSAY OF OXALATE	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
83950		ONCORPROTEIN, HER-2/NEU	Pathology		3.10	$104.29
83970		ASSAY OF PARATHORMONE	Pathology		1.99	$104.29
83986		ASSAY OF BODY FLUID ACIDITY	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
83992		ASSAY FOR PHENCYCLIDINE	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
84022		ASSAY OF PHENOTHIAZINE	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
84030		ASSAY OF BLOOD PKU	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
84035		ASSAY OF PHENYLKETONES	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
84060		ASSAY ACID PHOSPHATASE	Pathology		0.36	$104.29
84061		PHOSPHATASE, FORENSIC EXAM	Pathology		0.38	$104.29
84066		ASSAY PROSTATE PHOSPHATASE	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
84075		ASSAY ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
84078		ASSAY ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
84080		ASSAY ALKALINE PHOSPHATASES	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
84081		AMNIOTIC FLUID ENZYME TEST	Pathology		0.80	$104.29
84085		ASSAY OF RBC PG6D ENZYME	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
84087		ASSAY PHOSPHOHEXOSE ENZYMES	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
84100		ASSAY OF PHOSPHORUS	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84105		ASSAY OF URINE PHOSPHORUS	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
84106		TEST FOR PORPHOBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
84110		ASSAY OF PORPHOBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
84119		TEST URINE FOR PORPHYRINS	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
84120		ASSAY OF URINE PORPHYRINS	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
84126		ASSAY OF FECES PORPHYRINS	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
84127		ASSAY OF FECES PORPHYRINS	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84132		ASSAY OF SERUM POTASSIUM	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
84133		ASSAY OF URINE POTASSIUM	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
84134		ASSAY OF PREALBUMIN	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
84135		ASSAY OF PREGNANEDIOL	Pathology		0.92	$104.29
84138		ASSAY OF PREGNANETRIOL	Pathology		0.91	$104.29

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84140		ASSAY OF PREGNENOLONE	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
84143		ASSAY OF 17-HYDROXYPREGNENO	Pathology		1.10	$104.29
84144		ASSAY OF PROGESTERONE	Pathology		1.01	$104.29
84146		ASSAY OF PROLACTIN	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
84150		ASSAY OF PROSTAGLANDIN	Pathology		1.20	$104.29
84152		ASSAY OF PSA, COMPLEXED	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
84153		ASSAY OF PSA, TOTAL	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
84154		ASSAY OF PSA, FREE	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
84155		ASSAY OF PROTEIN	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
84160		ASSAY OF SERUM PROTEIN	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
84165		ASSAY OF SERUM PROTEINS	Pathology		1.06	$104.29
84181		WESTERN BLOT TEST	Pathology		1.34	$104.29
84182		PROTEIN, WESTERN BLOT TEST	Pathology		1.39	$104.29
84202		ASSAY RBC PROTOPORPHYRIN	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
84203		TEST RBC PROTOPORPHYRIN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
84206		ASSAY OF PROINSULIN	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
84207		ASSAY OF VITAMIN B-6	Pathology		1.35	$104.29
84210		ASSAY OF PYRUVATE	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
84220		ASSAY OF PYRUVATE KINASE	Pathology		0.45	$104.29
84228		ASSAY OF QUININE	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84233		ASSAY OF ESTROGEN	Pathology		3.10	$104.29
84234		ASSAY OF PROGESTERONE	Pathology		3.13	$104.29
84235		ASSAY OF ENDOCRINE HORMONE	Pathology		2.52	$104.29
84238		ASSAY, NONENDOCRINE RECEPTOR	Pathology		1.76	$104.29
84244		ASSAY OF RENIN	Pathology		1.06	$104.29
84252		ASSAY OF VITAMIN B-2	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
84255		ASSAY OF SELENIUM	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
84260		ASSAY OF SEROTONIN	Pathology		1.49	$104.29
84270		ASSAY OF SEX HORMONE GLOBUL	Pathology		1.05	$104.29
84275		ASSAY OF SIALIC ACID	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
84285		ASSAY OF SILICA	Pathology		1.13	$104.29
84295		ASSAY OF SERUM SODIUM	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84300		ASSAY OF URINE SODIUM	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84305		ASSAY OF SOMATOMEDIN	Pathology		1.02	$104.29
84307		ASSAY OF SOMATOSTATIN	Pathology		0.88	$104.29
84311		SPECTROPHOTOMETRY	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
84315		BODY FLUID SPECIFIC GRAVITY	Pathology		0.12	$104.29
84375		CHROMATOGRAM ASSAY, SUGARS	Pathology		0.94	$104.29
84376		SUGARS, SINGLE, QUAL	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
84377		SUGARS, MULTIPLE, QUAL	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
84378		SUGARS SINGLE QUANT	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84379		SUGARS MULTIPLE QUANT	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84392		ASSAY OF URINE SULFATE	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84402		ASSAY OF TESTOSTERONE	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
84403		ASSAY OF TOTAL TESTOSTERONE	Pathology		1.24	$104.29
84425		ASSAY OF VITAMIN B-1	Pathology		1.02	$104.29
84430		ASSAY OF THIOCYANATE	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84432		ASSAY OF THYROGLOBULIN	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
84436		ASSAY OF TOTAL THYROXINE	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
84437		ASSAY OF NEONATAL THYROXINE	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
84439		ASSAY OF FREE THYROXINE	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
84442		ASSAY OF THYROID ACTIVITY	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
84443		ASSAY THYROID STIM HORMONE	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
84445		ASSAY OF TSI	Pathology		2.45	$104.29
84446		ASSAY OF VITAMIN E	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
84449		ASSAY OF TRANSCORTIN	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
84450		TRANSFERASE (AST) (SGOT)	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
84460		ALANINE AMINO (ALT) (SGPT)	Pathology		0.26	$104.29
84466		ASSAY OF TRANSFERRIN	Pathology		0.62	$104.29

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84478		ASSAY OF TRIGLYCERIDES	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
84479		ASSAY OF THYROID (T3 OR T4)	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
84480		ASSAY, TRIIODOTHYRONINE (T3)	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
84481		FREE ASSAY (FT-3)	Pathology		0.82	$104.29
84482		REVERSE ASSAY (T3)	Pathology		0.76	$104.29
84484		ASSAY OF TROPONIN, QUANT	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
84485		ASSAY DUODENAL FLUID TRYPSIN	Pathology		0.36	$104.29
84488		TEST FECES FOR TRYPSIN	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
84490		ASSAY OF FECES FOR TRYPSIN	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
84510		ASSAY OF TYROSINE	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
84512		ASSAY OF TROPONIN, QUAL	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
84520		ASSAY OF UREA NITROGEN	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
84525		UREA NITROGEN SEMI-QUANT	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
84540		ASSAY OF URINE/UREA-N	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84545		UREA-N CLEARANCE TEST	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
84550		ASSAY OF BLOOD/URIC ACID	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
84560		ASSAY OF URINE/URIC ACID	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
84577		ASSAY OF FECES/UROBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
84578		TEST URINE UROBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.16	$104.29
84580		ASSAY OF URINE UROBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
84583		ASSAY OF URINE UROBILINOGEN	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
84585		ASSAY OF URINE VMA	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
84586		ASSAY OF VIP	Pathology		1.70	$104.29
84588		ASSAY OF VASOPRESSIN	Pathology		1.64	$104.29
84590		ASSAY OF VITAMIN A	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84591		ASSAY OF NOS VITAMIN	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
84597		ASSAY OF VITAMIN K	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
84600		ASSAY OF VOLATILES	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
84620		XYLOSE TOLERANCE TEST	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
84630		ASSAY OF ZINC	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
84681		ASSAY OF C-PEPTIDE	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
84702		CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN TEST	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
84703		CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN ASSAY	Pathology		0.36	$104.29
84830		OVULATION TESTS	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
85002		BLEEDING TIME TEST	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
85007		DIFFERENTIAL WBC COUNT	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
85008		NONDIFFERENTIAL WBC COUNT	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
85009		DIFFERENTIAL WBC COUNT	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
85013		HEMATOCRIT	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
85014		HEMATOCRIT	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
85018		HEMOGLOBIN	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
85021		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
85022		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.26	$104.29
85023		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85024		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85025		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
85027		AUTOMATED HEMOGRAM	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
85031		MANUAL HEMOGRAM, CBC	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
85041		RED BLOOD CELL (RBC) COUNT	Pathology		0.15	$104.29
85044		RETICULOCYTE COUNT	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
85045		RETICULOCYTE COUNT	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
85046		RETICYTE/HGB CONCENTRATE	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
85048		WHITE BLOOD CELL (WBC) COUNT	Pathology		0.12	$104.29
85130		CHROMOGENIC SUBSTRATE ASSAY	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
85170		BLOOD CLOT RETRACTION	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
85175		BLOOD CLOT LYSIS TIME	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
85210		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR II TEST	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
85220		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR V TEST	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
85230		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VII TEST	Pathology		0.86	$104.29

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85240		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VIII TEST	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
85244		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VIII TEST	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
85245		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VIII TEST	Pathology		1.11	$104.29
85246		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VIII TEST	Pathology		1.11	$104.29
85247		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR VIII TEST	Pathology		1.11	$104.29
85250		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR IX TEST	Pathology		0.92	$104.29
85260		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR X TEST	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
85270		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR XI TEST	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
85280		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR XII TEST	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
85290		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR XIII TEST	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
85291		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR XIII TEST	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
85292		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR ASSAY	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
85293		BLOOD CLOT FACTOR ASSAY	Pathology		0.91	$104.29
85300		ANTITHROMBIN III TEST	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
85301		ANTITHROMBIN III TEST	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
85302		BLOOD CLOT INHIBITOR ANTIGEN	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
85303		BLOOD CLOT INHIBITOR TEST	Pathology		0.67	$104.29
85305		BLOOD CLOT INHIBITOR ASSAY	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
85306		BLOOD CLOT INHIBITOR TEST	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
85307		ASSAY ACTIVATED PROTEIN C	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
85335		FACTOR INHIBITOR TEST	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
85337		THROMBOMODULIN	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
85345		COAGULATION TIME	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
85347		COAGULATION TIME	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
85348		COAGULATION TIME	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
85360		EUGLOBULIN LYSIS	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
85362		FIBRIN DEGRADATION PRODUCTS	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
85366		FIBRINOGEN TEST	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85370		FIBRINOGEN TEST	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
85378		FIBRIN DEGRADATION	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
85379		FIBRIN DEGRADATION	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
85384		FIBRINOGEN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85385		FIBRINOGEN	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85390		FIBRINOLYSINS SCREEN	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
85400		FIBRINOLYTIC PLASMIN	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
85410		FIBRINOLYTIC ANTIPLASMIN	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
85415		FIBRINOLYTIC PLASMINOGEN	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
85420		FIBRINOLYTIC PLASMINOGEN	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
85421		FIBRINOLYTIC PLASMINOGEN	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
85441		HEINZ BODIES, DIRECT	Pathology		0.20	$104.29
85445		HEINZ BODIES, INDUCED	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
85460		HEMOGLOBIN, FETAL	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
85461		HEMOGLOBIN, FETAL	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
85475		HEMOLYSIN	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
85520		HEPARIN ASSAY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
85525		HEPARIN	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
85530		HEPARIN-PROTAMINE TOLERANCE	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
85536		IRON STAIN PERIPHERAL BLOOD	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
85540		WBC ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85547		RBC MECHANICAL FRAGILITY	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
85549		MURAMIDASE	Pathology		0.90	$104.29
85555		RBC OSMOTIC FRAGILITY	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
85557		RBC OSMOTIC FRAGILITY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
85576		BLOOD PLATELET AGGREGATION	Pathology		1.57	$104.29
85585		BLOOD PLATELET ESTIMATION	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
85590		PLATELET COUNT, MANUAL	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
85595		PLATELET COUNT, AUTOMATED	Pathology		0.22	$104.29
85597		PLATELET NEUTRALIZATION	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
85610		PROTHROMBIN TIME	Pathology		0.19	$104.29

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85611		PROTHROMBIN TEST	Pathology		0.19	$104.29
85612		VIPER VENOM PROTHROMBIN TIME	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
85613		RUSSELL VIPER VENOM, DILUTED	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
85635		REPTILASE TEST	Pathology		0.47	$104.29
85651		RBC SED RATE, NONAUTOMATED	Pathology		0.17	$104.29
85652		RBC SED RATE, AUTOMATED	Pathology		0.13	$104.29
85660		RBC SICKLE CELL TEST	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
85670		THROMBIN TIME, PLASMA	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
85675		THROMBIN TIME, TITER	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
85705		THROMBOPLASTIN INHIBITION	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
85730		THROMBOPLASTIN TIME, PARTIAL	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
85732		THROMBOPLASTIN TIME, PARTIAL	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
85810		BLOOD VISCOSITY EXAMINATION	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
86000		AGGLUTININS, FEBRILE	Pathology		0.34	$104.29
86001		ALLERGEN SPECIFIC IGG	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
86003		ALLERGEN SPECIFIC IGE	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
86005		ALLERGEN SPECIFIC IGE	Pathology		0.38	$104.29
86021		WBC ANTIBODY IDENTIFICATION	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
86022		PLATELET ANTIBODIES	Pathology		0.88	$104.29
86023		IMMUNOGLOBULIN ASSAY	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
86038		ANTINUCLEAR ANTIBODIES	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86039		ANTINUCLEAR ANTIBODIES (ANA)	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
86060		ANTISTREPTOLYSIN O, TITER	Pathology		0.35	$104.29
86063		ANTISTREPTOLYSIN O, SCREEN	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
86140		C-REACTIVE PROTEIN	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
86141		C-REACTIVE PROTEIN, HS	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86146		GLYCOPROTEIN ANTIBODY	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
86147		CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODY	Pathology		1.23	$104.29
86148		PHOSPHOLIPID ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
86155		CHEMOTAXIS ASSAY	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
86156		COLD AGGLUTININ, SCREEN	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
86157		COLD AGGLUTININ, TITER	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
86160		COMPLEMENT, ANTIGEN	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86161		COMPLEMENT/FUNCTION ACTIVITY	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86162		COMPLEMENT, TOTAL (CH50)	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
86171		COMPLEMENT FIXATION, EACH	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
86185		COUNTERIMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
86215		DEOXYRIBONUCLEASE, ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86225		DNA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
86226		DNA ANTIBODY, SINGLE STRAND	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86235		NUCLEAR ANTIGEN ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.86	$104.29
86243		FC RECEPTOR	Pathology		0.99	$104.29
86255		FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY, SCREEN	Pathology		1.12	$104.29
86256		FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY, TITER	Pathology		1.12	$104.29
86277		GROWTH HORMONE ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.76	$104.29
86280		HEMAGGLUTINATION INHIBITION	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
86294		IMMUNOASSAY, TUMOR QUAL	Pathology		0.95	$104.29
86300		IMMUNOASSAY, TUMOR CA 15-3	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
86301		IMMUNOASSAY, TUMOR CA 19-9	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
86304		IMMUNOASSAY, TUMOR, CA 125	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
86308		HETEROPHILE ANTIBODIES	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
86309		HETEROPHILE ANTIBODIES	Pathology		0.31	$104.29
86310		HETEROPHILE ANTIBODIES	Pathology		0.36	$104.29
86316		IMMUNOASSAY, TUMOR OTHER	Pathology		1.00	$104.29
86317		IMMUNOASSAY,INFECTIOUS AGENT	Pathology		0.72	$104.29
86318		IMMUNOASSAY,INFECTIOUS AGENT	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86320		SERUM IMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS	Pathology		1.62	$104.29
86325		OTHER IMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS	Pathology		1.62	$104.29
86327		IMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS ASSAY	Pathology		1.71	$104.29

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86329		IMMUNODIFFUSION	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
86331		IMMUNODIFFUSION OUCHTERLONY	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86332		IMMUNE COMPLEX ASSAY	Pathology		1.17	$104.29
86334		IMMUNOFIXATION PROCEDURE	Pathology		1.62	$104.29
86336		INHIBIN A	Pathology	d	0.82	$104.29
86337		INSULIN ANTIBODIES	Pathology		1.03	$104.29
86340		INTRINSIC FACTOR ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
86341		ISLET CELL ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.95	$104.29
86343		LEUKOCYTE HISTAMINE RELEASE	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
86344		LEUKOCYTE PHAGOCYTOSIS	Pathology		0.38	$104.29
86353		LYMPHOCYTE TRANSFORMATION	Pathology		2.36	$104.29
86359		T CELLS, TOTAL COUNT	Pathology		1.82	$104.29
86360		T CELL, ABSOLUTE COUNT/RATIO	Pathology		2.26	$104.29
86361		T CELL, ABSOLUTE COUNT	Pathology		1.29	$104.29
86376		MICROSOMAL ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
86378		MIGRATION INHIBITORY FACTOR	Pathology		0.95	$104.29
86382		NEUTRALIZATION TEST, VIRAL	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
86384		NITROBLUE TETRAZOLIUM DYE	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
86403		PARTICLE AGGLUTINATION TEST	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
86406		PARTICLE AGGLUTINATION TEST	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
86430		RHEUMATOID FACTOR TEST	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
86431		RHEUMATOID FACTOR, QUANT	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
86485		SKIN TEST, CANDIDA	Pathology	a	0.28	$104.29
86586		SKIN TEST, UNLISTED	Pathology	a	0.28	$104.29
86590		STREPTOKINASE, ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.53	$104.29
86592		BLOOD SEROLOGY, QUALITATIVE	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
86593		BLOOD SEROLOGY, QUANTITATIVE	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
86602		ANTINOMYCES ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
86603		ADENOVIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86606		ASPERGILLUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
86609		BACTERIUM ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86611		BARTONELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
86612		BLASTOMYCES ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86615		BORDETELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86617		LYME DISEASE ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
86618		LYME DISEASE ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.82	$104.29
86619		BORRELIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86622		BRUCELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
86625		CAMPYLOBACTER ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
86628		CANDIDA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86631		CHLAMYDIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
86632		CHLAMYDIA IGM ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.61	$104.29
86635		COCCIDIOIDES ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
86638		Q FEVER ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86641		CRYPTOCOCCUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86644		CMV ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86645		CMV ANTIBODY, IGM	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
86648		DIPHTHERIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
86651		ENCEPHALITIS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86652		ENCEPHALITIS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86653		ENCEPHALITIS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86654		ENCEPHALITIS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86658		ENTEROVIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
86663		EPSTEIN-BARR ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
86664		EPSTEIN-BARR ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
86665		EPSTEIN-BARR ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.87	$104.29
86666		EHRLICHIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
86668		FRANCISELLA TULARENSIS	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
86671		FUNGUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.59	$104.29

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86674		GIARDIA LAMBLIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
86677		HELICOBACTER PYLORI	Pathology		0.70	$104.29
86682		HELMINTH ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
86684		HEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA	Pathology		0.76	$104.29
86687		HTLV-I ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
86688		HTLV-II ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.68	$104.29
86689		HTLV/HIV CONFIRMATORY TEST	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
86692		HEPATITIS, DELTA AGENT	Pathology		0.83	$104.29
86694		HERPES SIMPLEX TEST	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86695		HERPES SIMPLEX TEST	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86696		HERPES SIMPLEX TYPE 2	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
86698		HISTOPLASMA	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
86701		HIV-1	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
86702		HIV-2	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
86703		HIV-1/HIV-2, SINGLE ASSAY	Pathology		0.66	$104.29
86704		HEP B CORE ANTIBODY, TOTAL	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86705		HEP B CORE ANTIBODY, IGM	Pathology		0.57	$104.29
86706		HEP B SURFACE ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
86707		HEP BE ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
86708		HEP A ANTIBODY, TOTAL	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
86709		HEP A ANTIBODY, IGM	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
86710		INFLUENZA VIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.65	$104.29
86713		LEGIONELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
86717		LEISHMANIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.59	$104.29
86720		LEPTOSPIRA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86723		LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES AB	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86727		LYMPH CHORIOMENINGITIS AB	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86729		LYMPHO VENEREUM ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86732		MUCORMYCOSIS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86735		MUMPS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.63	$104.29
86738		MYCOPLASMA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86741		NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86744		NOCARDIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86747		PARVOVIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.72	$104.29
86750		MALARIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86753		PROTOZOA ANTIBODY NOS	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
86756		RESPIRATORY VIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86757		RICKETTSIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.93	$104.29
86759		ROTAVIRUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86762		RUBELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86765		RUBEOLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86768		SALMONELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86771		SHIGELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86774		TETANUS ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.71	$104.29
86777		TOXOPLASMA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86778		TOXOPLASMA ANTIBODY, IGM	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86781		TREPONEMA PALLIDUM, CONFIRM	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86784		TRICHINELLA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.61	$104.29
86787		VARICELLA-ZOSTER ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86790		VIRUS ANTIBODY NOS	Pathology		0.62	$104.29
86793		YERSINIA ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
86800		THYROGLOBULIN ANTIBODY	Pathology		0.77	$104.29
86803		HEPATITIS C AB TEST	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
86804		HEP C AB TEST, CONFIRM	Pathology		0.75	$104.29
86805		LYMPHOCYTOTOXICITY ASSAY	Pathology		2.52	$104.29
86806		LYMPHOCYTOTOXICITY ASSAY	Pathology		2.29	$104.29
86807		CYTOTOXIC ANTIBODY SCREENING	Pathology		1.91	$104.29
86808		CYTOTOXIC ANTIBODY SCREENING	Pathology		1.43	$104.29
86812		HLA TYPING, A, B, OR C	Pathology		1.24	$104.29

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86813		HLA TYPING, A, B, OR C	Pathology		2.79	$104.29
86816		HLA TYPING, DR/DQ	Pathology		1.34	$104.29
86817		HLA TYPING, DR/DQ	Pathology		3.10	$104.29
86821		LYMPHOCYTE CULTURE, MIXED	Pathology		2.72	$104.29
86822		LYMPHOCYTE CULTURE, PRIMED	Pathology		1.76	$104.29
86849		IMMUNOLOGY PROCEDURE	Pathology	b	1.09	$104.29
86850		RBC ANTIBODY SCREEN	Pathology	a	0.39	$104.29
86860		RBC ANTIBODY ELUTION	Pathology	a	0.39	$104.29
86870		RBC ANTIBODY IDENTIFICATION	Pathology	a	0.69	$104.29
86880		COOMBS TEST	Pathology		0.26	$104.29
86885		COOMBS TEST	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
86886		COOMBS TEST	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
86890		AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD PROCESS	Pathology	a	1.57	$104.29
86891		AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD, OP SALVAGE	Pathology	a	2.46	$104.29
86900		BLOOD TYPING, ABO	Pathology		0.14	$104.29
86901		BLOOD TYPING, RH (D)	Pathology	a	0.20	$104.29
86903		BLOOD TYPING, ANTIGEN SCREEN	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
86904		BLOOD TYPING, PATIENT SERUM	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
86905		BLOOD TYPING, RBC ANTIGENS	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
86906		BLOOD TYPING, RH PHENOTYPE	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
86910		BLOOD TYPING, PATERNITY TEST	Pathology	a	0.43	$104.29
86911		BLOOD TYPING, ANTIGEN SYSTEM	Pathology	a	0.33	$104.29
86915		BONE MARROW/STEM CELL PREP	Pathology	a	2.07	$104.29
86920		COMPATIBILITY TEST	Pathology	a	0.43	$104.29
86921		COMPATIBILITY TEST	Pathology	a	0.39	$104.29
86922		COMPATIBILITY TEST	Pathology	a	0.24	$104.29
86927		PLASMA, FRESH FROZEN	Pathology	a	0.22	$104.29
86930		FROZEN BLOOD PREP	Pathology	c	1.37	$104.29
86931		FROZEN BLOOD THAW	Pathology	a	2.16	$104.29
86932		FROZEN BLOOD FREEZE/THAW	Pathology	a	2.36	$104.29
86940		HEMOLYSINS/AGGLUTININS, AUTO	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
86941		HEMOLYSINS/AGGLUTININS	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
86945		BLOOD PRODUCT/IRRADIATION	Pathology	a	0.59	$104.29
86950		LEUKACYTE TRANSFUSION	Pathology	a	1.08	$104.29
86965		POOLING BLOOD PLATELETS	Pathology	a	0.28	$104.29
86970		RBC PRETREATMENT	Pathology	a	0.31	$104.29
86971		RBC PRETREATMENT	Pathology	a	0.31	$104.29
86972		RBC PRETREATMENT	Pathology	a	0.30	$104.29
86975		RBC PRETREATMENT, SERUM	Pathology	a	0.20	$104.29
86976		RBC PRETREATMENT, SERUM	Pathology	a	0.16	$104.29
86977		RBC PRETREATMENT, SERUM	Pathology	a	0.20	$104.29
86978		RBC PRETREATMENT, SERUM	Pathology	a	0.43	$104.29
86985		SPLIT BLOOD OR PRODUCTS	Pathology	a	0.41	$104.29
87001		SMALL ANIMAL INOCULATION	Pathology		0.64	$104.29
87003		SMALL ANIMAL INOCULATION	Pathology		0.81	$104.29
87015		SPECIMEN CONCENTRATION	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
87040		BLOOD CULTURE FOR BACTERIA	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87045		FECES CULTURE, BACTERIA	Pathology		0.45	$104.29
87046		STOOL CULTR, BACTERIA, EACH	Pathology		0.11	$104.29
87070		CULTURE, BACTERIA, OTHER	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
87071		CULTURE BACTERI AEROBIC OTHR	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
87073		CULTURE BACTERIA ANAEROBIC	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
87075		CULTURE BACTERIA ANAEROBIC	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
87076		CULTURE ANAEROBE IDENT, EACH	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
87077		CULTURE AEROBIC IDENTIFY	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
87081		CULTURE SCREEN ONLY	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
87084		CULTURE OF SPECIMEN BY KIT	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
87086		URINE CULTURE/COLONY COUNT	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
87088		URINE BACTERIA CULTURE	Pathology		0.39	$104.29

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87101		SKIN FUNGI CULTURE	Pathology		0.37	$104.29
87102		FUNGUS ISOLATION CULTURE	Pathology		0.40	$104.29
87103		BLOOD FUNGUS CULTURE	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
87106		FUNGI IDENTIFICATION, YEAST	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87107		FUNGI IDENTIFICATION, MOLD	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87109		MYCOPLASMA	Pathology		0.74	$104.29
87110		CHLAMYDIA CULTURE	Pathology		0.94	$104.29
87116		MYCOBACTERIA CULTURE	Pathology		0.52	$104.29
87118		MYCOBACTERIC IDENTIFICATION	Pathology		0.53	$104.29
87140		CULTUR TYPE IMMUNOFLUORESC	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
87143		CULTURE TYPING, GLC/HPLC	Pathology		0.60	$104.29
87147		CULTURE TYPE, IMMUNOLOGIC	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
87149		CULTURE TYPE, NUCLEIC ACID	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87152		CULTURE TYPE PULSE FIELD GEL	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
87158		CULTURE TYPING, ADDED METHOD	Pathology		0.25	$104.29
87164		DARK FIELD EXAMINATION	Pathology		1.01	$104.29
87166		DARK FIELD EXAMINATION	Pathology		0.54	$104.29
87168		MACROSCOPIC EXAM ARTHROPOD	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87169		MACACROSCOPIC EXAM PARASITE	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87172		PINWORM EXAM	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87176		TISSUE HOMOGENIZATION, CULTR	Pathology		0.28	$104.29
87177		OVA AND PARASITES SMEARS	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
87181		MICROBE SUSCEPTIBLE, DIFFUSE	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
87184		MICROBE SUSCEPTIBLE, DISK	Pathology		0.33	$104.29
87185		MICROBE SUSCEPTIBLE, ENZYME	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
87186		MICROBE SUSCEPTIBLE, MIC	Pathology		0.42	$104.29
87187		MICROBE SUSCEPTIBLE, MLC	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87188		MICROBE SUSCEPT, MACROBROTH	Pathology		0.32	$104.29
87190		MICROBE SUSCEPT, MYCOBACTERI	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
87197		BACTERICIDAL LEVEL, SERUM	Pathology		0.72	$104.29
87198		CYTOMEGALOVIRUS ANTIBODY DFA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87199		ENTEROVIRUS ANTIBODY, DFA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87205		SMEAR, GRAM STAIN	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87206		SMEAR, FLUORESCENT/ACID STAI	Pathology		0.26	$104.29
87207		SMEAR, SPECIAL STAIN	Pathology		0.84	$104.29
87210		SMEAR, WET MOUNT, SALINE/INK	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87220		TISSUE EXAM FOR FUNGI	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
87230		ASSAY, TOXIN OR ANTITOXIN	Pathology		0.95	$104.29
87250		VIRUS INOCULATE, EGGS/ANIMAL	Pathology		0.94	$104.29
87252		VIRUS INOCULATION, TISSUE	Pathology		1.26	$104.29
87253		VIRUS INOCULATE TISSUE, ADDL	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87254		VIRUS INOCULATION, SHELL VIA	Pathology		0.24	$104.29
87260		ADENOVIRUS AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87265		PERTUSSIS AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87270		CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87272		CRYPTOSPORIDUM/GARDIA AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87273		HERPES SIMPLEX 2, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87274		HERPES SIMPLEX 1, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87275		INFLUENZA B, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87276		INFLUENZA A, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87277		LEGIONELLA MICDADEI, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87278		LEGION PNEUMOPHILIA AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87279		PARAINFLUENZA, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87280		RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87281		PNEUMOCYSTIS CARINII, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87283		RUBEOLA, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87285		TREPONEMA PALLIDUM, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87290		VARICELLA ZOSTER, AG, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87299		ANTIBODY DETECTION, NOS, IF	Pathology		0.58	$104.29

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87300		AG DETECTION, POLYVAL, IF	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
87301		ADENOVIRUS AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87320		CHYLMD TRACH AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87324		CLOSTRIDIUM AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87327		CRYPTOCOCCUS NEOFORM AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87328		CRYPTOSPOR AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87332		CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87335		E COLI 0157 AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87336		ENTAMOEB HIST DISPR, AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87337		ENTAMOEB HIST GROUP, AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87338		HPYLORI, STOOL, EIA	Pathology		0.69	$104.29
87339		H PYLORI AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87340		HEPATITIS B SURFACE AG, EIA	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87341		HEPATITIS B SURFACE, AG, EIA	Pathology		0.50	$104.29
87350		HEPATITIS BE AG, EIA	Pathology		0.56	$104.29
87380		HEPATITIS DELTA AG, EIA	Pathology		0.79	$104.29
87385		HISTOPLASMA CAPSUL AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87390		HIV-1 AG, EIA	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
87391		HIV-2 AG, EIA	Pathology		0.85	$104.29
87400		INFLUENZA A/B, AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87420		RESP SYNCYTIAL AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87425		ROTAVIRUS AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87427		SHIGA-LIKE TOXIN AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87430		STREP A AG, EIA	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87449		AG DETECT NOS, EIA, MULT	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87450		AG DETECT NOS, EIA, SINGLE	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
87451		AG DETECT POLYVAL, EIA, MULT	Pathology		0.46	$104.29
87470		BARTONELLA, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87471		BARTONELLA, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87472		BARTONELLA, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87475		LYME DIS, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87476		LYME DIS, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87477		LYME DIS, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87480		CANDIDA, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87481		CANDIDA, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87482		CANDIDA, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87485		CHYLMD PNEUM, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87486		CHYLMD PNEUM, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87487		CHYLMD PNEUM, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87490		CHYLMD TRACH, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87491		CHYLMD TRACH, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87492		CHYLMD TRACH, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		1.68	$104.29
87495		CYTOMEG, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87496		CYTOMEG, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87497		CYTOMEG, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87510		GARDNER VAG, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87511		GARDNER VAG, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87512		GARDNER VAG, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87515		HEPATITIS B, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87516		HEPATITIS B, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87517		HEPATITIS B, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87520		HEPATITIS C, RNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87521		HEPATITIS C, RNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87522		HEPATITIS C, RNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87525		HEPATITIS G, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87526		HEPATITIS G, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87527		HEPATITIS G, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87528		HSV, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87529		HSV, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29

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87530		HSV, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87531		HHV-6, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87532		HHV-6, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87533		HHV-6, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87534		HIV-1, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87535		HIV-1, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87536		HIV-1, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		4.10	$104.29
87537		HIV-2, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87538		HIV-2, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87539		HIV-2, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87540		LEGION PNEUMO, DNA, DIR PROB	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87541		LEGION PNEUMO, DNA, AMP PROB	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87542		LEGION PNEUMO, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87550		MYCOBACTERIA, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87551		MYCOBACTERIA, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87552		MYCOBACTERIA, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87555		M.TUBERCULO, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87556		M.TUBERCULO, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87557		M.TUBERCULO, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87560		M.AVIUM-INTRA, DNA, DIR PROB	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87561		M.AVIUM-INTRA, DNA, AMP PROB	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87562		M.AVIUM-INTRA, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87580		M.PNEUMON, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87581		M.PNEUMON, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87582		M.PNEUMON, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87590		N.GONORRHOEAE, DNA, DIR PROB	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87591		N.GONORRHOEAE, DNA, AMP PROB	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87592		N.GONORRHOEAE, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87620		HPV, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87621		HPV, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87622		HPV, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87650		STREP A, DNA, DIR PROBE	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87651		STREP A, DNA, AMP PROBE	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87652		STREP A, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.01	$104.29
87797		DETECT AGENT NOS, DNA, DIR	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87798		DETECT AGENT NOS, DNA, AMP	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87799		DETECT AGENT NOS, DNA, QUANT	Pathology		2.06	$104.29
87800		DETECT AGNT MULT, DNA, DIREC	Pathology		0.97	$104.29
87801		DETECT AGNT MULT, DNA, AMPLI	Pathology		1.69	$104.29
87802		STREP B ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87803		CLOSTRIDIUM TOXIN A W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87804		INFLUENZA ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87810		CHYLMD TRACH ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87850		N. GONORRHOEAE ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87880		STREP A ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87899		AGENT NOS ASSAY W/OPTIC	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
87901		GENOTYPE, DNA, HIV REVERSE T	Pathology		12.40	$104.29
87902		GENOTYPE, DNA, HEPATITIS C	Pathology		12.40	$104.29
87903		PHENOTYPE, DNA HIV W/CULTURE	Pathology		23.55	$104.29
87904		PHENOTYPE, DNA HIV W/CLT ADD	Pathology		1.26	$104.29
88000		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	6.77	$104.29
88005		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	7.52	$104.29
88007		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	8.27	$104.29
88012		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	6.23	$104.29
88014		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	6.23	$104.29
88016		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), GROSS	Pathology	a	7.57	$104.29
88020		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), COMPLETE	Pathology	a	9.72	$104.29
88025		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), COMPLETE	Pathology	a	10.48	$104.29
88027		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), COMPLETE	Pathology	a	11.23	$104.29

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88028		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), COMPLETE	Pathology	a	6.23	$104.29
88029		AUTOPSY (NECROPSY), COMPLETE	Pathology	a	6.23	$104.29
88036		LIMITED AUTOPSY	Pathology	a	4.03	$104.29
88037		LIMITED AUTOPSY	Pathology	a	2.95	$104.29
88040		FORENSIC AUTOPSY (NECROPSY)	Pathology	a	16.12	$104.29
88045		CORONER'S AUTOPSY (NECROPSY)	Pathology	a	1.34	$104.29
88130		SEX CHROMATIN IDENTIFICATION	Pathology	d	0.78	$104.29
88140		SEX CHROMATIN IDENTIFICATION	Pathology		0.39	$104.29
88142		CYTOPATH, C/V, THIN LAYER	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
88143		CYTOPATH, C/V, THIN LYR REDO	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
88144		CYTOPATH, C/V, THIN LYR REDO	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
88145		CYTOPATH, C/V, THIN LYR SEL	Pathology		0.98	$104.29
88147		CYTOPATH, C/V, AUTOMATED	Pathology		0.55	$104.29
88148		CYTOPATH, C/V, AUTO RESCREEN	Pathology		0.73	$104.29
88150		CYTOPATH, C/V, MANUAL	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88152		CYTOPATH, C/V, AUTO REDO	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88153		CYTOPATH, C/V, REDO	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88154		CYTOPATH, C/V, SELECT	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88155		CYTOPATH, C/V, INDEX ADD-ON	Pathology		0.29	$104.29
88164		CYTOPATH TBS, C/V, MANUAL	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88165		CYTOPATH TBS, C/V, REDO	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88166		CYTOPATH TBS, C/V, AUTO REDO	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88167		CYTOPATH TBS, C/V, SELECT	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
88230		TISSUE CULTURE, LYMPHOCYTE	Pathology		5.61	$104.29
88233		TISSUE CULTURE, SKIN/BIOPSY	Pathology		6.78	$104.29
88235		TISSUE CULTURE, PLACENTA	Pathology		7.10	$104.29
88237		TISSUE CULTURE, BONE MARROW	Pathology		6.09	$104.29
88239		TISSUE CULTURE, TUMOR	Pathology		7.11	$104.29
88240		CELL CRYOPRESERVE/STORAGE	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
88241		FROZEN CELL PREPARATION	Pathology		0.49	$104.29
88245		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 20-25	Pathology		7.17	$104.29
88248		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 50-100	Pathology		8.34	$104.29
88249		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 100	Pathology		8.34	$104.29
88261		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 5	Pathology		8.52	$104.29
88262		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 15-20	Pathology		6.01	$104.29
88263		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 45	Pathology		7.24	$104.29
88264		CHROMOSOME ANALYSIS, 20-25	Pathology		6.01	$104.29
88267		CHROMOSOME ANALYS, PLACENTA	Pathology		8.66	$104.29
88269		CHROMOSOME ANALYS, AMNIOTIC	Pathology		8.01	$104.29
88271		CYTOGENETICS, DNA PROBE	Pathology		1.03	$104.29
88272		CYTOGENETICS, 3-5	Pathology		1.29	$104.29
88273		CYTOGENETICS, 10-30	Pathology		1.55	$104.29
88274		CYTOGENETICS, 25-99	Pathology		1.68	$104.29
88275		CYTOGENETICS, 100-300	Pathology		1.94	$104.29
88280		CHROMOSOME KARYOTYPE STUDY	Pathology		1.21	$104.29
88283		CHROMOSOME BANDING STUDY	Pathology		3.31	$104.29
88285		CHROMOSOME COUNT, ADDITIONAL	Pathology		0.92	$104.29
88289		CHROMOSOME STUDY, ADDITIONAL	Pathology		1.66	$104.29
88371		PROTEIN, WESTERN BLOT TISSUE	Pathology		1.59	$104.29
88372		PROTEIN ANALYSIS W/PROBE	Pathology		1.64	$104.29
88400		BILIRUBIN TOTAL TRANSCUT	Pathology		0.12	$104.29
89050		BODY FLUID CELL COUNT	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
89051		BODY FLUID CELL COUNT	Pathology		0.27	$104.29
89060		EXAM SYNOVIAL FLUID CRYSTALS	Pathology		0.89	$104.29
89125		SPECIMEN FAT STAIN	Pathology		0.21	$104.29
89160		EXAM FECES FOR MEAT FIBERS	Pathology		0.18	$104.29
89190		NASAL SMEAR FOR EOSINOPHILS	Pathology		0.23	$104.29
89250		FERTILIZATION OF OOCYTE	Pathology	a	13.60	$104.29
89251		CULTURE OOCYTE W/EMBRYOS	Pathology	c	17.30	$104.29

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89252		ASSIST OOCYTE FERTILIZATION	Pathology	c	25.44	$104.29
89253		EMBRYO HATCHING	Pathology	c	10.18	$104.29
89254		OOCYTE IDENTIFICATION	Pathology	c	8.45	$104.29
89255		PREPARE EMBRYO FOR TRANSFER	Pathology	c	5.09	$104.29
89256		PREPARE CRYOPRESERVED EMBRYO	Pathology	c	9.16	$104.29
89257		SPERM IDENTIFICATION	Pathology	c	5.09	$104.29
89258		CRYOPRESERVATION, EMBRYO	Pathology	c	10.18	$104.29
89259		CRYOPRESERVATION, SPERM	Pathology	c	2.54	$104.29
89260		SPERM ISOLATION, SIMPLE	Pathology	c	1.53	$104.29
89261		SPERM ISOLATION, COMPLEX	Pathology	c	2.54	$104.29
89264		IDENTIFY SPERM TISSUE	Pathology	c	5.09	$104.29
89300		SEMEN ANALYSIS	Pathology		0.43	$104.29
89310		SEMEN ANALYSIS	Pathology		0.41	$104.29
89320		SEMEN ANALYSIS	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
89321		SEMEN ANALYSIS	Pathology		0.58	$104.29
89325		SPERM ANTIBODY TEST	Pathology		0.51	$104.29
89329		SPERM EVALUATION TEST	Pathology		1.01	$104.29
89330		EVALUATION, CERVICAL MUCUS	Pathology		0.48	$104.29
89355		EXAM FECES FOR STARCH	Pathology		0.16	$104.29
89365		WATER LOAD TEST	Pathology		0.27	$104.29

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TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFs (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUs (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
NATIONWIDE AVERAGE	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
ANCHORAGE, AK	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.29	1.26	1.05	1.06	0.81	1.06	1.10	1.22	1.05	0.85	0.98	1.07	1.08	1.05	1.03	1.18	0.98	1.12	0.92	1.01	1.02	0.94	1.32	0.95
FAIRBANKS, AK	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.29	1.26	1.05	1.06	0.81	1.06	1.10	1.22	1.05	0.85	0.98	1.07	1.08	1.05	1.03	1.18	0.98	1.12	0.92	1.01	1.02	0.94	1.32	0.95
FORT WAINWRIGHT, AK	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.29	1.26	1.05	1.06	0.81	1.06	1.10	1.22	1.05	0.85	0.98	1.07	1.08	1.05	1.03	1.18	0.98	1.12	0.92	1.01	1.02	0.94	1.32	0.95
KENAI, AK	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.13	1.11	0.94	1.32	0.89	0.96	0.92	1.04	0.97	1.01	0.84	0.95	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.06	0.85	1.02	1.45	0.97	1.16	0.88
ANNISTON, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.76	0.86	0.60	0.75	0.92	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.91	0.94	1.00	0.58	0.91	0.84	0.74	0.82	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	1.03	0.97	0.84	0.78
BIRMINGHAM, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.81	0.90	0.80	1.28	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.87	1.17	0.95	0.99	0.60	0.94	1.11	0.80	1.09	0.98	0.95	1.05	1.12	0.86	0.98	0.93	0.72
DECATUR, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.83	0.89	0.71	1.10	0.79	0.92	0.93	0.87	0.96	0.85	1.01	0.61	0.92	1.12	0.66	0.94	0.92	0.85	1.00	0.96	0.93	1.06	0.96	0.90
DOTHAN, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
FLORENCE, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.83	0.89	0.71	1.10	0.79	0.92	0.93	0.87	0.96	0.85	1.01	0.61	0.92	1.12	0.66	0.94	0.92	0.85	1.00	0.96	0.93	1.06	0.96	0.90
GADSDEN, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.76	0.86	0.60	0.75	0.92	0.87	0.90	0.87	0.91	0.94	1.00	0.58	0.91	0.84	0.74	0.82	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	1.03	0.97	0.84	0.78
HUNTSVILLE, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.83	0.89	0.71	1.10	0.79	0.92	0.93	0.87	0.96	0.85	1.01	0.61	0.92	1.12	0.66	0.94	0.92	0.85	1.00	0.96	0.93	1.06	0.96	0.90
JASPER, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.75	0.87	0.73	1.29	0.89	0.86	1.05	0.84	1.04	0.80	0.86	0.70	0.88	1.05	0.62	0.93	1.02	0.87	1.02	0.83	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.74
MOBILE, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.73	0.86	0.65	1.06	0.84	0.79	0.87	0.80	1.06	0.75	0.92	0.53	1.00	0.78	0.56	0.95	1.06	0.84	0.89	0.85	0.77	0.90	0.79	0.72
MONTGOMERY, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
TUSCALOOSA, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.75	0.87	0.73	1.29	0.89	0.86	1.05	0.84	1.04	0.80	0.86	0.70	0.88	1.05	0.62	0.93	1.02	0.87	1.02	0.83	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.74
TUSKEGEE, AL	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
EL DORADO, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
FAYETTEVILLE, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
FORT SMITH, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.91	1.13	0.75	1.38	0.82	1.00	0.57	1.06	1.39	1.17	0.76	0.76	0.99	1.21	1.05	1.17	1.13	0.99	1.06	1.09	0.78	1.02	0.93	1.01
HARRISON, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
HOT SPRINGS, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
JONESBORO, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.98	1.02	0.69	1.02	0.75	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.02	0.93	0.89	1.33	1.25	1.00	1.13	1.01	1.29	0.92	1.07	0.99	0.76	1.08	1.01	0.93
MOUNTAIN HOME, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.98	1.02	0.69	1.02	0.75	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.02	0.93	0.89	1.33	1.25	1.00	1.13	1.01	1.29	0.92	1.07	0.99	0.76	1.08	1.01	0.93
PARAGOULD, AR	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
BELLEMONT, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	1.03	0.98	1.12	0.99	0.99	1.07	0.86	1.00	0.93	0.91	1.20	1.23	0.98	0.97	1.17	0.94	0.91	1.05	0.90	0.84	0.96	1.01	1.17	0.94
BLACK CANYON CITY, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
BUCKEYE, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.99	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
CASA GRANDE, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
COTTONWOOD, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
GREEN VALLEY, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	1.01	1.09	0.93	0.88	1.03	0.93	0.92	0.93	0.78	1.03	1.07	0.95	0.77	1.04	0.96	0.99	0.83	1.00	0.91	0.81	0.88	0.92	0.71
HOLBROOK, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	1.03	0.98	1.12	0.99	0.99	1.07	0.86	1.00	0.93	0.91	1.20	1.23	0.98	0.97	1.17	0.94	0.91	1.05	0.90	0.84	0.96	1.01	1.17	0.94
KINGMAN, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
MESA/WILLIAMS AFB, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
PAYSON, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.99	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
PHOENIX, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.98	1.02	0.64	0.99	0.99	0.85	1.03	1.01	1.01	0.94	1.28	1.13	0.98	1.10	1.15	1.03	1.02	0.91	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.86	0.89	0.70
PRESCOTT, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
SAFFORD, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
SHOW LOW, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.94	0.95	0.78	0.95	0.84	0.88	1.09	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.97	1.16	1.01	0.91	1.09	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.83	0.86	0.83	0.83
SIERRA VISTA, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	1.01	1.09	0.93	0.88	1.03	0.93	0.92	0.93	0.78	1.03	1.07	0.95	0.77	1.04	0.96	0.99	0.83	1.00	0.91	0.81	0.88	0.92	0.71
SUN CITY, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
TUCSON, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	1.01	1.09	0.93	0.88	1.03	0.93	0.92	0.93	0.78	1.03	1.07	0.95	0.77	1.04	0.96	0.99	0.83	1.00	0.91	0.81	0.88	0.92	0.71
YUMA, AZ	0.994	0.978	0.990	0.91	0.95	0.89	0.67	0.84	0.93	1.27	0.95	1.00	0.86	1.12	1.11	0.93	0.98	1.10	0.98	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.90	0.85
ANAHEIM, CA	1.037	1.184	1.120	1.08	0.96	1.04	0.81	0.90	0.88	0.90	1.01	0.94	0.85	0.95	0.91	1.01	1.06	0.99	0.98	1.08	0.95	1.05	0.88	1.00	0.95	0.95	1.03
ATWATER, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.92	0.95	1.03	0.64	1.08	0.92	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.97	1.11	1.13	1.08	1.01	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.85	1.01	0.97	0.99	0.86	0.91	0.77
AUBURN, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.97	0.90	1.02	0.91	0.82	0.93	1.19	0.85	1.01	1.10	0.92	0.91	0.84	0.89	1.14	1.02	0.92	0.88	0.93	0.96
BAKERSFIELD, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.93	0.99	1.19	0.94	1.03	1.05	1.09	0.99	0.94	1.16	1.35	0.92	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.01	0.89	0.92	0.93	0.92	1.10	0.82	0.86	1.02
CAPITOLA, CA	1.063	1.380	1.240	0.96	0.90	0.72	0.63	0.95	0.79	0.79	0.95	0.74	0.79	0.99	0.89	0.94	0.96	1.01	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.92	0.89	1.06	0.85	0.83	0.97
CHICO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
CHULA VISTA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.93	1.03	0.93	1.02	0.97	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	1.05	0.86	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.91	1.15	0.88	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.90

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
CORONA, CA	1.037	1.184	1.120	1.08	0.96	1.04	0.81	0.90	0.88	0.90	1.01	0.94	0.85	0.95	0.91	1.01	1.06	0.99	0.98	1.08	0.95	1.05	0.88	1.00	0.95	0.95	1.03
CULVER CITY, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.03	1.10	1.18	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.87	1.08	0.87	1.00	1.12	0.90	1.20	1.11	0.98	1.05	1.12	1.04	1.10	0.98	1.17	1.21	1.23	1.17
EAST LOS ANGELES, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.39	1.08	1.38	0.97	1.16	1.07	1.04	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.48	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.00	1.11	1.12	1.21	1.06
EL CENTRO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
ESCONDIDO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.93	1.03	0.93	1.02	0.97	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	1.05	0.86	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.91	1.15	0.88	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.90
EUREKA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
FAIRFIELD, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
FRESNO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.83	0.86	0.70	0.93	1.10	0.87	0.95	0.99	0.88	0.84	1.09	0.89	1.00	1.02	0.87	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.03	1.05	0.85	0.75	0.73	0.68
GARDENA, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.03	1.10	1.18	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.87	1.08	0.87	1.00	1.12	0.90	1.20	1.11	0.98	1.05	1.12	1.04	1.10	0.98	1.17	1.21	1.23	1.17
LANCASTER/ ANTELOPE VALLEY, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.93	0.99	1.19	0.94	1.03	1.05	1.09	0.99	0.94	1.16	1.35	0.92	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.01	0.89	0.92	0.93	0.92	1.10	0.82	0.86	1.02
LIVERMORE, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
LOMA LINDA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
LOMPOC, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.86	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.84	0.90	0.98	0.76	0.78	0.86	0.70	1.04	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.95	0.89	1.00	0.75	0.85	0.87	0.99	0.85
LONG BEACH, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.96	0.95	1.11	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.96	0.90	0.93	1.12	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.03	0.98	1.06	0.99	1.10	0.98	1.05	0.93	0.94	0.83
LOS ANGELES, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.39	1.08	1.38	0.97	1.16	1.07	1.04	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.48	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.00	1.11	1.12	1.21	1.06
MARE ISLAND, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
MARTINEZ, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
MCCLELLAN AFB, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.97	0.90	1.02	0.91	0.82	0.93	1.19	0.85	1.01	1.10	0.92	0.91	0.84	0.89	1.14	1.02	0.92	0.88	0.93	0.96
MENLO PARK, CA	1.048	1.432	1.260	0.94	0.99	0.92	0.80	0.92	0.77	0.87	0.97	0.81	0.80	0.86	0.94	0.98	0.85	1.13	0.92	0.93	0.83	0.89	0.85	1.11	0.98	1.03	0.94
MODESTO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.92	0.95	1.03	0.64	1.08	0.92	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.97	1.11	1.13	1.08	1.01	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.85	1.01	0.97	0.99	0.86	0.91	0.77
MONTEREY/FORT ORD, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.05	1.01	0.98	0.93	1.26	0.91	0.98	1.10	0.94	0.86	1.09	1.31	1.24	1.03	1.08	1.03	1.07	0.93	0.96	0.92	0.92	0.87	0.92	1.07
OAKLAND, CA	1.041	1.235	1.150	0.95	0.89	0.68	0.73	0.87	0.88	0.98	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.92	0.97	0.89	0.98	0.91	0.91	0.86	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.90	0.99	0.81
PALM DESERT, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
PALO ALTO, CA	1.063	1.380	1.240	1.33	1.16	1.04	0.78	0.99	0.88	0.93	1.32	0.81	0.92	0.78	0.83	1.20	0.91	1.11	0.99	1.08	1.01	1.03	1.08	1.12	1.09	1.14	1.03
PASADENA, CA	1.056	1.139	1.10	1.20	1.07	1.69	0.82	1.09	1.11	0.96	1.04	0.84	0.89	0.82	1.06	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.02	1.09	1.02	1.06	0.92	0.97	1.12	1.20	0.96
PORT HUENEME/ OXNARD, CA	1.028	1.125	1.080	0.90	0.91	0.97	0.82	0.95	0.86	0.95	0.94	0.92	0.92	0.93	0.84	1.05	1.03	0.87	0.93	0.95	0.86	1.12	0.91	1.12	1.01	0.97	0.92
REDDING, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
SACRAMENTO/MATHER AFB, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.10	0.89	1.07	0.70	0.86	1.02	1.10	1.00	0.79	0.80	0.89	0.85	0.99	0.92	0.89	0.91	0.87	0.86	1.16	1.12	0.95	0.77	0.88	0.93
SAN DIEGO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.01	0.96	0.79	0.89	1.03	0.93	1.02	1.03	0.83	0.95	1.00	0.72	1.05	1.03	0.97	0.95	1.14	0.96	1.15	0.99	0.97	0.88	0.88	0.84
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	1.068	1.458	1.280	1.30	1.05	0.79	0.90	1.01	0.83	1.28	1.35	0.74	0.86	0.87	0.79	1.06	0.82	1.05	0.92	1.00	0.94	0.99	0.95	1.02	0.92	0.98	0.79
SAN JOSE, CA	1.063	1.380	1.240	0.96	0.90	0.72	0.63	0.95	0.79	0.79	0.95	0.74	0.79	0.99	0.89	0.94	0.96	1.01	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.92	0.89	1.06	0.85	0.83	0.97
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.86	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.84	0.90	0.98	0.76	0.78	0.86	0.70	1.04	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.95	0.89	1.00	0.75	0.85	0.87	0.99	0.85
SANTA ANA, CA	1.037	1.184	1.120	1.08	0.96	1.04	0.81	0.90	0.88	0.90	1.01	0.94	0.85	0.95	0.91	1.01	1.06	0.99	0.98	1.08	0.95	1.05	0.88	1.00	0.95	0.95	1.03
SANTA BARBARA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.03	1.11	0.88	1.08	1.19	0.91	0.88	1.10	0.87	1.06	0.67	0.77	1.01	0.99	0.99	1.02	1.21	0.95	1.06	1.04	1.06	0.87	0.87	0.76
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.96	0.95	1.11	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.96	0.90	0.93	1.12	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.03	0.98	1.06	0.99	1.10	0.98	1.05	0.93	0.94	0.83
SANTA ROSA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
SEPULVEDA, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.02	0.99	0.91	0.82	0.93	0.99	0.91	1.00	0.90	0.95	0.91	0.92	1.12	0.90	0.98	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.20	1.02	1.24	0.93	0.94	1.00
SONORA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.92	0.95	1.03	0.64	1.08	0.92	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.97	1.11	1.13	1.08	1.01	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.85	1.01	0.97	0.99	0.86	0.91	0.77
STOCKTON, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.92	0.95	1.03	0.64	1.08	0.92	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.97	1.11	1.13	1.08	1.01	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.85	1.01	0.97	0.99	0.86	0.91	0.77
SUN CITY, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
TRAVIS AFB, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
TULARE, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.93	0.99	1.19	0.94	1.03	1.05	1.09	0.99	0.94	1.16	1.35	0.92	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.01	0.89	0.92	0.93	0.92	1.10	0.82	0.86	1.02
UKIAH, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
UPLAND, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.01	1.04	1.34	1.01	1.06	1.06	1.01	1.08	0.94	1.05	1.11	0.86	0.99	1.21	1.02	1.05	1.16	0.99	0.99	1.05	0.95	0.91	1.02	0.86
VALLEJO, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
VICTORVILLE, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
VISTA, CA	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.93	1.03	0.93	1.02	0.97	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	1.05	0.86	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.91	1.15	0.88	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.90
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.39	1.08	1.38	0.97	1.16	1.07	1.04	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.48	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.00	1.11	1.12	1.21	1.06
WEST LOS ANGELES, CA	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.39	1.08	1.38	0.97	1.16	1.07	1.04	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.48	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.00	1.11	1.12	1.21	1.06
YOUNTVILLE, CA	1.015	1.248	1.140	0.96	0.90	0.68	0.72	0.87	0.87	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.88	0.99	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.91	1.00	0.81
ALAMOSA, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.92	0.91	1.37	1.00	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.98	1.19	0.84	0.83	1.05	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.85	0.79	0.89	0.75

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
AURORA, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.06	1.06	1.14	0.96	1.04	1.16	1.05	1.02	0.92	0.96	1.02	1.37	1.01	0.77	1.23	1.09	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.89	0.80	0.88	0.92	0.74
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
DENVER, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.13	1.05	1.14	0.89	1.22	1.19	1.06	1.03	0.90	0.86	1.05	1.38	1.04	0.86	1.26	1.14	1.01	0.90	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.92	0.97	0.77
DURANGO, CO	0.985	0.992	0.99	0.92	0.91	1.37	1.00	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.98	1.19	0.84	0.83	1.05	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.85	0.79	0.89	0.75
FORT COLLINS, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.86	0.96	1.10	0.84	0.99	0.96	0.86	0.94	1.33	0.97	0.84	1.14	0.96	0.89	0.76	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.86	0.92	0.76
FORT LYON, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
FORT MORGAN, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.86	0.96	1.10	0.84	0.99	0.96	0.86	0.94	1.33	0.97	0.84	1.14	0.96	0.89	0.76	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.86	0.92	0.76
GRAND JUNCTION, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.92	0.91	1.37	1.00	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.98	1.19	0.84	0.83	1.05	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.85	0.79	0.89	0.75
GREELEY, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.86	0.96	1.10	0.84	0.99	0.96	0.86	0.94	1.33	0.97	0.84	1.14	0.96	0.89	0.76	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.86	0.92	0.76
LA JUNTA, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
LAKEWOOD, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.13	1.05	1.14	0.89	1.22	1.19	1.06	1.03	0.90	0.86	1.05	1.38	1.04	0.86	1.26	1.14	1.01	0.90	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.92	0.97	0.77
LAMAR, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
MONTROSE, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.92	0.91	1.37	1.00	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.98	1.19	0.84	0.83	1.05	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.85	0.79	0.89	0.75
PUEBLO, CO	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
DANBURY, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	1.04	1.10	0.92	1.10	1.47	1.01	1.06	1.05	0.99	0.88	1.12	1.29	1.16	0.98	1.32	1.06	1.11	1.18	1.06	0.88	1.14	1.40	1.37	1.12
NEW LONDON, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.97	1.05	0.87	0.76	0.94	0.93	0.86	0.86	1.28	1.08	0.95	1.25	1.02	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.90	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.05
NEWINGTON, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	1.06	1.14	0.95	0.89	1.16	1.04	0.99	1.05	1.02	0.90	0.72	1.29	1.08	1.04	1.22	1.09	0.97	1.07	0.94	0.92	1.52	1.33	1.30	1.03
NORWICH, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.97	1.05	0.87	0.76	0.94	0.93	0.86	0.86	1.28	1.08	0.95	1.25	1.02	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.90	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.05
STAMFORD, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	1.04	1.10	0.92	1.10	1.47	1.01	1.06	1.05	0.99	0.88	1.12	1.29	1.16	0.98	1.32	1.06	1.11	1.18	1.06	0.88	1.14	1.40	1.37	1.12
WATERBURY, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	1.01	0.76	0.96	1.19	0.93	0.92	0.99	0.99	0.83	0.78	1.22	1.23	1.08	1.22	1.03	0.96	1.14	0.99	0.85	1.16	1.26	1.14	1.05
WEST HAVEN, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	1.04	1.03	0.67	0.97	1.25	0.87	0.82	1.06	1.12	0.89	1.01	1.14	1.16	1.09	1.24	1.09	0.99	1.16	1.10	0.85	1.29	1.28	1.11	1.00
WILLIMANTIC, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.97	1.05	0.87	0.76	0.94	0.93	0.86	0.86	1.28	1.08	0.95	1.25	1.02	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.90	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.05
WINDHAM, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.97	1.05	0.87	0.76	0.94	0.93	0.86	0.86	1.28	1.08	0.95	1.25	1.02	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.90	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.05
WINSTED, CT	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.97	1.05	0.87	0.76	0.94	0.93	0.86	0.86	1.28	1.08	0.95	1.25	1.02	0.99	1.03	0.97	0.90	1.04	1.10	1.04	1.05
WASHINGTON SE, DC	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.07	0.83	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.93	1.06	0.89	1.27	1.09	0.96	1.20	1.05	1.12	1.04	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.21	1.31
WASHINGTON, DC	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.07	0.83	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.93	1.06	0.89	1.27	1.09	0.96	1.20	1.05	1.12	1.04	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.21	1.31
DOVER AFB, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
GEORGETOWN, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
MILLSBORO, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
NEW CASTLE, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	1.05	1.00	1.29	0.79	0.88	1.05	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.07	0.87	1.00	0.94	1.14	0.94	1.04	0.86	1.08	0.87	1.01	1.08	0.95	0.87	1.17
OCEAN VIEW, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
REHOBOTH, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
SMYRNA, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	0.91	0.96	0.85	0.85	0.88	0.83	1.03	0.97	0.81	0.96	0.78	1.31	0.91	0.96	0.98	0.93	0.81	1.03	0.95	0.92	0.94	0.98	1.02	0.99
WILMINGTON, DE	1.019	1.035	1.030	1.05	1.00	1.29	0.79	0.88	1.05	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.07	0.87	1.00	0.94	1.14	0.94	1.04	0.86	1.08	0.87	1.01	1.08	0.95	0.87	1.17
AVON PARK, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.95	1.01	1.13	0.96	1.24	0.84	1.33	0.95	0.98	0.91	0.81	0.74	1.08	1.05	0.84	1.02	0.99	0.94	0.85	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.87	0.87
BAY PINES, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.04	0.96	1.03	1.05	1.12	0.89	1.43	1.03	1.02	0.91	1.05	1.18	1.00	0.97	1.02	1.02	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.76	1.05	0.91	0.87	0.83
BOCA RATON, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.14	0.99	0.86	1.31	1.01	1.10	0.95	1.25	1.04	0.99	0.95	0.96	1.11	1.20	1.00	0.92	0.86	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.16
BROOKSVILLE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.96	1.35	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.07	1.23	0.98	0.99	1.18	0.99	1.04	0.96	0.86	0.83	1.18	0.95	1.05	1.01
CLEARWATER, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.96	1.35	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.07	1.23	0.98	0.99	1.18	0.99	1.04	0.96	0.86	0.83	1.18	0.95	1.05	1.01
CORAL SPRINGS, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93
DAYTONA BEACH, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.89	0.95	0.59	0.96	1.15	0.90	1.06	0.94	1.08	0.90	1.05	1.21	1.00	1.03	0.97	0.94	0.92	0.96	0.78	1.00	0.97	0.80	0.82	0.73
DEERFIELD BEACH, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.14	0.99	0.86	1.31	1.01	1.10	0.95	1.25	1.04	0.99	0.95	0.96	1.11	1.20	1.00	0.92	0.86	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.16
DELRAY BEACH, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.14	0.99	0.86	1.31	1.01	1.10	0.95	1.25	1.04	0.99	0.95	0.96	1.11	1.20	1.00	0.92	0.86	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.16
ELLENTON, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.96	1.35	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.07	1.23	0.98	0.99	1.18	0.99	1.04	0.96	0.86	0.83	1.18	0.95	1.05	1.01
FORT MYERS, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.94	1.02	0.76	1.08	1.08	0.91	0.91	1.04	1.02	0.89	1.11	1.23	0.99	0.96	1.12	1.04	1.07	0.96	1.04	0.83	1.06	0.91	0.90	0.81
FORT PIERCE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.08	1.06	1.01	1.61	1.30	0.97	1.26	1.14	1.15	1.10	1.16	0.96	1.01	1.07	1.11	1.07	1.11	1.11	0.97	1.06	1.10	1.00	0.99	0.87
GAINESVILLE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.14	1.03	0.96	0.96	1.04	1.05	1.04	0.97	0.81	0.92	0.62	1.26	0.92	1.03	1.17	0.94	1.06	0.97	0.86	0.77	1.05	0.87	0.81	0.69
HALLANDALE, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93
HOMESTEAD, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93
INVERNESS, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.84	0.90	0.66	1.00	1.02	0.81	1.16	0.93	0.88	0.75	0.85	1.16	0.94	0.99	1.12	0.87	1.09	0.87	0.76	0.77	1.12	0.83	0.90	0.86
JACKSONVILLE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.05	0.99	1.24	0.72	0.82	1.09	0.93	1.06	1.07	1.03	0.89	1.31	1.06	1.07	1.14	1.07	1.06	0.93	1.18	0.96	0.94	0.84	0.96	0.71
KEY LARGO, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93
KEY WEST, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFs (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUs (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
KISSIMMEE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.96	0.98	1.11	0.96	1.09	0.92	1.08	1.01	0.98	1.03	1.05	1.16	1.00	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.04	0.97	0.84	0.94	0.98	0.91	0.89	0.90
LAKE CITY, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.00	0.95	1.23	0.95	0.95	1.10	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.10	0.89	1.18	0.92	0.99	1.06	1.08	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.01	1.06	0.87	0.78	0.76
LAKELAND, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.95	1.01	1.13	0.96	1.24	0.84	1.33	0.95	0.98	0.91	0.81	0.74	1.08	1.05	0.84	1.02	0.99	0.94	0.85	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.87	0.87
LEESBURG, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.96	0.98	1.11	0.96	1.09	0.92	1.08	1.01	0.98	1.03	1.05	1.16	1.00	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.04	0.97	0.84	0.94	0.98	0.91	0.89	0.90
MIAMI, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.26	1.15	1.07	1.29	0.95	1.08	1.28	1.15	1.06	1.21	1.28	1.20	1.02	1.13	1.02	1.18	1.40	1.08	1.08	0.92	1.08	1.04	1.10	0.91
NAPLES, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	0.92	1.00	0.78	0.86	1.09	1.08	0.93	0.97	1.13	1.06	1.30	1.40	0.94	0.92	1.27	1.01	1.21	0.98	0.83	0.81	1.10	0.96	0.95	0.84
OAKLAND PARK, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	1.33	1.07	1.14	1.68	1.33	1.08	1.53	1.08	1.13	1.05	1.16	1.00	1.02	1.03	0.98	1.17	1.38	0.97	1.01	0.93	1.08	1.05	1.02	1.02
OCALA, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.84	0.90	0.66	1.00	1.02	0.81	1.16	0.93	0.88	0.75	0.85	1.16	0.94	0.99	1.12	0.87	1.09	0.87	0.76	0.77	1.12	0.83	0.90	0.86
OKEECHOBEE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.08	1.06	1.01	1.61	1.30	0.97	1.26	1.14	1.15	1.10	1.16	0.96	1.01	1.07	1.11	1.07	1.11	1.11	0.97	1.06	1.10	1.00	0.99	0.87
ORLANDO, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.10	1.02	1.12	0.97	1.10	1.12	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.31	1.14	1.09	1.13	1.12	1.09	1.08	0.98	0.82	1.06	1.31	0.99	1.04	1.18
PANAMA CITY, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.90	0.98	0.87	0.97	1.09	0.93	1.03	0.97	0.90	0.96	0.89	1.20	0.93	1.00	1.14	0.98	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.93	1.01	0.87	0.83	0.89
PEMBROKE PINES, FL	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.20	1.10	1.04	1.07	0.98	1.03	1.33	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.01	0.96	1.17	1.21	1.04	0.93	1.08	1.16	0.98	0.96	0.93
PENSACOLA, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.90	0.98	0.87	0.97	1.09	0.93	1.03	0.97	0.90	0.96	0.89	1.20	0.93	1.00	1.14	0.98	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.93	1.01	0.87	0.83	0.89
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.94	1.02	0.76	1.08	1.08	0.91	0.91	1.04	1.02	0.89	1.11	1.23	0.99	0.96	1.12	1.04	1.07	0.96	1.04	0.83	1.06	0.91	0.90	0.81
PORT RICHEY, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.96	1.35	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.07	1.23	0.98	0.99	1.18	0.99	1.04	0.96	0.86	0.83	1.18	0.95	1.05	1.01
SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.00	0.95	1.23	0.95	0.95	1.10	0.97	0.99	1.01	1.10	0.89	1.18	0.92	0.99	1.06	1.08	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.01	1.06	0.87	0.78	0.76
SAINT PETERSBURG, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.04	0.96	1.03	1.05	1.12	0.89	1.43	1.03	1.02	0.91	1.05	1.18	1.00	0.97	1.02	1.02	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.76	1.05	0.91	0.87	0.83
SANFORD, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.96	0.98	1.11	0.96	1.09	0.92	1.08	1.01	0.98	1.03	1.05	1.16	1.00	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.04	0.97	0.84	0.94	0.98	0.91	0.89	0.90
SARASOTA, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.96	1.35	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.07	1.23	0.98	0.99	1.18	0.99	1.04	0.96	0.86	0.83	1.18	0.95	1.05	1.01
STUART, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.08	1.06	1.01	1.61	1.30	0.97	1.26	1.14	1.15	1.10	1.16	0.96	1.01	1.07	1.11	1.07	1.11	1.11	0.97	1.06	1.10	1.00	0.99	0.87
TALLAHASSEE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.90	0.98	0.87	0.97	1.09	0.93	1.03	0.97	0.90	0.96	0.89	1.20	0.93	1.00	1.14	0.98	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.93	1.01	0.87	0.83	0.89
TAMPA, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.28	1.31	1.03	1.15	1.13	1.00	1.03	1.05	1.14	0.99	0.87	1.17	1.10	1.08	1.02	0.95	1.10	1.22	0.88	0.95	0.98
VERO BEACH, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.94	1.04	0.93	1.12	1.19	0.89	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.94	1.15	1.08	1.00	0.93	1.01	1.05	1.01	0.98	0.83	0.94	1.14	0.94	0.95	0.98
VIERA/MELBOURNE, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	0.94	1.04	0.93	1.12	1.19	0.89	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.94	1.15	1.08	1.00	0.93	1.01	1.05	1.01	0.98	0.83	0.94	1.14	0.94	0.95	0.98
WEST PALM BEACH, FL	0.996	1.018	1.010	0.97	1.01	0.95	1.14	0.99	0.86	1.31	1.01	1.10	0.95	1.25	1.04	0.99	0.95	0.96	1.11	1.20	1.00	0.92	0.86	1.08	1.06	1.05	1.16
ZEPHYRHILLS, FL	0.975	0.946	0.960	1.04	0.96	1.03	1.05	1.12	0.89	1.43	1.03	1.02	0.91	1.05	1.18	1.00	0.97	1.02	1.02	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.76	1.05	0.91	0.87	0.83
ALBANY, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.10	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	1.43	0.92	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.01	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.06	0.99	1.05	1.04	1.04
ATLANTA/DECATUR, GA	1.006	1.059	1.040	0.97	0.98	1.30	1.21	0.77	0.99	0.94	1.00	1.04	0.92	0.92	0.88	0.97	0.99	0.93	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.93	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.02	0.98
ATLANTA/MIDTOWN, GA	1.006	1.059	1.040	1.13	1.05	1.41	1.21	0.75	1.16	1.08	1.04	1.04	0.98	1.26	1.07	1.01	1.09	1.15	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.10	1.08	1.02
AUGUSTA, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
COLUMBUS, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.10	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	1.43	0.92	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.01	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.06	0.99	1.05	1.04	1.04
DUBLIN, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.06	1.01	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.19	1.05	1.04	1.01	1.24	0.86	0.74	1.13	1.07	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.12	1.13	1.22	1.12	1.11	1.09	1.17
GAINESVILLE/ NE CORRIDOR, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA	1.006	1.059	1.040	0.97	0.98	1.30	1.21	0.77	0.99	0.94	1.00	1.04	0.92	0.92	0.88	0.97	0.99	0.93	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.93	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.02	0.98
MACON, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.06	1.01	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.19	1.05	1.04	1.01	1.24	0.86	0.74	1.13	1.07	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.12	1.13	1.22	1.12	1.11	1.09	1.17
MARIETTA, GA	1.006	1.059	1.040	0.97	0.98	1.30	1.21	0.77	0.99	0.94	1.00	1.04	0.92	0.92	0.88	0.97	0.99	0.93	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.93	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.02	0.98
OAKWOOD/ NE CORRIDOR, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
SAVANNAH, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	0.97	0.99	1.03	1.13	1.17	1.07	0.91	1.01	0.91	1.12	1.47	0.87	1.01	1.07	0.82	0.94	1.05	1.07	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.07	1.05	1.17
VALDOSTA, GA	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.10	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	1.43	0.92	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.01	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.06	0.99	1.05	1.04	1.04
GUAM, GU	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
HILO, HI	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
HONOLULU, HI	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
KAHULUI, HI	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
KAILUA KONA, HI	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
LIHUE, HI	0.997	1.124	1.070	1.11	1.11	0.71	0.98	1.49	0.76	1.60	1.08	0.81	1.00	0.81	0.86	1.18	1.05	0.90	0.97	1.20	1.00	0.82	0.84	0.97	0.81	0.94	0.97
BETTENDORF, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
DES MOINES, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79
DUBUQUE, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
FORT DODGE, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
IOWA CITY, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
KNOXVILLE, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79
MARSHALLTOWN, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
MASON CITY, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.93	0.90	0.74	1.11	1.13	0.79	0.78	1.10	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.94	1.22	0.98	0.83	0.93	0.88	1.01	1.01	0.77	0.89	0.90	0.74
OTTUMWA, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
SIOUX CITY, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	1.05	0.94	0.93	0.96	0.89	0.91	1.06	1.00	0.96	0.80	1.04	1.39	1.06	1.02	0.95	0.99	0.84	0.87	0.92	0.78	0.97	0.96	0.70
WATERLOO, IA	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.93	0.90	0.74	1.11	1.13	0.79	0.78	1.10	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.94	1.22	0.98	0.83	0.93	0.88	1.01	1.01	0.77	0.89	0.90	0.74
BOISE, ID	0.960	0.881	0.920	1.04	1.07	1.06	0.79	0.87	1.00	0.90	1.12	1.11	0.94	0.83	0.93	0.92	0.86	1.03	0.95	0.94	1.03	1.03	0.76	0.81	0.86	0.99	0.94
LEWISTON, ID	0.960	0.881	0.920	0.92	1.03	0.96	1.30	0.95	1.07	0.82	1.01	0.79	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	1.06	1.01	0.88	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.78	0.77	0.85	0.98	0.86
POCATELLO, ID	0.960	0.881	0.920	1.01	0.98	0.97	0.63	0.36	0.92	0.89	1.08	0.69	1.00	0.87	0.69	0.88	0.73	0.82	0.84	1.03	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.75	0.76	0.87	0.75
TWIN FALLS, ID	0.960	0.881	0.920	0.92	1.03	0.96	1.30	0.95	1.07	0.82	1.01	0.79	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	1.06	1.01	0.88	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.78	0.77	0.85	0.98	0.86
AURORA, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.09	1.11	1.15	1.29	1.08	1.16	1.17	1.11	1.09	1.16	1.19	1.07	1.08	1.11	0.99	1.15	1.07	1.26	1.09	1.18	1.13	1.20	1.21	1.09
BELLEVILLE, IL	0.988	0.924	0.950	0.85	0.88	0.66	1.12	1.26	0.83	0.95	0.95	1.13	0.91	0.84	0.74	0.86	0.79	0.68	0.88	0.83	0.91	1.02	1.02	0.99	0.89	0.89	0.91
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL	1.006	1.071	1.040	1.06	0.96	1.55	0.87	0.87	1.04	1.04	0.99	1.13	1.04	0.92	0.78	0.96	0.93	0.77	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.92	1.20	1.16	0.97	0.98	1.01
CHICAGO, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.13	1.05	1.34	1.36	0.95	1.13	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.02	1.18	0.93	0.99	1.05	0.95	1.08	1.07	1.22	1.04	1.07	1.22	1.17	1.16	1.23
CHICAGO/WOODLAWN, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.13	1.05	1.34	1.36	0.95	1.13	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.02	1.18	0.93	0.99	1.05	0.95	1.08	1.07	1.22	1.04	1.07	1.22	1.17	1.16	1.23
DANVILLE, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.15	1.13	0.87	1.21	0.97	1.21	1.18	1.18	1.40	1.19	1.04	0.72	1.04	1.23	0.81	1.06	1.04	1.16	1.20	1.23	0.91	0.93	1.13	1.23
DECATUR, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.05	0.95	0.85	0.72	0.82	0.87	1.02	1.03	0.94	1.14	0.94	0.65	0.90	0.85	0.71	0.89	0.85	0.95	1.07	1.04	1.06	0.94	0.91	1.06
EFFINGHAM, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.88	0.91	0.88	1.01	0.85	0.96	1.20	1.02	1.13	1.02	1.02	0.63	1.06	1.06	0.66	0.89	0.91	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.02	0.89	0.94	1.11
ELGIN, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.07	0.97	1.13	0.95	0.94	1.13	1.38	0.97	1.09	0.98	0.98	1.05	0.95	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.91	1.10	0.91	1.18	1.10	1.01	1.00	0.98
EVANSTON, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	0.99	1.00	1.46	0.89	0.78	1.19	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.93	0.88	0.96	0.96	0.79	0.95	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.92	1.12	1.22	1.08	0.98	1.15
GALESBURG, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.85	0.89	0.93	1.54	0.96	0.90	0.98	0.98	1.13	1.09	1.02	0.68	0.89	0.93	0.69	0.91	0.91	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.88	0.91	0.90
HINES, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.07	0.97	1.13	0.95	0.94	1.13	1.38	0.97	1.09	0.98	0.98	1.05	0.95	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.91	1.10	0.91	1.18	1.10	1.01	1.00	0.98
JOLIET, IL	1.006	1.071	1.040	1.06	0.96	1.55	0.87	0.87	1.04	1.04	0.99	1.13	1.04	0.92	0.78	0.96	0.93	0.77	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.92	1.20	1.16	0.97	0.98	1.01
LA SALLE, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.85	0.89	0.93	1.54	0.96	0.90	0.98	0.98	1.13	1.09	1.02	0.68	0.89	0.93	0.69	0.91	0.91	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.88	0.91	0.90
MANTENO, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.94	0.93	0.78	0.87	0.77	0.95	0.98	0.97	1.23	1.13	1.12	0.75	0.92	1.05	0.71	0.99	0.91	1.05	1.10	1.19	1.00	0.91	0.93	0.99
MARION, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.88	0.92	0.70	1.22	1.33	0.88	0.99	1.00	1.18	0.97	0.91	0.77	0.90	0.85	0.71	0.92	0.86	0.96	1.08	1.05	0.99	0.96	0.97	0.98
MCHENRY, IL	1.006	1.071	1.040	1.05	1.04	1.05	0.98	0.87	1.09	1.28	1.04	1.16	0.98	1.00	1.05	1.00	0.96	1.05	1.05	0.98	1.14	0.87	1.07	1.30	1.02	1.05	1.17
MOUNT VERNON, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.88	0.91	0.88	1.01	0.85	0.96	1.20	1.02	1.13	1.02	1.02	0.63	1.06	1.06	0.66	0.89	0.91	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.02	0.89	0.94	1.11
NORTH CHICAGO, IL	1.006	1.071	1.040	1.05	1.04	1.05	0.98	0.87	1.09	1.28	1.04	1.16	0.98	1.00	1.05	1.00	0.96	1.05	1.05	0.98	1.14	0.87	1.07	1.30	1.02	1.05	1.17
OAK LAWN, IL	1.006	1.071	1.040	1.06	0.96	1.55	0.87	0.87	1.04	1.04	0.99	1.13	1.04	0.92	0.78	0.96	0.93	0.77	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.92	1.20	1.16	0.97	0.98	1.01
OAK PARK, IL	1.028	1.092	1.060	0.99	1.00	1.46	0.89	0.78	1.19	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.93	0.88	0.96	0.96	0.79	0.95	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.92	1.12	1.22	1.08	0.98	1.15
PEORIA, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.98	0.93	0.86	1.39	0.97	1.06	0.99	0.95	1.23	1.05	1.16	0.78	0.90	0.82	0.74	0.95	0.95	1.04	1.12	0.99	1.00	0.82	0.91	0.89
QUINCY, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.05	0.95	0.85	0.72	0.82	0.87	1.02	1.03	0.94	1.14	0.94	0.65	0.90	0.85	0.71	0.89	0.85	0.95	1.07	1.04	1.06	0.94	0.91	1.06
ROCKFORD, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.30	1.33	1.12	0.96	1.07	1.34	1.03	1.36	0.79	1.28	1.32	0.80	1.07	1.19	1.11	1.25	1.26	1.16	1.05	1.04	1.02
SPRINGFIELD, IL	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.16	1.06	1.10	1.34	1.08	1.16	1.04	1.13	1.40	1.46	1.41	0.74	0.98	1.68	0.92	1.02	1.06	1.12	1.12	1.10	0.92	1.20	1.20	1.33
BLOOMINGTON, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.93	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.96	1.11	0.92	1.09	1.13	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.98	1.21	0.88	0.78	0.80	0.90
CROWN POINT, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.10	1.04	1.22	1.16	0.96	1.13	1.08	1.09	1.25	1.20	1.31	0.90	1.03	1.13	0.84	1.08	0.94	1.14	1.02	1.34	0.92	1.07	1.03	1.36
EVANSVILLE, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.90	0.87	1.15	0.94	0.96	1.40	1.07	0.80	0.64	0.89	0.78	0.73	1.22	1.02	1.00	1.08	1.08	0.81	0.95	1.01	1.06
FORT WAYNE, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.97	0.92	0.96	0.89	1.01	0.93	1.01	1.01	1.17	1.07	0.98	0.78	1.03	1.03	0.78	0.97	0.94	0.97	1.03	1.02	0.81	0.88	0.95	1.03
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.09	1.01	1.15	0.90	0.93	1.13	0.93	1.07	1.21	1.19	0.98	1.08	1.01	1.05	0.96	1.10	1.08	1.09	1.04	1.34	0.90	0.81	0.86	1.03
LAFAYETTE, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.88	0.99	1.15	0.87	1.11	0.93	0.95	1.15	1.43	1.19	0.70	0.95	1.17	0.93	0.96	0.92	1.08	1.14	1.27	0.67	0.86	0.92	1.05
LAWRENCEBURG, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.93	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.96	1.11	0.92	1.09	1.13	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.98	1.21	0.88	0.78	0.80	0.90
MARION, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.88	0.99	1.15	0.87	1.11	0.93	0.95	1.15	1.43	1.19	0.70	0.95	1.17	0.93	0.96	0.92	1.08	1.14	1.27	0.67	0.86	0.92	1.05
MUNCIE, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.92	1.08	1.08	1.03	1.10	0.92	1.03	1.04	1.22	1.06	0.77	0.87	1.01	0.84	0.93	0.93	1.06	1.18	1.16	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.94
NEW ALBANY, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.93	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.96	1.11	0.92	1.09	1.13	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.98	1.21	0.88	0.78	0.80	0.90
RICHMOND, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.92	1.08	1.08	1.03	1.10	0.92	1.03	1.04	1.22	1.06	0.77	0.87	1.01	0.84	0.93	0.93	1.06	1.18	1.16	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.94
SOUTH BEND, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.90	1.35	1.08	0.92	1.10	1.07	1.02	1.08	1.08	0.90	1.12	0.97	1.08	1.04	0.92	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.03	0.79	0.87	0.83	0.84
TERRE HAUTE, IN	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.93	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.96	1.11	0.92	1.09	1.13	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.98	1.21	0.88	0.78	0.80	0.90
ABILENE, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
CHANUTE, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.86	0.83	0.51	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.93	0.88	0.89	1.07	0.80	0.77	0.88	1.14	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.97	0.77	0.85	0.89	0.73
DODGE CITY, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
EMPORIA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.86	0.83	0.51	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.93	0.88	0.89	1.07	0.80	0.77	0.88	1.14	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.97	0.77	0.85	0.89	0.73
FORT RILEY, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.82	0.66	0.99	0.68	0.87	0.70	0.89	0.70	0.91	1.11	0.56	0.77	0.85	0.63	0.76	0.90	0.79	0.92	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.87	0.90
FORT SCOTT, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.86	0.83	0.51	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.93	0.88	0.89	1.07	0.80	0.77	0.88	1.14	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.97	0.77	0.85	0.89	0.73
GARNETT, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.90	0.86	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.88	0.98	1.15	0.83	0.85	0.92	0.74

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFs (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUs (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
HAYS, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
HOLTON, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.82	0.66	0.99	0.68	0.87	0.70	0.89	0.70	0.91	1.11	0.56	0.77	0.85	0.63	0.76	0.90	0.79	0.92	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.87	0.90
JUNCTION CITY, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.82	0.66	0.99	0.68	0.87	0.70	0.89	0.70	0.91	1.11	0.56	0.77	0.85	0.63	0.76	0.90	0.79	0.92	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.87	0.90
KANSAS CITY/ WYANDOTTE, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.90	0.86	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.88	0.98	1.15	0.83	0.85	0.92	0.74
LAWRENCE, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.90	0.86	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.88	0.98	1.15	0.83	0.85	0.92	0.74
LEAVENWORTH, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.90	0.86	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.88	0.98	1.15	0.83	0.85	0.92	0.74
LIBERAL, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
PAOLA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.90	0.86	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.00	0.87	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.90	0.88	0.98	1.15	0.83	0.85	0.92	0.74
PARSONS, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.86	0.83	0.51	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.93	0.88	0.89	1.07	0.80	0.77	0.88	1.14	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.90	0.90	0.97	0.77	0.85	0.89	0.73
RUSSELL, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
SALINA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
SENECA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.82	0.66	0.99	0.68	0.87	0.70	0.89	0.70	0.91	1.11	0.56	0.77	0.85	0.63	0.76	0.90	0.79	0.92	1.00	0.93	0.85	0.87	0.90
TOPEKA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.86	0.94	0.69	1.33	0.96	1.01	0.77	0.97	0.74	1.00	0.97	0.58	0.86	0.91	0.79	0.88	1.01	0.90	1.09	0.99	1.00	0.90	0.87	0.60
WICHITA, KS	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.91	1.05	0.90	0.71	1.12	0.90	0.89	0.92	1.04	0.69	0.93	0.88	1.08	1.02	0.91	1.12	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.77
BELLEVUE, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.88	0.94	1.09	1.09	0.90	1.10	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.99	0.89	1.10	0.79	0.85	0.93	0.88
BOWLING GREEN, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.92	0.94	0.81	0.97	0.77	1.04	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.89	1.06	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.99	1.13	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.95
FORT KNOX, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.87	0.90	1.22	0.82	0.71	0.98	1.13	1.02	0.97	0.83	1.29	1.04	0.79	0.74	0.99	0.98	0.90	1.04	1.00	1.07	0.95	0.92	0.95	1.08
HOPKINSVILLE, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.92	0.94	0.81	0.97	0.77	1.04	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.89	1.06	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.99	1.13	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.95
LEXINGTON, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	1.01	1.16	1.09	0.99	0.96	1.06	1.21	1.14	1.09	0.93	0.90	1.14	0.96	0.91	1.07	1.10	1.05	1.03	0.94	1.21	0.83	0.90	0.95	1.00
LOUISVILLE, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.99	1.00	1.40	0.90	0.83	1.05	1.07	0.99	1.00	0.94	0.87	1.07	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.04	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.23	1.02	1.00	0.84	0.91
PADUCAH, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.92	0.94	0.81	0.97	0.77	1.04	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.89	1.06	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.99	1.13	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.95
PRESTONSBURG, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
SOMERSET, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.55	0.75	0.64	1.14	1.29	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.95	1.05	0.99	1.04	0.89	0.91	1.29	0.91	0.87	1.03	0.83	0.90	0.85	0.93
WHITESBURG, KY	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ALEXANDRIA, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.55	1.15	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.28	1.19	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.01	1.05	1.23	1.00	0.86	0.84	0.99
BATON ROUGE, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.04	1.19	1.06	0.97	0.95	0.98	1.03	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.38	0.99	1.14	1.18	1.12	0.86	0.98	0.98	1.03	0.91	0.88	0.91	1.03
JENNINGS, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.06	0.81	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.03	1.07	0.86	0.81	1.43	0.99	0.92	1.05	0.95	1.07	1.03	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.92	1.11
LAFAYETTE, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.06	0.81	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.03	1.07	0.86	0.81	1.43	0.99	0.92	1.05	0.95	1.07	1.03	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.92	1.11
MONROE, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.55	1.15	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.28	1.19	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.01	1.05	1.23	1.00	0.86	0.84	0.99
NEW ORLEANS, LA	0.998	0.945	0.970	1.03	0.97	1.05	1.10	1.04	1.00	0.85	0.96	1.07	1.03	0.95	0.91	0.95	1.21	0.97	1.05	0.98	0.98	0.99	1.07	1.01	0.89	0.92	0.89
SHREVEPORT, LA	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.55	1.15	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.28	1.19	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.01	1.05	1.23	1.00	0.86	0.84	0.99
BEDFORD, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.91	0.98	0.64	0.85	1.09	0.75	0.87	0.84	0.82	0.90	0.75	1.10	0.89	0.80	1.01	0.89	0.86	0.95	1.01	0.91	1.02	0.97	0.88	0.80
BOSTON, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.94	1.04	1.06	0.86	1.02	0.82	0.89	0.88	1.02	0.88	0.92	1.11	0.91	1.11	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.85	0.77	1.07	1.13	1.04	0.99
BROCKTON, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.98	1.11	1.16	0.93	1.11	0.89	0.92	0.94	1.07	0.96	1.01	1.18	0.97	1.21	1.15	1.03	1.01	1.00	0.91	0.82	1.07	1.19	1.10	1.05
DORCHESTER, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.94	1.04	1.06	0.86	1.02	0.82	0.89	0.88	1.02	0.88	0.92	1.11	0.91	1.11	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.85	0.77	1.07	1.13	1.04	0.99
FITCHBURG, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.95	0.74	0.81	1.28	0.91	0.88	0.88	1.01	0.89	0.83	1.09	0.97	1.28	1.08	0.91	0.94	1.04	0.95	0.93	1.03	1.05	1.14	1.07
FRAMINGHAM, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.91	0.98	0.64	0.85	1.09	0.75	0.87	0.84	0.82	0.90	0.75	1.10	0.89	0.80	1.01	0.89	0.86	0.95	1.01	0.91	1.02	0.97	0.88	0.80
GLOUCESTER, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.91	0.96	0.79	1.26	1.27	0.86	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.91	1.02	1.21	0.92	1.15	1.20	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.11
GREENFIELD, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.95	0.74	0.81	1.28	0.91	0.88	0.88	1.01	0.89	0.83	1.09	0.97	1.28	1.08	0.91	0.94	1.04	0.95	0.93	1.03	1.05	1.14	1.07
HAVERHILL, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.91	0.96	0.79	1.26	1.27	0.86	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.91	1.02	1.21	0.92	1.15	1.20	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.11
HYANNIS, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.97	0.82	0.98	1.33	0.66	0.85	0.86	0.80	0.82	1.10	1.09	0.94	0.85	1.05	0.95	0.81	0.99	0.85	0.76	0.98	1.07	0.90	1.03
LOWELL, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.91	0.96	0.79	1.26	1.27	0.86	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.91	1.02	1.21	0.92	1.15	1.20	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.11
LYNN, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.91	0.96	0.79	1.26	1.27	0.86	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.91	1.02	1.21	0.92	1.15	1.20	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.11
NANTUCKET, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.97	0.82	0.98	1.33	0.66	0.85	0.86	0.80	0.82	1.10	1.09	0.94	0.85	1.05	0.95	0.81	0.99	0.85	0.76	0.98	1.07	0.90	1.03
NEW BEDFORD, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.92	0.96	0.65	0.85	1.38	0.76	0.79	0.87	0.82	0.93	1.02	1.12	0.93	0.86	1.10	0.91	0.92	0.96	0.88	0.84	1.09	1.11	0.98	1.34
NORTHAMPTON, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.95	0.97	0.72	0.86	0.95	0.75	0.73	0.94	1.10	0.77	0.86	1.17	0.97	0.92	1.19	0.98	0.86	0.97	0.95	0.75	1.08	1.02	1.12	1.21
OAK BLUFFS, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.97	0.82	0.98	1.33	0.66	0.85	0.86	0.80	0.82	1.10	1.09	0.94	0.85	1.05	0.95	0.81	0.99	0.85	0.76	0.98	1.07	0.90	1.03
PITTSFIELD, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.80	0.84	1.26	0.58	1.26	0.91	0.75	0.88	0.78	0.94	0.80	1.18	0.85	0.96	1.08	0.84	0.83	0.90	0.78	0.84	0.89	0.97	0.81	0.93
PLYMOUTH, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.92	0.96	0.65	0.85	1.38	0.76	0.79	0.87	0.82	0.93	1.02	1.12	0.93	0.86	1.10	0.91	0.92	0.96	0.88	0.84	1.09	1.11	0.98	1.34
QUINCY, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.94	1.04	1.06	0.86	1.02	0.82	0.89	0.88	1.02	0.88	0.92	1.11	0.91	1.11	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.85	0.77	1.07	1.13	1.04	0.99
SPRINGFIELD, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.95	0.97	0.72	0.86	0.95	0.75	0.73	0.94	1.10	0.77	0.86	1.17	0.97	0.92	1.19	0.98	0.86	0.97	0.95	0.75	1.08	1.02	1.12	1.21
WEST ROXBURY, MA	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.94	1.04	1.06	0.86	1.02	0.82	0.89	0.88	1.02	0.88	0.92	1.11	0.91	1.11	1.08	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.85	0.77	1.07	1.13	1.04	0.99

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
WINCHINDON, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.88	0.95	0.74	0.81	1.28	0.91	0.88	0.88	1.01	0.89	0.83	1.09	0.97	1.28	1.08	0.91	0.94	1.04	0.95	0.93	1.03	1.05	1.14	1.07
WORCESTER, MA	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.92	1.00	1.01	0.86	1.43	0.94	0.85	0.88	1.01	1.15	0.79	1.06	0.92	1.29	1.05	1.05	0.88	0.93	0.81	0.95	0.88	0.95	0.98	1.12
BALTIMORE, MD	1.021	1.038	1.030	1.21	1.06	1.02	0.80	0.94	1.03	1.06	1.02	0.93	0.97	0.87	1.23	1.03	1.08	1.21	1.01	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.14	1.16	1.31
CAMBRIDGE, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.88	0.94	0.97	0.83	0.87	0.83	0.94	0.92	0.89	0.86	0.77	0.89	0.91	0.99	0.89	0.92	1.04	0.91	0.84	0.76	0.98	1.06	1.02	0.94
CHARLOTTE HALL, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.95	0.98	1.05	0.99	1.08	1.04	0.97	0.96	1.10	1.15	1.18	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.87	1.07	0.99	1.18	1.06	0.92	1.03	1.26	1.35	1.58
CUMBERLAND, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.97	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.04	0.97	1.28	0.96	0.89	1.08	0.91	0.91	0.98	1.01	0.86	0.90	0.84	0.97	0.82	0.71	1.18	1.08	1.05	1.04
FORT HOWARD, MD	1.021	1.038	1.030	0.99	0.99	0.84	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.04	0.94	1.13	0.99	0.84	0.84	0.97	0.92	0.90	1.03	0.94	1.02	1.08	0.89	0.97	1.11	1.14	1.22
GLEN BURNIE, MD	1.021	1.038	1.030	0.99	0.99	0.84	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.04	0.94	1.13	0.99	0.84	0.84	0.97	0.92	0.90	1.03	0.94	1.02	1.08	0.89	0.97	1.11	1.14	1.22
HAGERSTOWN, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.97	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.04	0.97	1.28	0.96	0.89	1.08	0.91	0.91	0.98	1.01	0.86	0.90	0.84	0.97	0.82	0.71	1.18	1.08	1.05	1.04
LANDOVER, MD	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.01	1.00	0.86	0.97	0.78	0.90	0.94	0.92	1.28	1.05	0.76	0.95	1.00	0.88	0.93	1.02	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.99	1.03	1.23	1.25	1.15
MILLINGTON, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.88	0.94	0.97	0.83	0.87	0.83	0.94	0.92	0.89	0.86	0.77	0.89	0.91	0.99	0.89	0.92	1.04	0.91	0.84	0.76	0.98	1.06	1.02	0.94
PERRY POINT, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	1.04	1.04	0.91	0.98	1.04	1.09	1.09	0.99	1.19	1.05	0.90	0.88	1.02	0.99	0.95	1.08	0.99	1.08	1.14	0.94	0.97	1.17	1.21	1.30
POCOMOKE CITY, MD	0.984	0.972	0.980	0.88	0.94	0.97	0.83	0.87	0.83	0.94	0.92	0.89	0.86	0.77	0.89	0.91	0.99	0.89	0.92	1.04	0.91	0.84	0.76	0.98	1.06	1.02	0.94
BANGOR, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.05	0.67	1.08	1.14	0.94	1.12	1.29	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.87
CALAIS, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.05	0.67	1.08	1.14	0.94	1.12	1.29	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.87
CARIBOU, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	0.98	0.97	0.78	0.84	1.00	1.13	0.80	1.04	0.87	0.89	1.11	1.10	0.95	1.07	1.09	0.97	1.05	0.92	1.05	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.08	0.89
MACHIAS, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.05	0.67	1.08	1.14	0.94	1.12	1.29	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.87
PORTLAND, ME	0.979	0.999	0.990	1.03	1.06	0.72	0.98	1.06	0.99	0.76	1.07	1.01	0.78	0.88	1.19	1.10	0.94	1.44	1.03	0.95	1.01	1.03	1.03	0.91	1.00	0.97	0.83
RUMFORD, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	0.94	1.03	0.63	0.94	1.03	0.90	0.96	1.08	0.93	0.98	0.87	1.31	0.92	1.19	1.20	0.97	1.06	1.04	1.27	0.96	1.08	0.99	1.13	0.88
SACO, ME	0.979	0.999	0.990	0.91	0.97	0.57	0.86	0.95	0.83	0.93	1.03	0.89	0.91	0.80	1.24	0.87	1.10	1.14	0.93	1.02	0.99	1.19	0.90	1.08	0.95	1.08	0.84
TOGUS, ME	0.961	0.910	0.930	0.98	0.97	0.78	0.84	1.00	1.13	0.80	1.04	0.87	0.89	1.11	1.10	0.95	1.07	1.09	0.97	1.05	0.92	1.05	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.08	0.89
ANN ARBOR, MI	1.043	1.038	1.040	0.84	0.86	0.61	0.79	0.92	0.73	0.83	0.82	1.15	0.77	0.65	1.04	0.93	0.76	0.98	0.99	0.89	0.77	0.81	0.77	0.80	0.78	0.71	0.64
BATTLE CREEK, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.90	0.88	0.73	0.95	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.98	1.19	1.08	0.79
BENTON HARBOR, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.90	0.88	0.73	0.95	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.98	1.19	1.08	0.79
DETROIT, MI	1.043	1.038	1.040	0.90	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.94	0.77	0.84	0.85	1.32	0.73	0.65	1.02	1.13	0.84	1.01	1.12	0.93	0.84	0.89	0.85	0.86	0.75	0.68	0.63
FLINT, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.82	0.86	0.44	0.95	0.97	0.77	0.81	0.80	1.12	0.85	0.87	1.01	0.95	0.79	0.97	0.94	0.96	0.79	0.81	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.79	0.66
GAYLORD, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
HANCOCK/PORTAGE, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.88	0.93	1.04	0.94	0.98	0.93	0.99	0.91	0.88	1.15	0.87	0.83	0.99	1.03	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.95	1.01	0.88
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.88	0.93	1.04	0.94	0.98	0.93	0.99	0.91	0.88	1.15	0.87	0.83	0.99	1.03	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.95	1.01	0.88
IRONWOOD, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.88	0.93	1.04	0.94	0.98	0.93	0.99	0.91	0.88	1.15	0.87	0.83	0.99	1.03	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.95	1.01	0.88
JACKSON, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.90	0.88	0.73	0.95	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.98	1.19	1.08	0.79
LANSING, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.84	0.86	0.65	0.82	0.92	0.73	0.76	0.84	0.89	0.82	0.71	0.89	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.91	0.90	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.78	0.61
MARQUETTE, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.88	0.93	1.04	0.94	0.98	0.93	0.99	0.91	0.88	1.15	0.87	0.83	0.99	1.03	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.95	1.01	0.88
MENOMINEE, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.88	0.93	1.04	0.94	0.98	0.93	0.99	0.91	0.88	1.15	0.87	0.83	0.99	1.03	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.91	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.95	1.01	0.88
MUSKEGON, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
OSCODA, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.85	0.88	0.73	0.79	0.92	0.87	0.81	0.85	1.49	0.80	0.52	1.00	1.01	0.90	1.05	1.02	0.89	0.79	0.86	0.77	0.80	0.86	0.89	0.70
PONTIAC, MI	1.043	1.038	1.040	0.79	0.82	1.01	0.77	0.94	0.75	0.84	0.79	1.49	0.81	0.73	1.05	0.97	0.89	0.99	1.02	0.92	0.72	0.94	0.82	0.83	0.78	0.74	1.08
SAGINAW, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.85	0.88	0.73	0.79	0.92	0.87	0.81	0.85	1.49	0.80	0.52	1.00	1.01	0.90	1.05	1.02	0.89	0.79	0.86	0.77	0.80	0.86	0.89	0.70
SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
TRAVERSE CITY, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
YALE, MI	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.83	0.91	0.69	0.79	0.81	0.87	0.95	0.84	1.35	0.93	0.90	1.11	1.01	0.91	1.07	1.04	0.96	0.80	1.17	0.94	0.87	0.95	0.81	0.80
BRAINERD, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.13	1.03	1.04	0.94	1.09	0.86	0.96	1.20	1.07	0.73	0.94	1.28	0.78	0.98	1.16	1.04	1.09	0.88	0.85	0.95	1.08	0.84	1.08	0.94
FERGUS FALLS, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
HIBBING, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
MANKATO, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.05	1.04	1.00	1.62	1.10	1.03	0.90	1.11	0.86	1.09	0.76	0.73	0.87	0.82	0.88	0.90	1.23	0.99	1.09	1.17	0.55	0.97	1.02	0.96
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.01	1.19	1.01	1.12	0.85	1.36	1.10	1.02	1.35	1.07	1.11	0.97	0.93	1.07	0.74	0.95	1.04	0.77
MONTEVIDEO, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.10	1.13	0.60	1.10	1.12	0.83	0.92	1.12	0.71	0.95	0.59	0.90	0.73	1.13	0.93	0.94	1.17	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.73	1.01	1.23	1.12
ROCHESTER, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.04	1.18	1.00	1.37	0.99	1.20	0.89	1.13	0.99	1.37	0.92	1.08	1.08	1.38	0.99	1.03	1.37	1.14	1.08	1.22	0.79	0.93	1.00	0.99
SAINT CLOUD, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.13	1.03	1.04	0.94	1.09	0.86	0.96	1.20	1.07	0.73	0.94	1.28	0.78	0.98	1.16	1.04	1.09	0.88	0.85	0.95	1.08	0.84	1.08	0.94
SAINT PAUL, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.14	1.17	1.21	1.01	1.02	1.11	1.14	1.18	0.94	0.96	1.06	1.39	0.89	1.03	1.31	1.03	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.01	0.67	0.95	0.98	0.73
VIRGINIA, MN	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
BELTON, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.99	1.02	1.38	1.14	1.06	1.21	1.07	1.05	1.05	1.11	0.94	1.02	1.20	1.18	1.08	1.04	1.04	0.99	1.10	1.00	0.90	0.98	0.97	0.89

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
CAMERON, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.94	0.94	0.65	1.06	0.94	0.86	1.14	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.77	1.10	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.88	0.75	0.98	1.17	1.09	0.90	0.86	0.98	0.91
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.92	1.00	1.13	1.06	0.93	1.16	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.92	1.06	0.81	1.04	1.23	0.81	0.99	0.81	1.06	1.10	1.27	0.78	0.84	0.81	1.32
COLUMBIA, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.97	0.98	1.26	1.16	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.03	0.97	1.16	1.13	0.88	1.03	1.05	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.13	1.19	0.88	1.13	1.18	1.17
FARMINGTON, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.92	1.00	1.13	1.06	0.93	1.16	1.01	0.98	0.99	0.92	1.06	0.81	1.04	1.23	0.81	0.99	0.81	1.06	1.10	1.27	0.78	0.84	0.81	1.32
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
KANSAS CITY, MO	0.988	0.967	0.980	0.92	0.93	1.19	0.98	0.92	1.06	1.00	0.96	0.97	0.98	0.81	0.92	1.08	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.96	0.90	0.97	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.81
KIRKSVILLE, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.94	0.94	0.65	1.06	0.94	0.86	1.14	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.77	1.10	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.88	0.75	0.98	1.17	1.09	0.90	0.86	0.98	0.91
MEXICO, MO	0.946	0.825	0.88	0.97	0.98	1.26	1.16	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.03	0.97	1.16	1.13	0.88	1.03	1.05	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.13	1.19	0.88	1.13	1.18	1.17
MOUNT VERNON, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
NEVADA, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
OSAGE BEACH, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.97	0.98	1.26	1.16	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.03	0.97	1.16	1.13	0.88	1.03	1.05	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.13	1.19	0.88	1.13	1.18	1.17
POPLAR BLUFF, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
SAINT CHARLES, MO	0.994	0.938	0.960	0.93	0.91	0.87	1.02	0.93	1.03	0.99	0.94	1.02	1.32	0.94	0.70	1.05	1.11	0.86	0.93	0.89	0.98	0.97	1.07	0.88	0.92	0.90	1.08
SAINT JAMES, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
SAINT JOSEPH, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.94	0.94	0.65	1.06	0.94	0.86	1.14	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.77	1.10	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.88	0.75	0.98	1.17	1.09	0.90	0.86	0.98	0.91
SAINT LOUIS, MO	0.994	0.938	0.960	1.03	0.98	1.36	1.02	0.93	1.12	1.02	1.06	1.04	1.14	0.94	0.75	1.06	1.39	0.80	0.99	0.93	1.07	1.13	1.24	0.98	0.91	0.92	1.02
SALEM, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
WARRENSBURG, MO	0.946	0.825	0.88	0.99	1.02	1.38	1.14	1.06	1.21	1.07	1.05	1.05	1.11	0.94	1.02	1.20	1.18	1.08	1.04	1.04	0.99	1.10	1.00	0.90	0.98	0.97	0.89
WEST PLAINS, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
WHITEMAN AFB/KNOB NOSTER, MO	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
BILOXI, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.90	0.95	0.90	1.06	0.86	1.19	0.94	0.94	1.11	1.14	1.24	0.72	0.95	0.94	0.73	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.11	0.90	0.88	0.92	1.00
BYHALIA, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.92	0.96	1.10	0.94	0.81	1.09	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.02	0.93	0.77	0.90	1.26	0.79	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.16	0.81	0.85	0.87	0.92
GREENVILLE, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.92	0.96	1.10	0.94	0.81	1.09	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.02	0.93	0.77	0.90	1.26	0.79	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.16	0.81	0.85	0.87	0.92
GULFPORT, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.90	0.95	0.90	1.06	0.86	1.19	0.94	0.94	1.11	1.14	1.24	0.72	0.95	0.94	0.73	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.11	0.90	0.88	0.92	1.00
HATTIESBURG, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.90	0.95	0.90	1.06	0.86	1.19	0.94	0.94	1.11	1.14	1.24	0.72	0.95	0.94	0.73	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.11	0.90	0.88	0.92	1.00
JACKSON, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.52	0.87	1.03	0.95	0.98	1.09	1.19	1.04	0.74	0.94	1.08	0.87	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.08	1.16	0.91	0.85	0.86	0.97
KOSCIUSKO, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.52	0.87	1.03	0.95	0.98	1.09	1.19	1.04	0.74	0.94	1.08	0.87	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.08	1.16	0.91	0.85	0.86	0.97
MERIDIAN, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.52	0.87	1.03	0.95	0.98	1.09	1.19	1.04	0.74	0.94	1.08	0.87	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.08	1.16	0.91	0.85	0.86	0.97
NATCHEZ, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.52	0.87	1.03	0.95	0.98	1.09	1.19	1.04	0.74	0.94	1.08	0.87	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.08	1.16	0.91	0.85	0.86	0.97
SMITHVILLE, MS	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.92	0.96	1.10	0.94	0.81	1.09	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.02	0.93	0.77	0.90	1.26	0.79	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.16	0.81	0.85	0.87	0.92
ANACONDA, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
BILLINGS, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	1.11	1.13	0.93	1.06	0.58	0.93	0.80	1.17	1.09	1.14	0.77	0.93	0.87	0.98	0.98	1.01	0.89	0.95	1.07	0.88	0.90	0.87	0.94	0.96
BOZEMAN, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
FORT HARRISON, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
GLASGOW, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
GREAT FALLS, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
KALISPELL, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
LAME DEER, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
MILES CITY, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
MISSOULA, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
SIDNEY, MT	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
ASHEVILLE, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.01	1.01	1.19	1.19	0.91	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.10	0.96	1.06	0.96	0.99	1.16	1.04	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.99	1.02
CHARLOTTE, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.22	1.19	2.03	0.94	0.74	1.34	1.07	1.22	0.90	1.10	1.05	1.45	1.20	1.07	1.35	1.09	0.98	1.04	1.09	1.14	1.00	1.03	1.03	1.00
DURHAM, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.22	1.39	1.26	1.05	1.37	1.41	1.30	1.07	0.90	1.47	1.29	1.07	1.15	1.08	1.11	1.12	1.04	1.11	1.38	1.18	1.05	0.94	1.01	1.02
FAYETTEVILLE, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.02	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.08	0.85	1.13	1.11	0.97	1.02	1.08	0.98	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.12	1.12	0.95	1.02	1.01	0.99
GREENVILLE, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.02	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.08	0.85	1.13	1.11	0.97	1.02	1.08	0.98	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.12	1.12	0.95	1.02	1.01	0.99
JACKSONVILLE, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.02	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.08	0.85	1.13	1.11	0.97	1.02	1.08	0.98	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.12	1.12	0.95	1.02	1.01	0.99
RALEIGH, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.19	1.17	1.21	1.22	0.91	1.31	1.07	1.12	0.90	1.19	0.86	1.07	0.90	1.13	1.23	1.04	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.03	1.01	1.06	1.14	0.99
SALISBURY, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.11	1.10	1.07	1.05	1.13	1.14	1.09	1.11	0.90	1.11	0.82	1.33	0.89	0.91	1.27	1.03	0.98	0.99	1.09	1.08	0.91	0.95	1.00	0.92
WILMINGTON, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.02	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.08	0.85	1.13	1.11	0.97	1.02	1.08	0.98	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.12	1.12	0.95	1.02	1.01	0.99
WINSTON-SALEM, NC	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.18	1.14	1.33	1.36	0.79	1.09	0.93	1.15	0.95	1.24	0.96	1.31	1.08	0.92	1.11	1.03	0.99	0.95	1.09	1.08	1.14	0.95	1.02	0.88
BISMARCK, ND	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
FARGO, ND	0.950	0.880	0.910	1.18	1.04	0.69	1.10	1.37	0.97	0.95	1.16	1.59	1.17	1.00	0.81	1.11	1.25	0.80	1.02	1.39	0.86	0.94	1.22	0.54	0.90	1.15	0.84
GRAFTON, ND	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
MINOT, ND	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ALLIANCE, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
GERING, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
GRAND ISLAND, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
LINCOLN, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.99	1.03	0.95	1.13	0.92	0.94	0.90	1.02	0.85	1.02	1.04	1.16	0.94	0.92	1.08	0.94	0.93	0.90	1.13	1.02	0.80	0.88	0.85	0.75
NORFOLK, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
NORTH PLATTE, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
OMAHA, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.99	0.98	1.14	0.99	1.09	0.98	0.96	0.99	0.89	1.07	0.96	1.28	0.90	1.04	1.17	0.93	0.94	0.89	1.15	0.99	0.81	0.88	0.95	0.78
RUSHVILLE, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
SIDNEY, NE	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
CONWAY, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.02	0.99	0.65	0.62	1.03	0.73	0.81	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.89	0.81	1.12	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.79	0.76	1.06	0.88	0.86	0.89
KEENE, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
MANCHESTER, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.01	1.02	0.79	1.08	1.20	0.92	0.82	0.98	0.92	0.91	1.01	1.01	0.89	1.01	1.12	1.00	0.94	0.98	0.90	0.90	0.93	0.99	1.00	1.12
PORTSMOUTH, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.02	0.99	0.65	0.62	1.03	0.73	0.81	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.89	0.81	1.12	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.79	0.76	1.06	0.88	0.86	0.89
TILTON, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
WOLFEBORO, NH	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.02	0.99	0.65	0.62	1.03	0.73	0.81	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.89	0.81	1.12	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.79	0.76	1.06	0.88	0.86	0.89
BLACKWOOD, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.97	0.93	1.18	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.35	0.93	1.18	1.15	1.03	1.05	0.91	1.10	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.99	0.96	1.25
BRICK, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.99	0.95	0.83	0.72	0.86	0.92	1.06	0.92	1.22	0.97	0.97	0.88	1.05	0.95	1.00	0.99	1.06	1.17	1.00	0.80	1.18	1.17	1.10	1.41
CAPE MAY, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.97	0.93	1.18	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.35	0.93	1.18	1.15	1.03	1.05	0.91	1.10	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.99	0.96	1.25
EAST ORANGE, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.97	1.02	1.14	1.32	1.05	1.02	1.10	0.94	1.12	0.98	1.32	0.84	1.01	1.01	0.91	1.10	1.13	1.24	0.88	0.86	1.36	1.28	1.27	1.22
ELIZABETH, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.97	1.02	1.14	1.32	1.05	1.02	1.10	0.94	1.12	0.98	1.32	0.84	1.01	1.01	0.91	1.10	1.13	1.24	0.88	0.86	1.36	1.28	1.27	1.22
FORT DIX, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	1.00	0.99	0.88	1.08	0.96	1.03	1.03	0.97	1.06	1.06	0.97	0.86	0.99	0.92	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.01	0.91	1.26	1.25	1.16	1.44
HACKENSACK, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.03	1.05	1.01	1.59	1.20	1.02	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.95	0.97	0.86	1.03	0.99	0.98	1.04	1.15	1.26	0.93	0.96	1.58	1.33	1.22	1.26
JAMESBURG, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.91	0.95	0.85	1.08	1.05	0.94	1.21	0.91	1.16	0.96	1.04	0.91	0.94	0.91	1.01	0.99	1.03	1.15	0.98	1.00	1.21	1.28	1.19	1.46
JERSEY CITY, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.14	1.10	1.19	0.95	1.20	1.20	1.09	1.05	1.09	1.01	1.18	1.01	0.95	0.90	1.02	1.04	1.29	1.28	0.97	0.99	1.41	1.32	1.26	1.46
LYONS, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.99	0.96	0.77	1.08	1.20	0.96	1.33	0.95	1.12	0.90	1.10	0.96	1.02	0.81	0.97	1.01	1.13	1.16	0.90	0.88	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.52
MORRISTOWN, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.99	0.96	0.77	1.08	1.20	0.96	1.33	0.95	1.12	0.90	1.10	0.96	1.02	0.81	0.97	1.01	1.13	1.16	0.90	0.88	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.52
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.08	1.07	0.85	1.21	1.36	1.10	1.09	1.02	1.18	1.00	1.10	0.82	1.01	0.73	0.90	1.05	1.01	1.21	0.83	0.97	1.34	1.24	1.33	1.42
NEWARK, NJ	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.14	1.10	1.19	0.95	1.20	1.20	1.09	1.05	1.09	1.01	1.18	1.01	0.95	0.90	1.02	1.04	1.29	1.28	0.97	0.99	1.41	1.32	1.26	1.46
TRENTON, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	1.00	0.99	0.88	1.08	0.96	1.03	1.03	0.97	1.06	1.06	0.97	0.86	0.99	0.92	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.01	0.91	1.26	1.25	1.16	1.44
VENTNOR CITY, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.97	0.93	1.18	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.35	0.93	1.18	1.15	1.03	1.05	0.91	1.10	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.99	0.96	1.25
VINELAND, NJ	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.97	0.93	1.18	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.35	0.93	1.18	1.15	1.03	1.05	0.91	1.10	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.99	0.96	1.25
ALAMOGORDO, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.06	0.89	0.87	1.03	1.13	0.99	1.13	0.82	1.07	1.08	1.15	1.32	1.10	1.10	1.05	1.02	0.93	0.98	0.74	0.92	1.11	1.21	0.67
ARTESIA, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
CLAYTON, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
CLOVIS, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
ESPANOLA, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
FARMINGTON, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
GALLUP, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
HOBBS, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
LAS CRUCES, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
LAS VEGAS, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
RATON, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
SANTA FE, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
SANTA ROSA, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
SILVER CITY, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
ELY, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	0.97	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.95	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.77	0.75	0.86
HENDERSON, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	1.17	1.16	1.03	1.04	1.25	1.03	1.12	1.11	0.90	1.08	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.10	0.94	1.09	1.16	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.32	0.83	0.87	1.17

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anestnesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
LAS VEGAS, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	1.17	1.16	1.03	1.04	1.25	1.03	1.12	1.11	0.90	1.08	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.10	0.94	1.09	1.16	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.32	0.83	0.87	1.17
MINDEN, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	0.97	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.95	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.77	0.75	0.86
PAHRUMP, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	1.17	1.16	1.03	1.04	1.25	1.03	1.12	1.11	0.90	1.08	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.10	0.94	1.09	1.16	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.32	0.83	0.87	1.17
RENO, NV	1.005	1.039	1.020	0.97	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.95	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.77	0.75	0.86
ALBANY, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.02	1.36	1.24	1.10	1.07	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.82	1.05	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.14	0.94	1.08	0.98	1.11	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.14	1.04
AUBURN, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.04	1.05	0.86	1.09	1.04	1.03	0.95	0.77	0.92	1.03	1.06	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.93	1.00	1.03	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.28	1.28	1.05
BAINBRIDGE, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.85	1.00	0.95	0.68	0.93	1.05	0.85	0.94	0.83	1.03	0.93	1.10	0.93	1.08	0.79	0.92	0.90	1.02	0.94	1.05	1.14	1.08	1.13	0.86
BATAVIA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
BATH, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
BINGHAMTON, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.85	1.00	0.95	0.68	0.93	1.05	0.85	0.94	0.83	1.03	0.93	1.10	0.93	1.08	0.79	0.92	0.90	1.02	0.94	1.05	1.14	1.08	1.13	0.86
BRONX, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.92	1.14	1.00	0.96	1.35	0.97	0.97	1.05	1.02	0.86	1.12	0.88	1.08	0.94	0.98	1.07	1.14	1.31	0.98	0.97	1.58	1.70	1.65	1.66
BROOKLYN, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.93	1.19	1.19	1.05	1.32	1.07	1.04	1.07	0.98	0.99	1.38	0.99	1.09	0.94	0.98	1.11	1.02	1.36	1.06	0.87	1.30	1.71	1.54	1.61
BUFFALO, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
CANANDAIGUA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
CARMEL, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	1.12	1.23	1.20	1.79	1.45	1.15	0.94	1.17	1.11	1.02	1.26	1.10	1.19	0.97	1.29	1.17	1.32	1.41	1.00	0.89	1.46	1.80	1.62	1.73
CASTLE POINT, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.00	1.09	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.82	0.87	0.94	1.30	1.03	0.94	1.17	0.91	1.00	1.10	1.14	0.96	1.36	1.33	1.46	1.63
CATSKILL, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.88	0.94	1.17	1.05	0.97	0.94	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.73	0.89	1.17	0.99	0.88	1.05	0.87	1.03	0.90	0.99	0.89	0.94	0.98	1.03	0.94
CLIFTON PARK, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.02	1.36	1.24	1.10	1.07	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.82	1.05	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.14	0.94	1.08	0.98	1.11	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.14	1.04
CORTLAND, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.04	1.05	0.86	1.09	1.04	1.03	0.95	0.77	0.92	1.03	1.06	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.93	1.00	1.03	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.28	1.28	1.05
DUNKIRK, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
ELIZABETHTOWN, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.89	0.97	1.31	1.18	1.17	0.99	0.92	0.92	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.02	0.91	0.99	0.92	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.99	0.98	1.26	1.17	1.09
ELMIRA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
FAR ROCKAWAY, NY	1.058	1.228	1.150	0.95	1.07	1.05	0.95	1.24	0.93	0.97	1.04	1.10	0.85	1.05	0.85	1.05	0.80	0.96	1.09	1.11	1.32	1.10	0.98	1.53	1.58	1.55	1.53
FONDA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.02	1.36	1.24	1.10	1.07	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.82	1.05	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.14	0.94	1.08	0.98	1.11	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.14	1.04
GLENS FALLS, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.89	0.97	1.31	1.18	1.17	0.99	0.92	0.92	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.02	0.91	0.99	0.92	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.99	0.98	1.26	1.17	1.09
HARLEM, NY	1.094	1.351	1.240	1.40	1.47	1.09	1.36	1.53	1.04	1.09	1.23	1.28	0.94	1.25	1.14	1.34	0.93	1.27	1.38	1.24	1.51	1.09	0.93	1.59	1.87	1.78	1.21
HARRIS, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.00	1.09	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.82	0.87	0.94	1.30	1.03	0.94	1.17	0.91	1.00	1.10	1.14	0.96	1.36	1.33	1.46	1.63
HICKSVILLE, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
ISLIP, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
JAMESTOWN, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
KINGSTON, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.88	0.94	1.17	1.05	0.97	0.94	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.73	0.89	1.17	0.99	0.88	1.05	0.87	1.03	0.90	0.99	0.89	0.94	0.98	1.03	0.94
LACKAWANNA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
LINDENHURST, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
LOCKPORT, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
LYNBROOK, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
MALONE, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.89	0.97	1.31	1.18	1.17	0.99	0.92	0.92	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.02	0.91	0.99	0.92	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.99	0.98	1.26	1.17	1.09
MASSENA, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.88	0.93	0.87	0.85	1.19	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.88	0.96	1.23	1.11	1.04	0.98	1.08	0.88	1.00	1.02	1.08	0.95	1.00	1.07	1.05	1.03
MONTROSE, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	1.12	1.23	1.20	1.79	1.45	1.15	0.94	1.17	1.11	1.02	1.26	1.10	1.19	0.97	1.29	1.17	1.32	1.41	1.00	0.89	1.46	1.80	1.62	1.73
MOUNT MORRIS, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
MOUNT SINAI, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
NEW CITY, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.98	0.98	0.84	1.17	1.24	0.90	0.93	0.98	0.89	0.85	1.04	0.93	1.16	0.78	1.05	0.97	1.00	1.24	0.81	0.85	1.86	1.28	1.41	1.36
NEW YORK, NY	1.094	1.351	1.240	1.40	1.47	1.09	1.36	1.53	1.04	1.09	1.23	1.28	0.94	1.25	1.14	1.34	0.93	1.27	1.38	1.24	1.51	1.09	0.93	1.59	1.87	1.78	1.21
NIAGARA FALLS, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
NORTHPORT/ LONG ISLAND, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
OLEAN, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
OSWEGO, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.04	1.05	0.86	1.09	1.04	1.03	0.95	0.77	0.92	1.03	1.06	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.93	1.00	1.03	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.28	1.28	1.05
PATCHOGUE, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
PENN YAN, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
PLAINVIEW, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
PLATTSBURGH, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.89	0.97	1.31	1.18	1.17	0.99	0.92	0.92	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.02	0.91	0.99	0.92	0.99	0.96	0.96	0.99	0.98	1.26	1.17	1.09
PORT JERVIS, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.00	1.09	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.82	0.87	0.94	1.30	1.03	0.94	1.17	0.91	1.00	1.10	1.14	0.96	1.36	1.33	1.46	1.63
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.00	1.09	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.82	0.87	0.94	1.30	1.03	0.94	1.17	0.91	1.00	1.10	1.14	0.96	1.36	1.33	1.46	1.63

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
QUEENS, NY	1.058	1.228	1.150	0.93	1.15	1.02	0.98	1.37	0.99	0.98	1.07	1.03	0.88	1.14	0.89	1.09	0.96	0.99	1.09	1.16	1.33	1.00	0.99	1.58	1.73	1.68	1.69
RIVERHEAD, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
ROCHESTER, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
ROME, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.88	0.93	0.87	0.85	1.19	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.88	0.96	1.23	1.11	1.04	0.98	1.08	0.88	1.00	1.02	1.08	0.95	1.00	1.07	1.05	1.03
SAINT ALBANS, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.93	1.19	1.19	1.05	1.32	1.07	1.04	1.07	0.98	0.99	1.38	0.99	1.09	0.94	0.98	1.11	1.02	1.36	1.06	0.87	1.30	1.71	1.54	1.61
SAYVILLE, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
SCHENECTADY, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.02	1.36	1.24	1.10	1.07	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.82	1.05	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.14	0.94	1.08	0.98	1.11	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.14	1.04
SOUTH BRONX, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.92	1.14	1.00	0.96	1.35	0.97	0.97	1.05	1.02	0.86	1.12	0.88	1.08	0.94	0.98	1.07	1.14	1.31	0.98	0.97	1.58	1.70	1.65	1.66
STATEN ISLAND, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.92	1.14	1.00	0.96	1.35	0.97	0.97	1.05	1.02	0.86	1.12	0.88	1.08	0.94	0.98	1.07	1.14	1.31	0.98	0.97	1.58	1.70	1.65	1.66
SYRACUSE, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.04	1.05	0.86	1.09	1.04	1.03	0.95	0.77	0.92	1.03	1.06	0.96	1.02	1.14	0.93	1.00	1.03	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.28	1.28	1.05
TROY, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.93	1.02	1.36	1.24	1.10	1.07	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.82	1.05	1.27	1.08	1.01	1.14	0.94	1.08	0.98	1.11	0.97	0.94	1.09	1.14	1.04
WALLKILL, NY	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.00	1.09	0.95	1.02	0.97	0.82	0.87	0.94	1.30	1.03	0.94	1.17	0.91	1.00	1.10	1.14	0.96	1.36	1.33	1.46	1.63
WATERTOWN/ FORT DRUM, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.88	0.93	0.87	0.85	1.19	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.88	0.96	1.23	1.11	1.04	0.98	1.08	0.88	1.00	1.02	1.08	0.95	1.00	1.07	1.05	1.03
WELLSVILLE, NY	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.90	0.94	1.00	1.02	0.89	0.97	0.85	0.90	0.83	0.96	1.06	1.12	1.07	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.08	1.00	0.98
WHITE PLAINS/BRONX, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.21	1.02	1.44	1.39	0.97	0.90	1.17	0.78	0.83	1.55	0.76	1.14	0.79	0.94	1.06	1.06	1.24	0.74	0.82	1.33	1.71	1.53	0.73
YONKERS, NY	1.068	1.251	1.170	1.02	1.09	1.01	1.49	1.24	0.99	0.85	1.04	0.99	0.88	1.05	0.98	1.07	0.82	1.16	1.05	1.20	1.24	0.87	0.79	1.46	1.57	1.41	1.50
AKRON, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.92	0.93	1.14	1.01	1.01	1.23	0.97	1.05	1.15	0.80	0.93	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.92	0.95	1.01	1.08	1.22	1.29	1.00	0.90	1.12
ASHTABULA, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.94	0.97	0.93	0.99	1.11	0.93	1.28	0.96	0.97	1.22	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.81	0.89	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.00	1.08	1.25	0.89	0.94	1.09
ATHENS, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
CANTON, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.89	0.94	1.03	0.88	1.11	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.81	0.91	1.33	0.64	0.99	1.03	0.80	0.90	0.96	0.97	1.00	0.86	0.78	0.77	0.76	0.93
CHILLICOTHE, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.91	1.00	1.17	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.96	0.97	0.93	0.94	1.16	0.84	0.82	0.79	1.07
CINCINNATI, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.94	1.03	1.08	1.10	0.88	0.88	0.97	1.04	0.93	0.82	1.07	0.95	0.82	1.00	1.01	1.01	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.84	0.89	0.89	0.94
CLEVELAND, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	1.38	1.12	1.13	1.00	1.24	1.15	1.15	1.28	0.96	1.20	0.85	0.92	1.01	0.95	0.91	1.08	1.09	1.22	1.21	1.05	1.21	0.93	0.94	1.08
COLUMBUS, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.99	0.96	1.04	0.83	0.78	1.10	1.18	0.97	1.04	1.08	0.81	1.22	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.03	1.04	1.18	0.97	0.77	0.86	1.00
DAYTON, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.96	0.92	1.00	0.84	0.88	1.03	0.91	0.91	1.03	0.95	0.71	0.89	0.90	0.86	0.87	0.98	0.95	1.00	0.95	0.87	0.83	0.84	0.79	0.95
EAST LIVERPOOL, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
GROVE CITY, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.91	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.77	1.00	0.89	0.95	0.99	1.00	0.82	0.90	0.95	0.72	0.86	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.16	0.98	0.79	0.82	1.00
LANCASTER, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.91	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.77	1.00	0.89	0.95	0.99	1.00	0.82	0.90	0.95	0.72	0.86	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.16	0.98	0.79	0.82	1.00
LIMA, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.85	0.85	0.99	0.99	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.87	0.91	1.07	0.72	0.85	0.91	1.01	0.82	0.88	0.99	0.95	1.05	1.09	0.96	0.82	0.89	1.02
LORAIN, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.94	0.97	0.93	0.99	1.11	0.93	1.28	0.96	0.97	1.22	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.81	0.89	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.00	1.08	1.25	0.89	0.94	1.09
MANSFIELD, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.90	0.90	0.84	0.79	1.11	0.90	0.96	0.94	0.90	1.17	0.81	0.83	0.95	0.76	0.91	0.93	0.97	1.01	1.06	1.07	1.06	0.87	0.93	1.19
MARIETTA, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
MIDDLETOWN, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.91	1.00	1.17	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.96	0.97	0.93	0.94	1.16	0.84	0.82	0.79	1.07
PAINESVILLE, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.94	0.97	0.93	0.99	1.11	0.93	1.28	0.96	0.97	1.22	0.82	0.84	0.80	0.81	0.89	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.00	1.08	1.25	0.89	0.94	1.09
PORTSMOUTH, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.91	1.00	1.17	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.96	0.97	0.93	0.94	1.16	0.84	0.82	0.79	1.07
SAINT CLAIRSVILLE, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
SANDUSKY, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.90	0.90	0.84	0.79	1.11	0.90	0.96	0.94	0.90	1.17	0.81	0.83	0.95	0.76	0.91	0.93	0.97	1.01	1.06	1.07	1.06	0.87	0.93	1.19
SPRINGFIELD, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.88	1.08	1.24	0.83	0.88	0.88	0.90	0.83	1.02	0.95	0.84	0.85	0.94	0.83	0.92	0.88	0.90	1.09	0.99	0.82	0.76	0.77	1.01
TOLEDO, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.92	0.85	1.14	1.10	0.94	0.95	0.96	1.05	1.05	0.85	0.70	0.92	0.88	0.78	0.98	1.02	0.98	0.99	1.11	0.93	0.79	0.81	1.08
WARREN, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.84	0.90	0.71	0.84	0.96	0.91	1.21	0.84	1.02	1.10	0.81	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.76	0.99	0.97	0.91	1.00	0.93	1.08	0.90	0.89	1.17
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.91	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.77	1.00	0.89	0.95	0.99	1.00	0.82	0.90	0.95	0.72	0.86	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.16	0.98	0.79	0.82	1.00
WELLSTON, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.91	1.00	1.17	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.96	0.97	0.93	0.94	1.16	0.84	0.82	0.79	1.07
YOUNGSTOWN, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.84	0.90	0.71	0.84	0.96	0.91	1.21	0.84	1.02	1.10	0.81	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.76	0.99	0.97	0.91	1.00	0.93	1.08	0.90	0.89	1.17
ZANESVILLE, OH	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
ARDMORE, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
CLINTON, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.86	0.87	1.02	0.89	0.79	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.92	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.88	0.81	0.95	1.03	1.12	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.78
KONAWA, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.03	0.89	1.06	0.67	0.85	0.86	1.11	0.94	1.10	1.01	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.05	1.04	0.98	0.95	0.94	1.00	1.03	0.93	0.94	0.91	0.91
LAWTON/FORT SILL, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
MCALESTER, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
MUSKOGEE, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.03	0.89	1.06	0.67	0.85	0.86	1.11	0.94	1.10	1.01	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.05	1.04	0.98	0.95	0.94	1.00	1.03	0.93	0.94	0.91	0.91
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.96	1.04	1.35	0.92	0.53	1.13	1.00	1.03	1.09	0.87	1.01	1.12	1.05	1.05	1.19	1.03	0.90	0.91	1.00	1.11	0.85	0.88	0.88	0.83
PONCA CITY, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.86	0.87	1.02	0.89	0.79	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.92	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.88	0.81	0.95	1.03	1.12	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.78

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
TALIHINA, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
TULSA, OK	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.97	1.05	1.51	1.12	0.90	1.02	0.93	0.99	1.08	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.98	0.92	0.92	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.92	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.83	0.83
BANDON, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
BEND, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
BROOKINGS, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
EUGENE, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
KLAMATH FALLS, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
NORTH COAST, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.02	1.14	0.79	1.11	1.14	0.84	0.86	1.08	1.00	0.82	0.92	1.46	1.01	0.90	1.38	1.08	1.02	0.95	0.74	0.78	0.86	0.98	0.97	0.86
ONTARIO, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	0.91	1.05	0.65	1.03	1.14	0.86	0.89	1.02	0.88	0.90	0.87	0.88	1.07	1.00	1.12	0.88	0.84	0.87	0.82	0.61	0.65	0.92	0.92	0.66
PORTLAND, OR	0.996	1.049	1.030	1.09	1.18	0.72	0.99	0.98	0.86	0.99	1.20	0.95	0.81	0.86	1.38	1.06	0.95	1.33	1.09	0.97	0.86	0.81	0.71	0.82	1.01	0.99	0.67
ROSEBURG, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
SALEM, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	0.99	1.14	0.76	1.11	1.14	0.88	0.88	1.08	1.05	0.81	0.92	1.49	1.09	1.09	1.34	1.07	0.97	0.86	0.83	0.84	0.80	1.03	0.98	0.91
WHITE CITY, OR	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.04	1.14	0.75	1.24	1.17	0.88	1.03	1.13	1.03	0.86	1.07	1.50	1.11	1.23	1.42	1.06	0.96	0.86	0.82	0.75	0.86	1.00	1.03	0.72
ALIQUIPPA, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.02	0.94	1.40	1.01	0.85	1.15	1.09	0.92	0.96	1.23	0.75	0.95	0.99	1.31	0.87	0.99	0.94	1.05	1.02	1.12	1.02	0.92	0.88	1.13
ALLENTOWN, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.85	0.90	0.82	1.03	0.84	0.98	1.03	0.85	1.27	1.20	0.92	0.62	0.93	1.10	0.68	1.02	1.02	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.07	1.02	0.94	1.23
ALTOONA, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.87	0.80	0.95	0.84	0.87	0.85	0.83	1.09	1.00	0.56	0.71	0.95	1.48	0.69	0.95	0.80	1.03	1.10	1.00	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.93
BERWICK, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
BUTLER, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
CAMP HILL, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.12	0.85	0.71	1.37	0.80	0.95	0.85	0.81	0.95	1.06	0.57	0.64	0.94	1.15	0.70	0.89	0.83	1.01	1.11	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.96	1.33
COATESVILLE, PA	1.023	1.092	1.060	0.89	0.88	0.93	0.96	0.96	0.91	1.01	0.81	0.97	1.03	0.69	0.90	0.95	1.05	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.90	0.96	1.07	1.00	0.95	1.19
DU BOIS, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.86	0.86	0.64	0.86	0.94	0.97	0.80	0.84	1.13	1.17	0.84	0.61	1.00	1.27	0.64	0.98	0.81	0.94	0.96	1.02	0.84	0.81	0.90	1.08
ERIE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.94	0.73	0.85	0.71	0.86	1.08	0.85	1.12	1.56	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.99	0.78	0.96	0.87	1.06	0.97	1.03	0.89	0.91	0.95	1.15
GREENSBURG, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
JOHNSTOWN, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.85	1.09	0.84	0.68	1.13	0.80	0.81	0.96	1.12	0.84	0.63	0.84	1.31	0.75	0.98	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.96	0.81	0.80	0.74
KITTANNING, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
KNOX, PA	0.989	0.929	0.96	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
LANCASTER, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.92	0.90	0.83	1.20	1.01	0.84	1.43	0.84	1.02	1.06	0.67	0.57	0.98	1.15	0.64	0.92	0.82	0.96	1.06	0.73	1.02	0.69	0.71	0.93
LEBANON, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.12	0.85	0.71	1.37	0.80	0.95	0.85	0.81	0.95	1.06	0.57	0.64	0.94	1.15	0.70	0.89	0.83	1.01	1.11	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.96	1.33
MEADVILLE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.86	0.86	0.64	0.86	0.94	0.97	0.80	0.84	1.13	1.17	0.84	0.61	1.00	1.27	0.64	0.98	0.81	0.94	0.96	1.02	0.84	0.81	0.90	1.08
MERCER, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
NEW CASTLE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
PHILADELPHIA, PA	1.023	1.092	1.060	1.17	1.07	1.28	0.90	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.12	1.02	1.14	0.73	1.05	0.71	1.19	0.97	1.09	1.08	1.14	1.15	1.04	1.21	1.07	1.01	1.16
PITTSBURGH, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.02	0.94	1.40	1.01	0.85	1.15	1.09	0.92	0.96	1.23	0.75	0.95	0.99	1.31	0.87	0.99	0.94	1.05	1.02	1.12	1.02	0.92	0.88	1.13
POTTSVILLE/SCHUYLKILL/ SHENANDOAH, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.76	0.87	0.92	1.05	0.95	0.86	0.88	0.83	0.77	1.07	0.84	0.66	0.91	1.61	0.72	0.88	0.85	0.91	0.97	0.70	0.86	1.09	1.00	1.32
READING, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.76	0.87	0.92	1.05	0.95	0.86	0.88	0.83	0.77	1.07	0.84	0.66	0.91	1.61	0.72	0.88	0.85	0.91	0.97	0.70	0.86	1.09	1.00	1.32
SAYRE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
SCRANTON, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
SMETHPORT, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.86	0.86	0.64	0.86	0.94	0.97	0.80	0.84	1.13	1.17	0.84	0.61	1.00	1.27	0.64	0.98	0.81	0.94	0.96	1.02	0.84	0.81	0.90	1.08
SPRING CITY, PA	1.023	1.092	1.060	0.89	0.88	0.93	0.96	0.96	0.91	1.01	0.81	0.97	1.03	0.69	0.90	0.95	1.05	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.90	0.96	1.07	1.00	0.95	1.19
SPRINGFIELD, PA	1.023	1.092	1.060	0.93	0.94	0.87	0.84	0.95	0.87	1.03	0.87	0.98	1.00	0.86	0.90	1.02	1.07	0.83	1.01	1.08	0.98	0.97	0.91	1.11	0.97	0.93	1.04
STATE COLLEGE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.87	0.80	0.95	0.84	0.87	0.85	0.83	1.09	1.00	0.56	0.71	0.95	1.48	0.69	0.95	0.80	1.03	1.10	1.00	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.93
TOBYHANNA, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
WASHINGTON, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.91	1.09	0.81	0.84	1.06	0.92	0.80	1.00	1.15	0.77	0.89	0.94	1.04	0.82	0.99	0.97	1.02	0.96	0.96	1.25	1.02	1.02	1.09
WILKES-BARRE, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
WILLIAMSPORT, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.16	0.84	0.57	0.92	0.74	0.99	1.08	0.89	0.91	1.36	0.56	0.69	0.89	1.25	0.72	0.98	0.94	1.12	1.02	1.02	0.92	0.94	0.96	1.47
WILLOW GROVE, PA	1.023	1.092	1.060	0.93	0.94	0.87	0.84	0.95	0.87	1.03	0.87	0.98	1.00	0.86	0.90	1.02	1.07	0.83	1.01	1.08	0.98	0.97	0.91	1.11	0.97	0.93	1.04
YORK, PA	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.84	0.85	0.90	1.03	0.90	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.97	0.79	0.64	0.95	1.07	0.65	0.88	0.80	0.96	1.16	0.89	0.94	0.73	0.76	0.88
ARECIBO, PR	0.881	0.712	0.790	1.19	1.27	1.74	1.21	1.34	1.23	1.06	1.11	0.97	1.14	3.25	0.76	0.95	1.59	0.86	1.40	1.10	1.16	1.35	0.93	1.42	1.37	1.14	1.14
MAYAGUEZ, PR	0.881	0.712	0.790	1.19	1.27	1.74	1.21	1.34	1.23	1.06	1.11	0.97	1.14	3.25	0.76	0.95	1.59	0.86	1.40	1.10	1.16	1.35	0.93	1.42	1.37	1.14	1.14
PONCE, PR	0.881	0.712	0.790	1.19	1.27	1.74	1.21	1.34	1.23	1.06	1.11	0.97	1.14	3.25	0.76	0.95	1.59	0.86	1.40	1.10	1.16	1.35	0.93	1.42	1.37	1.14	1.14
SAN JUAN, PR	0.881	0.712	0.790	1.19	1.27	1.74	1.21	1.34	1.23	1.06	1.11	0.97	1.14	3.25	0.76	0.95	1.59	0.86	1.40	1.10	1.16	1.35	0.93	1.42	1.37	1.14	1.14
MIDDLETOWN, RI	1.017	1.065	1.040	0.88	1.00	0.77	0.75	1.09	1.10	0.85	0.90	1.14	0.80	0.92	0.98	0.96	1.64	0.99	0.98	0.82	0.96	1.01	0.91	1.00	1.03	0.85	0.99

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
PROVIDENCE, RI	1.017	1.065	1.040	0.88	1.00	0.77	0.75	1.09	1.10	0.85	0.90	1.14	0.80	0.92	0.98	0.96	1.64	0.99	0.98	0.82	0.96	1.01	0.91	1.00	1.03	0.85	0.99
ANDERSON, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.99	0.97	1.72	1.01	0.88	1.20	1.02	0.97	1.08	1.08	1.65	0.72	0.92	0.99	0.89	1.00	0.82	0.96	1.03	1.12	0.90	0.97	0.85	1.01
BEAUFORT, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	1.07	1.05	1.32	1.36	0.86	1.01	0.99	1.02	1.00	0.93	1.38	0.81	0.96	0.96	0.97	1.04	0.82	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.22	1.10	1.13	1.12
CHARLESTON, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.96	1.00	1.11	1.11	0.79	1.12	1.10	1.02	0.96	1.05	1.28	0.77	1.03	1.00	0.98	0.94	0.90	1.01	1.11	1.12	0.93	0.98	0.94	0.99
COLUMBIA, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	1.00	1.01	0.95	1.31	1.13	1.16	0.99	0.97	1.12	0.97	1.37	0.89	1.10	0.97	0.93	1.08	0.83	0.97	1.04	1.12	1.02	0.95	0.84	1.05
FLORENCE, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.96	1.00	1.11	1.11	0.79	1.12	1.10	1.02	0.96	1.05	1.28	0.77	1.03	1.00	0.98	0.94	0.90	1.01	1.11	1.12	0.93	0.98	0.94	0.99
GREENVILLE, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.99	0.97	1.72	1.01	0.88	1.20	1.02	0.97	1.08	1.08	1.65	0.72	0.92	0.99	0.89	1.00	0.82	0.96	1.03	1.12	0.90	0.97	0.85	1.01
MYRTLE BEACH, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.96	1.00	1.11	1.11	0.79	1.12	1.10	1.02	0.96	1.05	1.28	0.77	1.03	1.00	0.98	0.94	0.90	1.01	1.11	1.12	0.93	0.98	0.94	0.99
ORANGEBURG, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.94	1.05	1.51	0.87	0.81	0.99	1.18	0.95	1.11	1.00	1.02	0.74	0.90	0.99	0.87	1.05	0.87	1.02	1.06	1.15	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.20
ROCK HILL, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	1.01	1.04	1.19	1.11	0.79	1.05	1.09	0.97	1.07	1.02	1.14	0.95	0.98	1.06	1.12	1.00	0.82	0.99	1.05	1.09	0.87	1.07	1.01	1.05
SUMTER, SC	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.94	1.05	1.51	0.87	0.81	0.99	1.18	0.95	1.11	1.00	1.02	0.74	0.90	0.99	0.87	1.05	0.87	1.02	1.06	1.15	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.20
ABERDEEN, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
EAGLE BUTTE, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
ELLSWORTH AFB, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
FORT MEADE, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
HOT SPRINGS, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
KYLE, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
MCLAUGHLIN, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
PIERRE, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
PINE RIDGE, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
RAPID CITY, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
ROSEBUD, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
SIOUX FALLS, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	1.01	1.12	0.77	0.94	0.81	1.02	0.88	1.12	1.16	1.26	0.68	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.06	1.04	1.09	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.21
WINNER, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
WORTHING, SD	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
CHATTANOOGA, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
CLARKSVILLE, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.94	0.95	0.85	1.08	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.11	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.90	1.02	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.16	0.92	0.95	0.95	1.01
COOKEVILLE, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
DOVER, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.94	0.95	0.85	1.08	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.11	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.90	1.02	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.16	0.92	0.95	0.95	1.01
KNOXVILLE, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.99	1.03	1.09	0.90	0.88	1.01	1.38	1.09	1.09	0.94	0.89	1.33	0.96	0.98	1.37	1.03	1.07	1.01	1.03	1.12	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.95
MADISON, TN	0.975	0.900	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.85	1.08	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.11	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.90	1.02	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.16	0.92	0.95	0.95	1.01
MEMPHIS, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	1.02	1.06	1.18	0.97	0.87	1.02	0.95	1.09	1.20	1.16	1.12	1.06	1.05	0.99	1.03	1.14	1.05	1.03	1.04	1.12	0.90	1.02	0.95	0.94
MOUNTAIN CITY, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
MOUNTAIN HOME, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
MURFREESBORO, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.94	0.95	0.85	1.08	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.11	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.90	1.02	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.16	0.92	0.95	0.95	1.01
NASHVILLE, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.99	1.02	0.90	1.26	0.86	1.12	1.23	1.11	1.14	1.01	0.81	1.11	1.02	0.93	1.09	1.06	1.07	1.02	1.03	1.10	0.95	1.02	1.08	1.06
ROGERSVILLE, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
SAVANNAH, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.98	0.95	0.82	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.86	0.95	1.04	1.07	1.12	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.84	0.96	1.10	0.98	1.03	1.12	1.01	0.95	0.90	0.77
TULLAHOMA/ ARNOLD AFB, TN	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
ABILENE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.18	1.01	1.22	0.88	0.77	1.20	1.74	1.02	0.96	1.16	1.40	0.99	1.06	1.07	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.17	1.17	0.92	0.94	1.04	1.03
ALICE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.04	1.18	1.24	1.15	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.20	0.92	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.04	1.23	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.07
AMARILLO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.96	0.92	0.91	1.24	1.36	1.20	0.89	1.06	1.01	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	0.91	0.80	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.07	1.10	0.93	0.92	0.93	1.00
AUSTIN, TX	0.986	0.996	0.990	1.23	1.03	1.30	0.94	0.85	1.14	0.89	1.05	1.03	1.01	1.30	1.30	0.92	0.93	1.19	1.03	0.87	0.95	1.12	1.39	0.93	1.00	1.00	0.97
BEAUMONT, TX	0.992	0.890	0.940	0.97	1.02	1.80	1.01	1.13	1.19	1.06	0.96	1.15	1.16	1.59	1.09	1.00	0.90	1.15	1.08	0.96	0.99	1.23	1.14	0.99	1.04	1.01	0.96
BEEVILLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.00	1.42	1.06	0.94	1.19	1.03	1.00	0.93	1.18	1.05	1.16	0.92	1.25	1.05	0.95	1.01	0.99	0.90	1.07	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.90
BIG SPRING, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
BONHAM, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
BROWNSVILLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.04	1.18	1.24	1.15	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.20	0.92	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.04	1.23	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.07
BROWNWOOD, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
BRYAN/ COLLEGE STATION, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.14	1.07	0.95	0.91	0.82	1.15	0.88	1.16	1.04	1.49	1.45	0.80	0.95	1.39	0.90	1.00	1.33	1.01	1.08	1.36	0.94	0.95	0.81	0.97
CEDAR PARK, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.28	1.10	1.45	1.04	0.94	1.26	0.92	1.11	1.08	1.10	1.44	1.39	0.99	1.03	1.27	1.10	0.91	1.02	1.22	1.50	0.93	1.04	1.04	1.02
CHILDRESS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.96	0.92	0.91	1.24	1.36	1.20	0.89	1.06	1.01	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	0.91	0.80	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.07	1.10	0.93	0.92	0.93	1.00

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
CLEBURNE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.14	1.09	1.40	1.05	1.14	1.26	0.99	1.08	1.10	1.22	1.37	1.30	1.15	0.97	1.10	1.05	1.04	1.02	1.03	1.21	1.06	0.93	0.93	1.08
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.04	1.18	1.24	1.15	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.20	0.92	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.04	1.23	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.07
DALLAS, TX	1.010	1.065	1.040	1.23	1.10	1.80	0.98	0.85	1.21	1.05	1.13	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.29	1.01	0.88	1.18	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.99	1.16	1.15	1.02	1.02	0.97
DALLAS/PLEASANT GROVE, TX	1.010	1.065	1.040	1.23	1.10	1.80	0.98	0.85	1.21	1.05	1.13	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.29	1.01	0.88	1.18	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.99	1.16	1.15	1.02	1.02	0.97
DECATUR, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.06	1.06	1.37	0.89	1.01	1.25	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.30	1.16	1.16	0.99	1.15	1.10	1.02	0.92	1.06	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.11	1.07	1.07
DEL RIO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
DENTON, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.06	1.06	1.37	0.89	1.01	1.25	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.30	1.16	1.16	0.99	1.15	1.10	1.02	0.92	1.06	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.11	1.07	1.07
EAGLE PASS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
EASTLAND, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.04	1.25	1.06	0.88	1.23	0.81	1.09	1.04	1.37	1.00	1.22	0.99	1.09	1.12	0.99	1.11	1.01	1.32	1.17	0.84	0.82	0.80	0.90
EL PASO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.03	1.00	1.42	0.88	0.82	1.26	0.97	1.05	0.99	1.15	1.08	0.89	1.07	0.88	0.86	1.02	1.14	1.05	0.95	1.16	0.92	0.85	0.97	0.96
FORT STOCKTON, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
FORT WORTH, TX	0.987	0.981	0.980	1.10	1.03	1.27	0.95	1.04	1.15	0.95	1.03	1.04	1.13	1.25	1.22	1.08	0.89	1.04	0.99	1.00	0.96	0.95	1.13	1.06	0.88	0.89	1.02
FORT WORTH/ DIAMOND HILL, TX	0.987	0.981	0.980	1.10	1.03	1.27	0.95	1.04	1.15	0.95	1.03	1.04	1.13	1.25	1.22	1.08	0.89	1.04	0.99	1.00	0.96	0.95	1.13	1.06	0.88	0.89	1.02
GREENVILLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
HAMILTON, TX	0.966	0.880	0.92	1.14	1.07	0.95	0.91	0.82	1.15	0.88	1.16	1.04	1.49	1.45	0.80	0.95	1.39	0.90	1.00	1.33	1.01	1.08	1.36	0.94	0.95	0.81	0.97
HOUSTON, TX	1.020	1.007	1.010	1.18	1.00	1.27	0.89	0.85	1.04	1.14	1.05	0.99	1.07	1.18	1.17	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.01	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.38	0.93	1.07	1.00	1.10
KERRVILLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.13	1.05	1.39	0.89	1.10	1.14	1.27	1.04	1.03	1.18	1.27	1.02	1.10	0.93	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.29	0.92	0.82	0.83	1.06
KINGSVILLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.04	1.18	1.24	1.15	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.20	0.92	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.04	1.23	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.07
LAREDO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.13	1.05	1.39	0.89	1.10	1.14	1.27	1.04	1.03	1.18	1.27	1.02	1.10	0.93	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.29	0.92	0.82	0.83	1.06
LONGVIEW, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
LUBBOCK, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.18	1.01	1.22	0.88	0.77	1.20	1.74	1.02	0.96	1.16	1.40	0.99	1.06	1.07	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.17	1.17	0.92	0.94	1.04	1.03
LUFKIN, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
MARLIN, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.04	1.25	1.06	0.88	1.23	0.81	1.09	1.04	1.37	1.00	1.22	0.99	1.09	1.12	0.99	1.11	1.01	1.32	1.17	0.84	0.82	0.80	0.90
MCALLEN, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.35	1.04	1.18	1.24	1.15	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.20	0.92	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.04	1.23	1.08	0.98	1.02	1.07
MCKINNEY, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.19	1.12	1.38	1.24	1.17	1.35	1.02	1.12	1.09	1.24	1.44	1.43	1.17	1.02	1.39	1.10	1.09	1.13	1.16	1.31	1.07	1.11	1.17	1.25
MONAHANS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
NEW BRAUNFELS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.00	1.42	1.06	0.94	1.19	1.03	1.00	0.93	1.18	1.05	1.16	0.92	1.25	1.05	0.95	1.01	0.99	0.90	1.07	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.90
ODESSA, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
PALESTINE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
SAN ANGELO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
SAN ANTONIO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.13	1.05	1.39	0.89	1.10	1.14	1.27	1.04	1.03	1.18	1.27	1.02	1.10	0.93	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.29	0.92	0.82	0.83	1.06
SAN MARCOS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.28	1.10	1.45	1.04	0.94	1.26	0.92	1.11	1.08	1.10	1.44	1.39	0.99	1.03	1.27	1.10	0.91	1.02	1.22	1.50	0.93	1.04	1.04	1.02
SEGUIN, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.00	1.42	1.06	0.94	1.19	1.03	1.00	0.93	1.18	1.05	1.16	0.92	1.25	1.05	0.95	1.01	0.99	0.90	1.07	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.90
SOUTH BEXAR COUNTY, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.13	1.05	1.39	0.89	1.10	1.14	1.27	1.04	1.03	1.18	1.27	1.02	1.10	0.93	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.01	1.01	1.29	0.92	0.82	0.83	1.06
STAMFORD, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.18	1.01	1.22	0.88	0.77	1.20	1.74	1.02	0.96	1.16	1.40	0.99	1.06	1.07	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.17	1.17	0.92	0.94	1.04	1.03
STRATFORD, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.96	0.92	0.91	1.24	1.36	1.20	0.89	1.06	1.01	1.19	1.00	0.88	0.93	0.91	0.80	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.07	1.10	0.93	0.92	0.93	1.00
TEMPLE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.14	1.07	0.95	0.91	0.82	1.15	0.88	1.16	1.04	1.49	1.45	0.80	0.95	1.39	0.90	1.00	1.33	1.01	1.08	1.36	0.94	0.95	0.81	0.97
TEXARKANA, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
TYLER, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.05	1.05	1.39	1.06	0.88	1.22	0.97	1.03	1.05	1.27	1.41	0.91	0.98	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.11	1.27	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00
UVALDE, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
VICTORIA, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.00	1.42	1.06	0.94	1.19	1.03	1.00	0.93	1.18	1.05	1.16	0.92	1.25	1.05	0.95	1.01	0.99	0.90	1.07	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.90
WACO, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	0.99	1.04	1.25	1.06	0.88	1.23	0.81	1.09	1.04	1.37	1.00	1.22	0.99	1.09	1.12	0.99	1.11	1.01	1.32	1.17	0.84	0.82	0.80	0.90
WICHITA FALLS, TX	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.06	1.06	1.37	0.89	1.01	1.25	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.30	1.16	1.16	0.99	1.15	1.10	1.02	0.92	1.06	1.08	1.04	0.96	1.11	1.07	1.07
NEPHI, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.90	0.83	0.57	0.75	0.63	0.98	0.83	0.88	0.66	0.88	0.90	0.96	0.93	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.87	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.81	0.66	0.68	0.66
OGDEN, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.91	0.79	0.65	1.19	0.67	0.84	0.89	0.82	0.68	0.78	0.93	0.78	0.85	0.85	0.76	0.83	0.91	0.82	0.85	0.73	0.69	0.76	0.80	0.66
OREM, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.92	0.84	0.75	0.85	0.58	1.07	0.87	0.92	0.83	0.76	1.34	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.83	0.87	0.90	0.82	0.84	0.76	0.73	0.68	0.71	0.72
ROOSEVELT, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.92	0.84	0.75	0.85	0.58	1.07	0.87	0.92	0.83	0.76	1.34	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.83	0.87	0.90	0.82	0.84	0.76	0.73	0.68	0.71	0.72
SAINT GEORGE, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.90	0.83	0.57	0.75	0.63	0.98	0.83	0.88	0.66	0.88	0.90	0.96	0.93	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.87	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.81	0.66	0.68	0.66
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.94	0.86	0.79	0.86	0.84	1.01	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.84	0.84	0.82	0.91	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.91	0.80	0.87	0.76	0.69	0.71	0.75	0.69
ALEXANDRIA, VA	1.050	1.166	1.110	0.98	0.98	0.96	0.67	0.91	0.98	1.03	0.94	0.95	0.88	0.62	1.01	0.95	0.96	0.95	1.04	0.93	1.02	1.00	0.94	1.01	1.15	1.05	1.20
COVINGTON, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
DANVILLE, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.91	0.92	0.69	1.05	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.80	0.86	0.89	1.20	0.90	1.02	0.97	0.88	0.83	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.82

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
FREDERICKSBURG, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
HAMPTON, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.99	0.98	1.23	0.87	0.91	1.23	0.88	0.98	1.08	1.02	1.11	1.32	1.00	1.02	1.12	0.97	0.87	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.98
HARRISONBURG, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
HILLSVILLE, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
LYNCHBURG, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.91	0.92	0.69	1.05	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.80	0.86	0.89	1.20	0.90	1.02	0.97	0.88	0.83	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.82
MARION, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
MARTINSVILLE, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
NORFOLK, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.99	0.98	1.23	0.87	0.91	1.23	0.88	0.98	1.08	1.02	1.11	1.32	1.00	1.02	1.12	0.97	0.87	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.98
NORTON, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
PULASKI, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
RICHMOND, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
SAINT CHARLES, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
SALEM, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
STEPHENS CITY, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
STUARTS DRAFT, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
TAZEWELL, VA	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
KINGSHILL, VI	0.965	1.023	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.79	0.94	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.78	0.82	2.14	0.60	0.75	1.10	0.69	1.12	0.92	0.90	0.99	0.72	1.42	1.05	0.88	0.86
SAINT CROIX, VI	0.965	1.023	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.79	0.94	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.78	0.82	2.14	0.60	0.75	1.10	0.69	1.12	0.92	0.90	0.99	0.72	1.42	1.05	0.88	0.86
SAINT THOMAS, VI	0.965	1.023	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.79	0.94	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.78	0.82	2.14	0.60	0.75	1.10	0.69	1.12	0.92	0.90	0.99	0.72	1.42	1.05	0.88	0.86
BENNINGTON, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
BURLINGTON, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.98	0.96	1.13	0.66	1.12	1.30	0.88	0.98	0.88	0.84	1.35	1.10	0.88	0.79	0.96	0.91	0.84	1.11	1.26	0.87	0.95	0.91	0.99	0.97
MONTPELIER, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
NEWPORT, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
RUTLAND, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
WHITE RIVER JCT, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
WILDER, VT	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
AMERICAN LAKE/ TACOMA, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.10	1.11	0.75	0.97	1.22	0.86	0.78	1.01	0.84	1.05	0.64	1.33	1.02	0.88	1.37	1.00	0.92	0.84	0.78	0.82	0.86	1.01	1.02	0.88
BREMERTON, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.10	1.11	0.75	0.97	1.22	0.86	0.78	1.01	0.84	1.05	0.64	1.33	1.02	0.88	1.37	1.00	0.92	0.84	0.78	0.82	0.86	1.01	1.02	0.88
LONGVIEW, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.04	1.22	0.63	0.77	1.29	1.00	0.82	1.19	0.91	0.80	0.83	1.22	0.97	0.85	1.22	1.11	0.92	0.79	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.99	1.13	0.70
LYNNWOOD/ NORTHGATE, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.07	1.04	0.76	1.06	1.24	0.94	0.89	1.08	0.82	0.89	0.70	1.26	1.03	0.86	1.23	0.97	0.96	0.86	0.83	0.96	0.81	0.94	1.01	0.81
RICHLAND, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	0.97	0.90	1.01	0.73	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.91	1.12	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.98	0.96	0.79
SEATTLE, WA	1.005	1.100	1.060	1.18	1.18	1.00	0.95	1.11	0.96	0.91	1.16	0.97	0.91	0.75	1.56	1.03	0.96	1.31	1.01	0.97	0.84	0.88	0.77	0.86	0.96	0.99	0.77
SPOKANE, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.95	0.91	1.07	0.83	1.08	0.97	0.90	0.90	0.82	0.77	0.80	1.10	1.07	0.90	1.06	0.86	0.93	0.73	0.78	0.67	0.80	0.80	0.83	0.73
VANCOUVER, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.04	1.22	0.63	0.77	1.29	1.00	0.82	1.19	0.91	0.80	0.83	1.22	0.97	0.85	1.22	1.11	0.92	0.79	0.83	0.82	0.84	0.99	1.13	0.70
WALLA WALLA, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	0.97	0.90	1.01	0.73	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.91	1.12	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.98	0.96	0.79
YAKIMA, WA	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	0.97	0.90	1.01	0.73	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.91	1.12	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.98	0.96	0.79
APPLETON, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.06	1.06	0.95	1.02	1.07	1.05	0.99	1.05	1.10	1.31	1.18	0.75	0.94	1.09	0.80	1.09	1.04	1.03	1.10	1.13	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.89
BARABOO, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.14	1.13	1.03	1.19	1.31	1.08	0.93	1.11	1.17	1.25	0.77	0.85	0.69	1.15	0.88	1.06	0.96	1.08	1.07	1.32	0.90	0.97	1.12	1.02
BEAVER DAM, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.14	1.13	1.03	1.19	1.31	1.08	0.93	1.11	1.17	1.25	0.77	0.85	0.69	1.15	0.88	1.06	0.96	1.08	1.07	1.32	0.90	0.97	1.12	1.02
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.13	1.19	1.06	1.02	1.14	1.08	1.11	1.10	1.14	1.36	1.39	0.99	0.97	1.31	1.14	1.05	1.19	1.07	1.04	1.44	1.04	0.96	1.03	1.01
CLEVELAND, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.13	1.22	0.97	1.19	1.31	1.22	0.90	1.19	1.30	1.44	1.19	0.86	1.27	1.25	1.14	1.16	1.13	1.16	1.19	1.28	1.19	0.96	1.12	1.01
EDGERTON, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.16	1.11	1.04	1.19	1.18	1.09	1.06	1.16	1.23	1.52	0.81	0.86	0.89	1.22	0.97	1.10	1.04	1.07	1.02	1.29	0.92	0.96	1.15	1.11
KENOSHA, WI	0.981	0.929	0.95	1.06	1.14	1.06	1.19	1.13	1.12	0.99	1.09	1.39	1.61	0.99	0.85	1.00	1.21	1.01	1.14	1.09	1.13	1.16	1.26	1.09	0.98	1.03	1.03
LA CROSSE, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.27	1.20	0.85	0.63	1.28	1.38	1.54	1.11	1.11	1.72	0.95	0.75	1.13	1.20	0.87	1.17	1.07	1.26	1.58	1.41	0.98	1.00	1.08	1.22
LOYAL, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.07	1.24	1.00	1.10	1.14	1.16	1.00	1.18	1.22	1.37	1.38	0.79	1.00	1.22	0.90	1.11	1.27	1.07	1.09	1.23	1.13	0.99	1.04	1.03
MADISON, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.29	1.33	0.84	1.69	1.56	1.41	1.03	1.29	1.08	1.64	0.90	1.64	0.99	1.44	1.36	1.20	1.30	1.29	1.29	1.35	0.94	1.24	1.29	1.30
MILWAUKEE, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.27	1.31	0.97	1.29	1.35	1.31	1.10	1.29	1.42	1.61	0.97	0.93	1.13	1.21	1.06	1.25	1.23	1.19	1.24	1.34	1.11	1.02	1.13	1.02
RHINELANDER, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.05	1.13	0.84	0.99	1.23	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.25	1.11	1.06	0.78	0.98	1.50	0.81	1.00	1.18	1.02	1.11	1.21	1.02	0.98	1.02	0.97
SUPERIOR, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.05	1.13	0.84	0.99	1.23	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.25	1.11	1.06	0.78	0.98	1.50	0.81	1.00	1.18	1.02	1.11	1.21	1.02	0.98	1.02	0.97
TOMAH, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.27	1.20	0.85	0.63	1.28	1.38	1.54	1.11	1.11	1.72	0.95	0.75	1.13	1.20	0.87	1.17	1.07	1.26	1.58	1.41	0.98	1.00	1.08	1.22
UNION GROVE, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.06	1.14	1.06	1.19	1.13	1.12	0.99	1.09	1.39	1.61	0.99	0.85	1.00	1.21	1.01	1.14	1.09	1.13	1.16	1.26	1.09	0.98	1.03	1.03

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
WAUSAU, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.07	1.24	1.00	1.10	1.14	1.16	1.00	1.18	1.22	1.37	1.38	0.79	1.00	1.22	0.90	1.11	1.27	1.07	1.09	1.23	1.13	0.99	1.04	1.03
WAUTOMA, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.06	1.06	0.95	1.02	1.07	1.05	0.99	1.05	1.10	1.31	1.18	0.75	0.94	1.09	0.80	1.09	1.04	1.03	1.10	1.13	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.89
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.07	1.24	1.00	1.10	1.14	1.16	1.00	1.18	1.22	1.37	1.38	0.79	1.00	1.22	0.90	1.11	1.27	1.07	1.09	1.23	1.13	0.99	1.04	1.03
BECKLEY, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
CHARLESTON, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
CLARKSBURG, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
FRANKLIN, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
GASSAWAY, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
HUNTINGTON, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
LOGAN, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
MARTINSBURG, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
PARKERSBURG, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
PARSONS, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
PETERSBURG, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
WILLIAMSON, WV	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
CASPER, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
CHEYENNE, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
GILLETTE, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
GREEN RIVER, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
NEWCASTLE, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
POWELL, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
RIVERTON, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
SHERIDAN, WY	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 002	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.02	0.99	0.65	0.62	1.03	0.73	0.81	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.72	1.01	0.89	0.81	1.12	0.94	0.91	0.94	0.79	0.76	1.06	0.88	0.86	0.89
ZIP Code 005	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.94	1.05	1.03	0.93	1.22	0.91	0.96	1.02	1.09	0.83	1.03	0.84	1.04	0.78	0.95	1.07	1.09	1.30	1.08	0.96	1.53	1.56	1.53	1.50
ZIP Code 015	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.99	0.98	0.89	0.86	1.18	0.69	0.77	0.98	0.85	0.80	0.70	1.11	0.84	1.07	1.09	0.93	0.91	0.98	0.91	0.74	0.86	1.20	1.10	1.00
ZIP Code 020	1.041	1.239	1.150	0.88	0.90	0.59	0.78	1.26	0.70	0.75	0.83	0.78	0.86	0.94	1.05	0.87	0.79	1.03	0.85	0.87	0.90	0.82	0.78	1.09	1.05	0.93	1.26
ZIP Code 022	1.041	1.239	1.150	1.01	1.01	1.07	1.44	1.15	0.96	0.96	0.97	0.80	0.85	0.64	1.09	1.21	1.33	1.04	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.83	1.08	1.14	1.16	0.95
ZIP Code 030	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.01	1.02	0.79	1.08	1.20	0.92	0.82	0.98	0.92	0.91	1.01	1.01	0.89	1.01	1.12	1.00	0.94	0.98	0.90	0.90	0.93	0.99	1.00	1.12
ZIP Code 033	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
ZIP Code 035	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
ZIP Code 036	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
ZIP Code 037	0.986	1.030	1.010	1.10	0.99	1.09	0.83	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.09	0.88	0.86	0.64	0.92	1.03	1.05	1.08	0.93	0.83	1.04	1.14	1.02	0.97	1.04	1.18	1.06
ZIP Code 039	0.979	0.999	0.990	0.95	0.91	0.71	0.77	0.92	1.04	0.77	0.99	0.83	0.82	1.02	1.05	0.90	0.98	1.03	0.92	1.01	0.87	0.98	0.94	0.86	0.95	1.03	0.84
ZIP Code 045	0.961	0.910	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.05	0.67	1.08	1.14	0.94	1.12	1.29	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.87
ZIP Code 048	0.961	0.910	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.68	0.89	1.09	1.05	0.67	1.08	1.14	0.94	1.12	1.29	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.12	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.92	0.87
ZIP Code 049	0.961	0.910	0.930	0.98	0.97	0.78	0.84	1.00	1.13	0.80	1.04	0.87	0.89	1.11	1.10	0.95	1.07	1.09	0.97	1.05	0.92	1.05	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.08	0.89
ZIP Code 051	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
ZIP Code 053	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
ZIP Code 055	1.010	1.129	1.080	0.91	0.96	0.79	1.26	1.27	0.86	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.91	1.02	1.21	0.92	1.15	1.20	0.92	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.85	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.11
ZIP Code 059	0.973	0.986	0.980	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.83	1.08	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.80	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.86	1.15	0.90	0.85	0.85	0.94	0.91	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.94	0.79
ZIP Code 064	1.050	1.156	1.110	0.95	1.01	0.76	0.96	1.19	0.93	0.92	0.99	0.99	0.83	0.78	1.22	1.23	1.08	1.22	1.03	0.96	1.14	0.99	0.85	1.16	1.26	1.14	1.05
ZIP Code 066	1.050	1.156	1.110	1.04	1.03	0.67	0.97	1.25	0.87	0.82	1.06	1.12	0.89	1.01	1.14	1.16	1.09	1.24	1.09	0.99	1.16	1.10	0.85	1.29	1.28	1.11	1.00
ZIP Code 074	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.03	1.05	1.01	1.59	1.20	1.02	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.95	0.97	0.86	1.03	0.99	0.98	1.04	1.15	1.26	0.93	0.96	1.58	1.33	1.22	1.26
ZIP Code 075	1.058	1.193	1.130	1.03	1.05	1.01	1.59	1.20	1.02	1.01	0.95	1.10	0.95	0.97	0.86	1.03	0.99	0.98	1.04	1.15	1.26	0.93	0.96	1.58	1.33	1.22	1.26
ZIP Code 077	1.029	1.110	1.070	1.00	0.99	0.88	1.08	0.96	1.03	1.03	0.97	1.06	1.06	0.97	0.86	0.99	0.92	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.01	0.91	1.26	1.25	1.16	1.44
ZIP Code 078	1.058	1.193	1.130	0.99	0.96	0.77	1.08	1.20	0.96	1.33	0.95	1.12	0.90	1.10	0.96	1.02	0.81	0.97	1.01	1.13	1.16	0.90	0.88	1.28	1.30	1.25	1.52
ZIP Code 081	1.029	1.110	1.070	0.97	0.93	1.18	1.01	1.05	1.00	1.35	0.93	1.18	1.15	1.03	1.05	0.91	1.10	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.99	0.96	1.25
ZIP Code 085	1.029	1.110	1.070	1.00	0.99	0.88	1.08	0.96	1.03	1.03	0.97	1.06	1.06	0.97	0.86	0.99	0.92	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.21	1.01	0.91	1.26	1.25	1.16	1.44
ZIP Code 101	1.094	1.351	1.240	1.40	1.47	1.09	1.36	1.53	1.04	1.09	1.23	1.28	0.94	1.25	1.14	1.34	0.93	1.27	1.38	1.24	1.51	1.09	0.93	1.59	1.87	1.78	1.21
ZIP Code 102	1.094	1.351	1.240	1.40	1.47	1.09	1.36	1.53	1.04	1.09	1.23	1.28	0.94	1.25	1.14	1.34	0.93	1.27	1.38	1.24	1.51	1.09	0.93	1.59	1.87	1.78	1.21
ZIP Code 108	1.068	1.251	1.170	1.02	1.09	1.01	1.49	1.24	0.99	0.85	1.04	0.99	0.88	1.05	0.98	1.07	0.82	1.16	1.05	1.20	1.24	0.87	0.79	1.46	1.57	1.41	1.50
ZIP Code 110	1.068	1.251	1.170	0.92	1.14	1.00	0.96	1.35	0.97	0.97	1.05	1.02	0.86	1.12	0.88	1.08	0.94	0.98	1.07	1.14	1.31	0.98	0.97	1.58	1.70	1.65	1.66

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 113	1.058	1.228	1.150	0.94	1.20	1.21	1.07	1.35	1.09	1.06	1.09	1.00	1.01	1.41	1.01	1.11	0.96	0.99	1.13	1.03	1.38	1.08	0.88	1.30	1.74	1.57	1.64
ZIP Code 133	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.88	0.93	0.87	0.85	1.19	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.88	0.96	1.23	1.11	1.04	0.98	1.08	0.88	1.00	1.02	1.08	0.95	1.00	1.07	1.05	1.03
ZIP Code 135	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.88	0.93	0.87	0.85	1.19	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.88	0.96	1.23	1.11	1.04	0.98	1.08	0.88	1.00	1.02	1.08	0.95	1.00	1.07	1.05	1.03
ZIP Code 138	1.011	1.075	1.050	0.81	0.92	0.81	0.58	0.81	0.93	0.80	0.87	0.77	0.91	0.79	1.01	0.86	0.94	0.73	0.86	0.86	0.93	0.84	0.96	1.14	0.98	1.02	0.77
ZIP Code 141	0.998	0.944	0.970	0.77	0.84	0.68	1.69	0.92	0.80	0.99	0.84	0.70	0.83	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.08	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.90	0.79	1.02	0.98	0.70
ZIP Code 151	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.02	0.94	1.40	1.01	0.85	1.15	1.09	0.92	0.96	1.23	0.75	0.95	0.99	1.31	0.87	0.99	0.94	1.05	1.02	1.12	1.02	0.92	0.88	1.13
ZIP Code 154	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.91	1.09	0.81	0.84	1.06	0.92	0.80	1.00	1.15	0.77	0.89	0.94	1.04	0.82	0.99	0.97	1.02	0.96	0.96	1.25	1.02	1.02	1.09
ZIP Code 155	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.85	1.09	0.84	0.68	1.13	0.80	0.81	0.96	1.12	0.84	0.63	0.84	1.31	0.75	0.98	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.96	0.81	0.80	0.74
ZIP Code 157	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.80	0.86	0.75	1.12	0.84	0.89	0.72	0.82	1.18	1.03	0.85	0.72	0.86	1.21	0.71	1.10	0.88	0.94	1.11	1.02	1.00	0.85	0.85	1.09
ZIP Code 164	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.88	0.94	0.73	0.85	0.71	0.86	1.08	0.85	1.12	1.56	0.84	0.86	0.89	0.99	0.78	0.96	0.87	1.06	0.97	1.03	0.89	0.91	0.95	1.15
ZIP Code 169	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.16	0.84	0.57	0.92	0.74	0.99	1.08	0.89	0.91	1.36	0.56	0.69	0.89	1.25	0.72	0.98	0.94	1.12	1.02	1.02	0.92	0.94	0.96	1.47
ZIP Code 171	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.12	0.85	0.71	1.37	0.80	0.95	0.85	0.81	0.95	1.06	0.57	0.64	0.94	1.15	0.70	0.89	0.83	1.01	1.11	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.96	1.33
ZIP Code 172	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.84	0.85	0.90	1.03	0.90	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.97	0.79	0.64	0.95	1.07	0.65	0.88	0.80	0.96	1.16	0.89	0.94	0.73	0.76	0.88
ZIP Code 173	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.84	0.85	0.90	1.03	0.90	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.97	0.79	0.64	0.95	1.07	0.65	0.88	0.80	0.96	1.16	0.89	0.94	0.73	0.76	0.88
ZIP Code 175	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.84	0.85	0.90	1.03	0.90	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.97	0.79	0.64	0.95	1.07	0.65	0.88	0.80	0.96	1.16	0.89	0.94	0.73	0.76	0.88
ZIP Code 178	0.989	0.929	0.960	1.16	0.84	0.57	0.92	0.74	0.99	1.08	0.89	0.91	1.36	0.56	0.69	0.89	1.25	0.72	0.98	0.94	1.12	1.02	1.02	0.92	0.94	0.96	1.47
ZIP Code 180	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.85	0.90	0.82	1.03	0.84	0.98	1.03	0.85	1.27	1.20	0.92	0.62	0.93	1.10	0.68	1.02	1.02	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.07	1.02	0.94	1.23
ZIP Code 182	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.91	0.90	0.77	1.34	0.85	1.01	0.96	0.92	0.98	1.13	0.84	0.62	0.91	1.36	0.66	0.88	0.88	1.01	1.23	0.90	0.87	0.86	0.92	1.05
ZIP Code 183	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.85	0.90	0.82	1.03	0.84	0.98	1.03	0.85	1.27	1.20	0.92	0.62	0.93	1.10	0.68	1.02	1.02	1.01	0.96	1.05	1.07	1.02	0.94	1.23
ZIP Code 189	1.023	1.092	1.060	0.89	0.88	0.93	0.96	0.96	0.91	1.01	0.81	0.97	1.03	0.69	0.90	0.95	1.05	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.90	0.96	1.07	1.00	0.95	1.19
ZIP Code 192	1.023	1.092	1.060	1.17	1.07	1.28	0.90	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.12	1.02	1.14	0.73	1.05	0.71	1.19	0.97	1.09	1.08	1.14	1.15	1.04	1.21	1.07	1.01	1.16
ZIP Code 195	0.989	0.929	0.960	0.76	0.87	0.92	1.05	0.95	0.86	0.88	0.83	0.77	1.07	0.84	0.66	0.91	1.61	0.72	0.88	0.85	0.91	0.97	0.70	0.86	1.09	1.00	1.32
ZIP Code 201	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.20	1.14	1.22	0.96	1.05	1.18	0.99	1.09	0.99	1.15	1.13	1.28	1.08	1.01	1.22	1.11	0.99	1.14	1.18	1.18	1.06	1.29	1.26	1.35
ZIP Code 202	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.07	0.83	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.93	1.06	0.89	1.27	1.09	0.96	1.20	1.05	1.12	1.04	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.21	1.31
ZIP Code 203	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.07	0.83	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.93	1.06	0.89	1.27	1.09	0.96	1.20	1.05	1.12	1.04	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.21	1.31
ZIP Code 205	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.20	1.14	1.13	1.07	0.83	1.00	0.96	1.00	0.93	1.06	0.89	1.27	1.09	0.96	1.20	1.05	1.12	1.04	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.30	1.21	1.31
ZIP Code 208	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.05	1.01	0.89	0.83	0.91	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.96	0.95	1.56	0.99	0.98	0.88	1.04	1.01	0.98	1.01	0.83	0.98	1.07	1.17	1.18	1.30
ZIP Code 209	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.05	1.01	0.89	0.83	0.91	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.96	0.95	1.56	0.99	0.98	0.88	1.04	1.01	0.98	1.01	0.83	0.98	1.07	1.17	1.18	1.30
ZIP Code 211	1.021	1.038	1.030	0.99	0.99	0.84	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.04	0.94	1.13	0.99	0.84	0.84	0.97	0.92	0.90	1.03	0.94	1.02	1.08	0.89	0.97	1.11	1.14	1.22
ZIP Code 214	1.021	1.038	1.030	0.99	0.99	0.84	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.04	0.94	1.13	0.99	0.84	0.84	0.97	0.92	0.90	1.03	0.94	1.02	1.08	0.89	0.97	1.11	1.14	1.22
ZIP Code 220	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.07	0.98	0.97	0.75	0.85	0.97	0.88	0.95	0.87	0.94	0.88	1.11	0.93	0.81	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.98	0.98	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.14
ZIP Code 221	1.050	1.166	1.110	1.07	0.98	0.97	0.75	0.85	0.97	0.88	0.95	0.87	0.94	0.88	1.11	0.93	0.81	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.98	0.98	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.14
ZIP Code 222	1.050	1.166	1.110	0.98	0.98	0.96	0.67	0.91	0.98	1.03	0.94	0.95	0.88	0.62	1.01	0.95	0.96	0.95	1.04	0.93	1.02	1.00	0.94	1.01	1.15	1.05	1.20
ZIP Code 225	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
ZIP Code 227	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
ZIP Code 229	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.00	0.95	0.78	1.17	0.95	0.84	0.95	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.86	1.11	0.85	0.85	1.03	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.74	0.95	1.00	0.84
ZIP Code 230	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
ZIP Code 231	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
ZIP Code 233	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.99	0.98	1.23	0.87	0.91	1.23	0.88	0.98	1.08	1.02	1.11	1.32	1.00	1.02	1.12	0.97	0.87	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.98
ZIP Code 234	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.99	0.98	1.23	0.87	0.91	1.23	0.88	0.98	1.08	1.02	1.11	1.32	1.00	1.02	1.12	0.97	0.87	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.98
ZIP Code 237	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.99	0.98	1.23	0.87	0.91	1.23	0.88	0.98	1.08	1.02	1.11	1.32	1.00	1.02	1.12	0.97	0.87	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.67	0.96	0.95	0.98
ZIP Code 238	0.984	0.938	0.960	1.01	1.03	0.75	0.87	1.01	1.05	0.98	1.03	0.96	0.91	0.96	1.26	0.99	1.03	1.11	1.00	0.92	0.93	0.93	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.85
ZIP Code 239	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.91	0.92	0.69	1.05	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.80	0.86	0.89	1.20	0.90	1.02	0.97	0.88	0.83	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.82
ZIP Code 240	0.984	0.938	0.960	0.98	0.97	1.19	1.06	0.83	1.14	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.09	0.85	1.18	0.93	1.10	1.08	0.90	0.91	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.80	0.90	0.83	0.84
ZIP Code 247	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 248	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 249	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 250	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 251	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 252	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 255	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 259	0.963	0.850	0.900	1.02	1.03	0.90	1.23	1.15	1.11	0.94	1.03	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.19	1.03	1.08	1.35	1.01	1.05	1.13	1.11	1.32	1.15	1.06	1.01	1.12
ZIP Code 260	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 264	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
ZIP Code 265	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
ZIP Code 267	0.963	0.850	0.900	0.98	1.01	0.68	1.39	1.12	0.96	0.95	1.02	1.38	1.06	0.97	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.03	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.15	0.98	0.94	0.98	0.95
ZIP Code 270	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.03	1.09	1.00	0.94	0.74	1.00	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.95	0.96	0.91	0.89	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.92	0.96	0.97	1.13	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 272	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.03	1.09	1.00	0.94	0.74	1.00	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.95	0.96	0.91	0.89	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.92	0.96	0.97	1.13	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 273	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.03	1.09	1.00	0.94	0.74	1.00	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.95	0.96	0.91	0.89	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.92	0.96	0.97	1.13	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 274	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.03	1.09	1.00	0.94	0.74	1.00	0.95	1.05	1.04	0.95	0.96	0.91	0.89	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.92	0.96	0.97	1.13	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 275	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.19	1.17	1.21	1.22	0.91	1.31	1.07	1.12	0.90	1.19	0.86	1.07	0.90	1.13	1.23	1.04	1.01	1.06	1.10	1.03	1.01	1.06	1.14	0.99
ZIP Code 279	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.05	1.02	0.97	1.02	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.08	0.85	1.13	1.11	0.97	1.02	1.08	0.98	0.93	0.98	1.02	1.12	1.12	0.95	1.02	1.01	0.99
ZIP Code 280	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.11	1.10	1.07	1.05	1.13	1.14	1.09	1.11	0.90	1.11	0.82	1.33	0.89	0.91	1.27	1.03	0.98	0.99	1.09	1.08	0.91	0.95	1.00	0.92
ZIP Code 286	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.01	1.01	1.19	1.19	0.91	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.10	0.96	1.06	0.96	0.99	1.16	1.04	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.99	1.02
ZIP Code 287	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.01	1.01	1.19	1.19	0.91	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.10	0.96	1.06	0.96	0.99	1.16	1.04	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.99	1.02
ZIP Code 289	0.970	0.931	0.950	1.01	1.01	1.19	1.19	0.91	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.10	0.96	1.06	0.96	0.99	1.16	1.04	0.94	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.03	0.99	1.02
ZIP Code 290	0.974	0.904	0.940	0.94	1.05	1.51	0.87	0.81	0.99	1.18	0.95	1.11	1.00	1.02	0.74	0.90	0.99	0.87	1.05	0.87	1.02	1.06	1.15	0.90	1.03	0.99	1.20
ZIP Code 293	0.974	0.904	0.940	1.01	1.04	1.19	1.11	0.79	1.05	1.09	0.97	1.07	1.02	1.14	0.95	0.98	1.06	1.12	1.00	0.82	0.99	1.05	1.09	0.87	1.07	1.01	1.05
ZIP Code 298	0.974	0.904	0.940	1.07	1.05	1.32	1.36	0.86	1.01	0.99	1.02	1.00	0.93	1.38	0.81	0.96	0.96	0.97	1.04	0.82	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.22	1.10	1.13	1.12
ZIP Code 301	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.01	1.06	1.14	1.41	0.98	1.14	0.97	1.05	1.09	1.04	1.49	0.95	1.08	1.19	1.05	1.09	1.19	1.12	1.06	1.17	1.02	1.18	1.14	1.08
ZIP Code 302	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.01	1.06	1.14	1.41	0.98	1.14	0.97	1.05	1.09	1.04	1.49	0.95	1.08	1.19	1.05	1.09	1.19	1.12	1.06	1.17	1.02	1.18	1.14	1.08
ZIP Code 304	0.970	0.892	0.930	0.99	1.00	1.02	1.28	0.87	1.08	1.19	1.06	0.95	1.18	1.22	0.80	1.06	1.08	0.84	0.96	1.19	1.02	1.09	1.02	1.05	1.07	1.04	1.09
ZIP Code 306	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
ZIP Code 307	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
ZIP Code 308	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.03	1.00	1.08	1.06	0.87	1.02	1.22	1.01	1.00	1.10	0.97	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.03	1.13
ZIP Code 311	1.006	1.059	1.040	1.13	1.05	1.41	1.21	0.75	1.16	1.08	1.04	1.04	0.98	1.26	1.07	1.01	1.09	1.15	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.10	1.08	1.02
ZIP Code 313	0.970	0.892	0.930	0.97	0.99	1.03	1.13	1.17	1.07	0.91	1.01	0.91	1.12	1.47	0.87	1.01	1.07	0.82	0.94	1.05	1.07	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.07	1.05	1.17
ZIP Code 315	0.970	0.892	0.930	0.99	1.00	1.02	1.28	0.87	1.08	1.19	1.06	0.95	1.18	1.22	0.80	1.06	1.08	0.84	0.96	1.19	1.02	1.09	1.02	1.05	1.07	1.04	1.09
ZIP Code 318	0.970	0.892	0.930	1.00	1.00	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.10	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.04	1.43	0.92	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.01	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.06	0.99	1.05	1.04	1.04
ZIP Code 332	1.015	1.052	1.040	1.26	1.15	1.07	1.29	0.95	1.08	1.28	1.15	1.06	1.21	1.28	1.20	1.02	1.13	1.02	1.18	1.40	1.08	1.08	0.92	1.08	1.04	1.10	0.91
ZIP Code 350	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.75	0.87	0.73	1.29	0.89	0.86	1.05	0.84	1.04	0.80	0.86	0.70	0.88	1.05	0.62	0.93	1.02	0.87	1.02	0.83	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.74
ZIP Code 351	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.75	0.87	0.73	1.29	0.89	0.86	1.05	0.84	1.04	0.80	0.86	0.70	0.88	1.05	0.62	0.93	1.02	0.87	1.02	0.83	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.74
ZIP Code 357	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.83	0.89	0.71	1.10	0.79	0.92	0.93	0.87	0.96	0.85	1.01	0.61	0.92	1.12	0.66	0.94	0.92	0.85	1.00	0.96	0.93	1.06	0.96	0.90
ZIP Code 364	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
ZIP Code 365	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.73	0.86	0.65	1.06	0.84	0.79	0.87	0.80	1.06	0.75	0.92	0.53	1.00	0.78	0.56	0.95	1.06	0.84	0.89	0.85	0.77	0.90	0.79	0.72
ZIP Code 367	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
ZIP Code 368	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
ZIP Code 369	0.978	0.870	0.920	0.74	0.87	0.68	1.26	0.83	0.83	0.98	0.81	1.04	0.86	0.94	0.59	0.91	0.92	0.65	0.92	0.93	0.91	1.05	0.76	0.97	1.00	0.92	0.71
ZIP Code 375	0.975	0.900	0.930	1.02	1.06	1.18	0.97	0.87	1.02	0.95	1.09	1.20	1.16	1.12	1.06	1.05	0.99	1.03	1.14	1.05	1.03	1.04	1.12	0.90	1.02	0.95	0.94
ZIP Code 377	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.97	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.93	1.07	1.12	1.00	1.07	1.01	0.93	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.16	0.96	1.03	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.98	0.93	0.93	0.97
ZIP Code 380	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.92	1.14	0.85	0.97	1.12	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.08	0.97	0.89	1.12	0.90	1.01	1.11	1.05	1.08	1.00	1.11	1.01	1.12	0.89	0.95	1.01
ZIP Code 382	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.98	0.95	0.82	1.09	0.93	1.00	0.86	0.95	1.04	1.07	1.12	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.84	0.96	1.10	0.98	1.03	1.12	1.01	0.95	0.90	0.77
ZIP Code 384	0.975	0.900	0.930	0.94	0.95	0.85	1.08	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.11	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.90	1.02	1.01	0.97	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.16	0.92	0.95	0.95	1.01
ZIP Code 389	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.92	0.96	1.10	0.94	0.81	1.09	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.02	0.93	0.77	0.90	1.26	0.79	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.16	0.81	0.85	0.87	0.92
ZIP Code 396	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.90	0.95	0.90	1.06	0.86	1.19	0.94	0.94	1.11	1.14	1.24	0.72	0.95	0.94	0.73	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.11	0.90	0.88	0.92	1.00
ZIP Code 397	0.957	0.837	0.890	0.92	0.96	1.10	0.94	0.81	1.09	0.96	1.03	1.09	1.02	0.93	0.77	0.90	1.26	0.79	1.01	0.97	0.99	1.07	1.16	0.81	0.85	0.87	0.92
ZIP Code 399	1.006	1.059	1.040	1.13	1.05	1.41	1.21	0.75	1.16	1.08	1.04	1.04	0.98	1.26	1.07	1.01	1.09	1.15	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.10	1.08	1.02
ZIP Code 400	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.87	0.90	1.22	0.82	0.71	0.98	1.13	1.02	0.97	0.83	1.29	1.04	0.79	0.74	0.99	0.98	0.90	1.04	1.00	1.07	0.95	0.92	0.95	1.08
ZIP Code 403	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.88	0.94	1.09	1.09	0.90	1.10	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.99	0.89	1.10	0.79	0.85	0.93	0.88
ZIP Code 404	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.88	0.94	1.09	1.09	0.90	1.10	0.88	0.94	0.88	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.96	1.15	0.99	0.89	1.10	0.79	0.85	0.93	0.88
ZIP Code 406	0.970	0.866	0.910	1.01	1.16	1.09	0.99	0.96	1.06	1.21	1.14	1.09	0.93	0.90	1.14	0.96	0.91	1.07	1.10	1.05	1.03	0.94	1.21	0.83	0.90	0.95	1.00
ZIP Code 407	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 408	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 409	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 411	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 412	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 413	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 414	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 415	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 417	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.95	0.98	0.95	1.19	0.90	1.15	0.98	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.16	0.95	1.05	0.96	1.08	1.12	1.39	1.07	0.94	0.93	0.95
ZIP Code 423	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.92	0.94	0.81	0.97	0.77	1.04	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.89	1.06	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.99	1.13	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.95
ZIP Code 424	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.92	0.94	0.81	0.97	0.77	1.04	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.89	1.06	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.99	1.13	0.91	0.89	0.84	0.95
ZIP Code 426	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.55	0.75	0.64	1.14	1.29	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.95	1.05	0.99	1.04	0.89	0.91	1.29	0.91	0.87	1.03	0.83	0.90	0.85	0.93
ZIP Code 427	0.970	0.866	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.55	0.75	0.64	1.14	1.29	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.95	1.05	0.99	1.04	0.89	0.91	1.29	0.91	0.87	1.03	0.83	0.90	0.85	0.93
ZIP Code 430	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.91	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.77	1.00	0.89	0.95	0.99	1.00	0.82	0.90	0.95	0.72	0.86	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.16	0.98	0.79	0.82	1.00
ZIP Code 433	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.85	0.85	0.99	0.99	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.87	0.91	1.07	0.72	0.85	0.91	1.01	0.82	0.88	0.99	0.95	1.05	1.09	0.96	0.82	0.89	1.02
ZIP Code 434	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.92	0.85	1.14	1.10	0.94	0.95	0.96	1.05	1.05	0.85	0.70	0.92	0.88	0.78	0.98	1.02	0.98	0.99	1.11	0.93	0.79	0.81	1.08
ZIP Code 435	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.92	0.85	1.14	1.10	0.94	0.95	0.96	1.05	1.05	0.85	0.70	0.92	0.88	0.78	0.98	1.02	0.98	0.99	1.11	0.93	0.79	0.81	1.08
ZIP Code 438	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
ZIP Code 442	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.92	0.93	1.14	1.01	1.01	1.23	0.97	1.05	1.15	0.80	0.93	0.93	0.87	0.90	0.92	0.95	1.01	1.08	1.22	1.29	1.00	0.90	1.12
ZIP Code 446	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.86	0.90	0.68	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.94	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.82	0.82	0.93	0.80	0.82	0.94	0.84	0.94	0.92	0.97	0.92	0.81	0.82	0.98
ZIP Code 451	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.88	0.88	0.98	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.89	0.91	1.00	1.17	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.93	0.86	0.96	0.97	0.93	0.94	1.16	0.84	0.82	0.79	1.07
ZIP Code 453	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.88	1.08	1.24	0.83	0.88	0.88	0.90	0.83	1.02	0.95	0.84	0.85	0.94	0.83	0.92	0.88	0.90	1.09	0.99	0.82	0.76	0.77	1.01
ZIP Code 459	0.988	0.944	0.960	0.92	0.94	1.03	1.08	1.10	0.88	0.88	0.97	1.04	0.93	0.82	1.07	0.95	0.82	1.00	1.01	1.01	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.84	0.89	0.89	0.94
ZIP Code 460	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.92	1.08	1.08	1.03	1.10	0.92	1.03	1.04	1.22	1.06	0.77	0.87	1.01	0.84	0.93	0.93	1.06	1.18	1.16	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.94
ZIP Code 461	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.92	1.08	1.08	1.03	1.10	0.92	1.03	1.04	1.22	1.06	0.77	0.87	1.01	0.84	0.93	0.93	1.06	1.18	1.16	0.89	0.84	0.83	0.94
ZIP Code 464	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.10	1.04	1.22	1.16	0.96	1.13	1.08	1.09	1.25	1.20	1.31	0.90	1.03	1.13	0.84	1.08	0.94	1.14	1.02	1.34	0.92	1.07	1.03	1.36
ZIP Code 465	0.981	0.922	0.950	1.03	0.90	1.35	1.08	0.92	1.10	1.07	1.02	1.08	1.08	0.90	1.12	0.97	1.08	1.04	0.92	0.91	0.97	1.02	1.03	0.79	0.87	0.83	0.84
ZIP Code 467	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.97	0.92	0.96	0.89	1.01	0.93	1.01	1.01	1.17	1.07	0.98	0.78	1.03	1.03	0.78	0.97	0.94	0.97	1.03	1.02	0.81	0.88	0.95	1.03
ZIP Code 472	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.93	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.96	1.11	0.92	1.09	1.13	0.90	0.86	0.90	0.82	0.83	0.91	0.92	1.07	0.98	1.21	0.88	0.78	0.80	0.90
ZIP Code 475	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.90	0.87	1.15	0.94	0.96	1.40	1.07	0.80	0.64	0.89	0.78	0.73	1.22	1.02	1.00	1.08	1.08	0.81	0.95	1.01	1.06
ZIP Code 476	0.981	0.922	0.950	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.90	0.87	1.15	0.94	0.96	1.40	1.07	0.80	0.64	0.89	0.78	0.73	1.22	1.02	1.00	1.08	1.08	0.81	0.95	1.01	1.06
ZIP Code 484	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.82	0.86	0.44	0.95	0.97	0.77	0.81	0.80	1.12	0.85	0.87	1.01	0.95	0.79	0.97	0.94	0.96	0.79	0.81	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.79	0.66
ZIP Code 488	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.84	0.86	0.65	0.82	0.92	0.73	0.76	0.84	0.89	0.82	0.71	0.89	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.91	0.90	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.78	0.61
ZIP Code 491	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.90	0.88	0.73	0.95	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.94	0.86	0.88	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.98	1.19	1.08	0.79
ZIP Code 493	0.997	0.938	0.960	0.86	0.89	1.09	0.81	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.84	1.04	0.84	0.87	0.79	0.95	0.82	0.95	0.96	0.87	0.85	0.81	0.88	0.81	0.77	0.78	0.79
ZIP Code 500	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79
ZIP Code 502	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79
ZIP Code 506	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.93	0.90	0.74	1.11	1.13	0.79	0.78	1.10	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.94	1.22	0.98	0.83	0.93	0.88	1.01	1.01	0.77	0.89	0.90	0.74
ZIP Code 508	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 509	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.01	0.94	0.62	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.87	1.03	1.04	1.04	0.66	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.01	0.95	1.19	0.92	0.98	0.96	0.86	0.95	0.95	0.79
ZIP Code 510	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 512	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 513	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 514	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 515	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 516	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.91	0.94	0.84	1.30	0.96	0.90	0.82	1.04	0.83	0.96	0.87	0.98	0.91	0.98	0.83	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.81	0.93	1.03	0.73
ZIP Code 521	0.959	0.876	0.910	0.93	0.90	0.74	1.11	1.13	0.79	0.78	1.10	0.82	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.94	1.22	0.98	0.83	0.93	0.88	1.01	1.01	0.77	0.89	0.90	0.74
ZIP Code 523	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
ZIP Code 524	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
ZIP Code 526	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
ZIP Code 528	0.959	0.876	0.910	1.05	1.06	0.77	1.16	1.21	0.97	0.82	1.12	0.93	1.02	0.76	1.07	1.06	1.02	0.97	0.94	1.05	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.89	1.03	1.04	0.89
ZIP Code 534	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.18	1.17	0.65	1.02	1.01	1.16	0.93	1.37	1.35	1.28	1.16	1.40	0.84	1.07	1.00	1.13	1.11	1.07	0.95	1.09	1.16	0.93	0.89	0.94
ZIP Code 538	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.16	1.11	1.04	1.19	1.18	1.09	1.06	1.16	1.23	1.52	0.81	0.86	0.89	1.22	0.97	1.10	1.04	1.07	1.02	1.29	0.92	0.96	1.15	1.11
ZIP Code 540	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.01	1.08	0.63	1.18	1.06	0.88	0.85	1.12	0.77	0.77	0.93	1.09	0.75	1.03	0.90	0.95	0.94	0.92	1.02	0.88	1.05	1.06	0.99	0.84
ZIP Code 541	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.10	1.04	1.07	1.01	1.16	1.15	1.05	1.10	1.09	1.26	1.03	1.06	0.90	1.09	0.92	1.00	1.24	1.08	1.10	1.14	0.99	1.00	1.02	0.99
ZIP Code 542	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.10	1.04	1.07	1.01	1.16	1.15	1.05	1.10	1.09	1.26	1.03	1.06	0.90	1.09	0.92	1.00	1.24	1.08	1.10	1.14	0.99	1.00	1.02	0.99
ZIP Code 543	0.981	0.929	0.950	1.07	1.09	0.73	1.35	1.12	1.07	0.90	1.07	0.96	1.27	1.07	0.74	0.93	1.30	0.84	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.08	1.15	1.09	0.94	0.97	0.88
ZIP Code 550	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.12	1.14	1.16	1.02	1.09	1.19	0.99	1.15	1.06	1.15	1.24	1.35	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.00	0.99	0.96	0.97	1.15	0.83	0.95	0.94	0.98

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 553	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.13	1.08	1.13	0.80	1.17	1.09	1.02	1.13	0.96	0.95	0.94	1.36	0.95	1.06	1.27	0.95	1.08	0.87	0.89	0.99	0.70	0.93	0.98	0.71
ZIP Code 555	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.13	1.08	1.13	0.80	1.17	1.09	1.02	1.13	0.96	0.95	0.94	1.36	0.95	1.06	1.27	0.95	1.08	0.87	0.89	0.99	0.70	0.93	0.98	0.71
ZIP Code 556	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
ZIP Code 558	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	0.97	0.77	1.20	1.21	0.94	0.88	1.02	0.99	1.04	0.83	0.86	1.09	1.12	0.85	0.96	1.18	0.95	1.04	1.08	0.57	0.95	0.96	0.91
ZIP Code 561	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.05	1.04	1.00	1.62	1.10	1.03	0.90	1.11	0.86	1.09	0.76	0.73	0.87	0.82	0.88	0.90	1.23	0.99	1.09	1.17	0.55	0.97	1.02	0.96
ZIP Code 566	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
ZIP Code 567	0.990	0.974	0.980	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.18	1.22	0.91	0.86	1.03	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.80	0.84	1.09	0.91	0.87	1.16	0.91	0.97	0.97	0.70	1.01	1.03	0.83
ZIP Code 572	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
ZIP Code 573	0.935	0.878	0.900	0.99	0.99	0.78	0.84	0.90	1.03	0.88	1.08	1.07	1.14	0.92	0.68	0.90	1.06	0.85	0.96	0.98	0.99	1.14	0.98	1.03	0.88	0.95	0.87
ZIP Code 580	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ZIP Code 583	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ZIP Code 584	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ZIP Code 586	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ZIP Code 588	0.950	0.880	0.910	0.99	1.02	0.64	1.15	1.25	0.89	0.81	1.06	1.56	1.12	0.91	0.74	1.16	0.96	0.67	0.97	1.18	0.76	0.83	1.05	0.72	0.87	0.91	0.70
ZIP Code 595	0.950	0.876	0.910	0.97	1.04	0.83	1.09	0.89	0.90	0.88	1.06	0.80	0.96	0.67	0.82	0.90	1.05	1.04	0.88	0.95	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	1.07	0.78
ZIP Code 607	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.13	1.05	1.34	1.36	0.95	1.13	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.02	1.18	0.93	0.99	1.05	0.95	1.08	1.07	1.22	1.04	1.07	1.22	1.17	1.16	1.23
ZIP Code 608	1.028	1.092	1.060	1.13	1.05	1.34	1.36	0.95	1.13	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.02	1.18	0.93	0.99	1.05	0.95	1.08	1.07	1.22	1.04	1.07	1.22	1.17	1.16	1.23
ZIP Code 610	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.01	1.08	0.67	0.97	1.01	0.77	0.88	1.01	0.93	1.03	0.85	0.99	1.04	0.91	1.16	0.96	1.11	0.93	0.80	0.96	0.89	1.06	0.97	0.92
ZIP Code 612	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.01	1.08	0.67	0.97	1.01	0.77	0.88	1.01	0.93	1.03	0.85	0.99	1.04	0.91	1.16	0.96	1.11	0.93	0.80	0.96	0.89	1.06	0.97	0.92
ZIP Code 615	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.85	0.89	0.93	1.54	0.96	0.90	0.98	0.98	1.13	1.09	1.02	0.68	0.89	0.93	0.69	0.91	0.91	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.89	0.88	0.91	0.90
ZIP Code 617	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.94	0.93	0.78	0.87	0.77	0.95	0.98	0.97	1.23	1.13	1.12	0.75	0.92	1.05	0.71	0.99	0.91	1.05	1.10	1.19	1.00	0.91	0.93	0.99
ZIP Code 619	0.964	0.889	0.920	0.88	0.91	0.88	1.01	0.85	0.96	1.20	1.02	1.13	1.02	1.02	0.63	1.06	1.06	0.66	0.89	0.91	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.02	0.89	0.94	1.11
ZIP Code 620	0.988	0.924	0.950	0.87	0.89	0.91	0.80	0.98	0.93	0.97	0.94	1.04	1.13	1.07	0.72	0.96	0.95	0.90	0.92	0.82	0.94	0.96	1.19	0.88	0.94	0.95	0.94
ZIP Code 626	0.964	0.889	0.920	1.05	0.95	0.85	0.72	0.82	0.87	1.02	1.03	0.94	1.14	0.94	0.65	0.90	0.85	0.71	0.89	0.85	0.95	1.07	1.04	1.06	0.94	0.91	1.06
ZIP Code 630	0.994	0.938	0.960	0.93	0.91	0.87	1.02	0.93	1.03	0.99	0.94	1.02	1.32	0.94	0.70	1.05	1.11	0.86	0.93	0.89	0.98	0.97	1.07	0.88	0.92	0.90	1.08
ZIP Code 634	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.15	1.04	1.15	1.06	1.02	1.10	1.47	1.06	0.76	1.15	1.24	0.93	1.01	0.96	1.07	1.08	1.17	0.88	0.99	0.97	1.17
ZIP Code 638	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
ZIP Code 646	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.94	0.94	0.65	1.06	0.94	0.86	1.14	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.77	1.10	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.88	0.75	0.98	1.17	1.09	0.90	0.86	0.98	0.91
ZIP Code 648	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
ZIP Code 649	0.988	0.967	0.980	0.92	0.93	1.19	0.98	0.92	1.06	1.00	0.96	0.97	0.98	0.81	0.92	1.08	1.03	0.99	0.95	0.96	0.90	0.97	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.81
ZIP Code 651	0.946	0.825	0.880	0.97	0.98	1.26	1.16	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.03	0.97	1.16	1.13	0.88	1.03	1.05	0.99	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.13	1.19	0.88	1.13	1.18	1.17
ZIP Code 656	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.00	0.94	0.79	1.16	0.93	0.97	1.04	0.99	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.75	0.92	1.09	0.74	0.93	0.91	0.94	1.21	1.18	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.86
ZIP Code 658	0.946	0.825	0.880	1.06	1.05	0.91	0.96	1.01	0.90	0.70	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.05	0.79	1.09	1.20	0.87	0.94	0.90	1.02	1.09	1.21	0.86	0.92	0.88	0.79
ZIP Code 662	0.963	0.895	0.930	1.04	0.97	1.29	1.22	0.93	1.17	0.98	0.95	1.05	0.90	0.88	0.99	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.01	1.06	0.95	0.98	0.88	0.87	0.96	1.03	1.11
ZIP Code 669	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
ZIP Code 670	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.84	0.87	0.85	1.08	0.78	0.96	0.92	0.97	0.75	1.02	1.11	0.93	0.83	0.95	0.69	0.81	0.90	0.92	0.92	1.01	0.83	0.85	0.85	0.83
ZIP Code 671	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.84	0.87	0.85	1.08	0.78	0.96	0.92	0.97	0.75	1.02	1.11	0.93	0.83	0.95	0.69	0.81	0.90	0.92	0.92	1.01	0.83	0.85	0.85	0.83
ZIP Code 675	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
ZIP Code 677	0.963	0.895	0.930	0.82	0.85	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.99	0.82	0.88	0.85	0.97	0.69	0.81	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.84	0.88	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.86	0.86	0.90	0.68
ZIP Code 680	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.99	0.98	1.14	0.99	1.09	0.98	0.96	0.99	0.89	1.07	0.96	1.28	0.90	1.04	1.17	0.93	0.94	0.89	1.15	0.99	0.81	0.88	0.95	0.78
ZIP Code 683	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 684	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 686	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 689	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 690	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 692	0.948	0.877	0.910	0.88	0.94	0.73	1.13	0.91	0.95	0.75	0.94	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.97	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.91	0.83	1.12	0.98	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.86
ZIP Code 700	0.998	0.945	0.970	0.97	0.96	0.86	0.87	0.93	0.99	1.09	0.98	0.95	1.05	0.85	0.91	0.98	0.87	0.89	1.05	0.95	0.97	0.95	1.17	1.13	0.79	0.91	0.91
ZIP Code 703	0.968	0.870	0.910	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.06	0.81	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.03	1.07	0.86	0.81	1.43	0.99	0.92	1.05	0.95	1.07	1.03	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.92	1.11
ZIP Code 704	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.02	1.02	0.94	0.95	1.01	1.06	1.15	1.04	1.00	1.13	0.93	0.96	1.04	0.95	0.94	1.11	1.00	1.03	1.02	1.24	1.13	0.84	0.97	0.97
ZIP Code 706	0.968	0.870	0.910	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.06	0.81	1.10	1.02	1.08	1.03	1.07	0.86	0.81	1.43	0.99	0.92	1.05	0.95	1.07	1.03	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.92	1.11
ZIP Code 707	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.04	1.19	1.06	0.97	0.95	0.98	1.03	1.09	0.91	1.08	1.38	0.99	1.14	1.18	1.12	0.86	0.98	0.98	1.03	0.91	0.88	0.91	1.03
ZIP Code 710	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.55	1.15	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.28	1.19	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.01	1.05	1.23	1.00	0.86	0.84	0.99
ZIP Code 714	0.968	0.870	0.910	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.55	1.15	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.07	1.28	1.19	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.01	1.05	1.23	1.00	0.86	0.84	0.99

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFs (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUs (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																						
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 716	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 718	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 720	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.98	1.02	0.69	1.02	0.75	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.02	0.93	0.89	1.33	1.25	1.00	1.13	1.01	1.29	0.92	1.07	0.99	0.76	1.08	1.01	0.93
ZIP Code 723	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 725	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.88	1.00	0.75	1.37	0.93	0.88	0.83	1.00	1.18	0.91	0.76	1.04	1.13	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.18	0.96	0.99	1.06	0.77	1.03	1.04	0.89
ZIP Code 728	0.953	0.847	0.890	0.86	0.96	0.83	1.17	0.75	1.02	1.14	0.95	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.15	1.01	1.02	1.15	0.90	1.15	0.99	0.74	1.08	1.01	0.92
ZIP Code 730	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.96	1.04	1.35	0.92	0.53	1.13	1.00	1.03	1.09	0.87	1.01	1.12	1.05	1.05	1.19	1.03	0.90	0.91	1.00	1.11	0.85	0.88	0.88	0.83
ZIP Code 733	0.986	0.996	0.990	1.23	1.03	1.30	0.94	0.85	1.14	0.89	1.05	1.03	1.01	1.30	1.30	0.92	0.93	1.19	1.03	0.87	0.95	1.12	1.39	0.93	1.00	1.00	0.97
ZIP Code 737	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.86	0.87	1.02	0.89	0.79	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.92	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.88	0.81	0.95	1.03	1.12	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.78
ZIP Code 738	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.86	0.87	1.02	0.89	0.79	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.92	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.88	0.81	0.95	1.03	1.12	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.78
ZIP Code 739	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.86	0.87	1.02	0.89	0.79	1.02	0.97	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.92	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.76	0.88	0.81	0.95	1.03	1.12	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.78
ZIP Code 740	0.968	0.876	0.920	0.97	1.05	1.51	1.12	0.90	1.02	0.93	0.99	1.08	0.86	0.92	0.87	0.98	0.92	0.92	1.06	0.94	0.93	0.92	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.83	0.83
ZIP Code 743	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.03	0.89	1.06	0.67	0.85	0.86	1.11	0.94	1.10	1.01	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.05	1.04	0.98	0.95	0.94	1.00	1.03	0.93	0.94	0.91	0.91
ZIP Code 747	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
ZIP Code 749	0.968	0.876	0.920	1.01	1.01	1.04	1.13	1.09	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.21	1.01	1.03	0.80	0.88	1.11	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.05	1.06	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.99
ZIP Code 751	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.19	1.12	1.38	1.24	1.17	1.35	1.02	1.12	1.09	1.24	1.44	1.43	1.17	1.02	1.39	1.10	1.09	1.13	1.16	1.31	1.07	1.11	1.17	1.25
ZIP Code 753	1.010	1.065	1.040	1.23	1.10	1.80	0.98	0.85	1.21	1.05	1.13	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.29	1.01	0.88	1.18	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.99	1.16	1.15	1.02	1.02	0.97
ZIP Code 772	1.020	1.007	1.010	1.18	1.00	1.27	0.89	0.85	1.04	1.14	1.05	0.99	1.07	1.18	1.17	1.01	1.01	1.08	1.01	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.38	0.93	1.07	1.00	1.10
ZIP Code 773	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.09	1.07	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.25	1.22	1.05	1.04	1.20	1.37	1.24	1.03	1.03	1.16	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.21	1.31	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.08
ZIP Code 774	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.09	1.07	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.25	1.22	1.05	1.04	1.20	1.37	1.24	1.03	1.03	1.16	1.07	1.12	1.11	1.21	1.31	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.08
ZIP Code 775	0.988	0.969	0.980	1.03	1.00	0.94	0.94	0.99	1.14	1.16	0.99	0.98	1.09	1.21	1.17	0.96	0.93	1.09	1.00	1.07	1.03	1.11	1.23	1.00	0.92	0.96	0.99
ZIP Code 776	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.01	1.05	1.87	1.06	1.17	1.22	1.10	0.99	1.19	1.20	1.66	1.12	1.02	0.94	1.18	1.11	0.99	1.03	1.27	1.17	0.99	1.11	1.07	1.01
ZIP Code 789	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.28	1.10	1.45	1.04	0.94	1.26	0.92	1.11	1.08	1.10	1.44	1.39	0.99	1.03	1.27	1.10	0.91	1.02	1.22	1.50	0.93	1.04	1.04	1.02
ZIP Code 793	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.18	1.01	1.22	0.88	0.77	1.20	1.74	1.02	0.96	1.16	1.40	0.99	1.06	1.07	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.17	1.17	0.92	0.94	1.04	1.03
ZIP Code 798	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.07	1.02	1.28	1.08	0.87	1.19	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.40	1.48	0.90	0.98	1.10	0.87	0.95	1.05	1.07	1.23	1.16	0.90	0.89	1.03	1.06
ZIP Code 801	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.08	0.95	1.27	1.01	1.14	1.03	1.09	0.91	0.95	0.93	1.30	1.02	0.84	1.31	1.14	0.96	0.90	0.75	0.94	0.77	1.00	0.94	0.73
ZIP Code 803	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.06	1.06	1.14	0.96	1.04	1.16	1.05	1.02	0.92	0.96	1.02	1.37	1.01	0.77	1.23	1.09	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.89	0.80	0.88	0.92	0.74
ZIP Code 804	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.06	1.06	1.14	0.96	1.04	1.16	1.05	1.02	0.92	0.96	1.02	1.37	1.01	0.77	1.23	1.09	0.90	0.85	0.82	0.89	0.80	0.88	0.92	0.74
ZIP Code 808	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.10	1.06	1.14	0.80	0.91	1.07	0.97	1.05	1.07	0.86	0.86	1.41	0.93	0.92	1.27	1.07	0.92	0.86	0.72	0.89	0.92	0.85	0.88	0.81
ZIP Code 812	0.985	0.992	0.990	0.92	0.91	1.37	1.00	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.95	0.79	0.86	0.98	1.19	0.84	0.83	1.05	0.90	0.82	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.85	0.79	0.89	0.75
ZIP Code 816	0.985	0.992	0.990	1.11	1.08	0.82	1.59	0.89	1.05	1.00	1.07	0.87	1.03	1.34	1.43	1.14	0.69	1.24	1.11	1.04	1.08	0.87	0.97	0.87	0.92	0.98	0.99
ZIP Code 821	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 822	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 823	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 830	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 831	0.967	0.895	0.930	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.72	0.73	1.03	0.86	1.03	0.85	0.99	0.81	0.67	0.88	0.97	0.68	0.88	0.94	0.93	0.99	0.97	0.86	0.84	0.92	0.92
ZIP Code 834	0.960	0.881	0.920	1.01	0.98	0.97	0.63	0.36	0.92	0.89	1.08	0.69	1.00	0.87	0.69	0.88	0.73	0.82	0.84	1.03	0.90	0.97	0.88	0.75	0.76	0.87	0.75
ZIP Code 836	0.960	0.881	0.920	0.92	1.03	0.96	1.30	0.95	1.07	0.82	1.01	0.79	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	1.06	1.01	0.88	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.78	0.77	0.85	0.98	0.86
ZIP Code 838	0.960	0.881	0.920	0.92	1.03	0.96	1.30	0.95	1.07	0.82	1.01	0.79	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	1.06	1.01	0.88	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.78	0.77	0.85	0.98	0.86
ZIP Code 842	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.91	0.79	0.65	1.19	0.67	0.84	0.89	0.82	0.68	0.78	0.93	0.78	0.85	0.85	0.76	0.83	0.91	0.82	0.85	0.73	0.69	0.76	0.80	0.66
ZIP Code 843	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.91	0.79	0.65	1.19	0.67	0.84	0.89	0.82	0.68	0.78	0.93	0.78	0.85	0.85	0.76	0.83	0.91	0.82	0.85	0.73	0.69	0.76	0.80	0.66
ZIP Code 845	0.976	0.941	0.960	0.90	0.83	0.57	0.75	0.63	0.98	0.83	0.88	0.66	0.88	0.90	0.96	0.93	0.81	0.84	0.82	0.87	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.81	0.66	0.68	0.66
ZIP Code 865	0.994	0.978	0.990	1.03	0.98	1.12	0.99	0.99	1.07	0.86	1.00	0.93	0.91	1.20	1.23	0.98	0.97	1.17	0.94	0.91	1.05	0.90	0.84	0.96	1.01	1.17	0.94
ZIP Code 870	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
ZIP Code 872	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.98	1.05	1.20	0.77	1.06	1.14	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.29	0.85	1.55	1.01	0.98	1.26	1.03	0.94	0.99	1.09	0.87	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83
ZIP Code 878	0.973	0.900	0.930	0.95	1.00	1.30	0.78	0.91	1.19	0.93	0.99	0.95	1.13	0.89	0.99	0.95	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.99	1.13	1.02	0.93	0.91	1.02	0.88
ZIP Code 885	0.966	0.880	0.920	1.03	1.00	1.42	0.88	0.82	1.26	0.97	1.05	0.99	1.15	1.08	0.89	1.07	0.88	0.86	1.02	1.14	1.05	0.95	1.16	0.92	0.85	0.97	0.96
ZIP Code 889	1.005	1.039	1.020	1.17	1.16	1.03	1.04	1.25	1.03	1.12	1.11	0.90	1.08	1.00	1.01	0.99	1.10	0.94	1.09	1.16	1.04	0.90	1.01	1.32	0.83	0.87	1.17
ZIP Code 897	1.005	1.039	1.020	0.97	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.95	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.77	0.75	0.86
ZIP Code 898	1.005	1.039	1.020	0.97	0.96	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.94	0.89	0.73	0.91	0.97	0.85	0.95	0.95	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.01	0.90	0.77	0.75	0.86
ZIP Code 901	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.39	1.08	1.38	0.97	1.16	1.07	1.04	1.14	0.99	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.48	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.00	1.11	1.12	1.21	1.06
ZIP Code 903	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.03	1.10	1.18	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.87	1.08	0.87	1.00	1.12	0.90	1.20	1.11	0.98	1.05	1.12	1.04	1.10	0.98	1.17	1.21	1.23	1.17
ZIP Code 904	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.03	1.10	1.18	0.97	1.02	1.07	0.87	1.08	0.87	1.00	1.12	0.90	1.20	1.11	0.98	1.05	1.12	1.04	1.10	0.98	1.17	1.21	1.23	1.17

TABLE J. — PHYSICIAN GAAFS (GEOGRAPHIC AREA ADJUSTMENT FACTORS) FOR RVUS (RELATIVE VALUE UNITS) AND CONVERSION FACTORS; BY VA FACILITY LOCATION — Continued

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VA Facility Location	RVU GAAFs			Conversion Factor GAAFs By Physician CPT Code Group																							
	Work Expense RVUs	Practice Expense RVUs	Total RVUs Only	Inpatient Visits	Office/Home/ Urgent Care Visits	Therapeutic Injections	Allergy Testing	Allergy Immuno-therapy	Misc. Medical	ER Visits & Observation Care	Consults	Physical Medicine	Cardio-vascular	Immunizations	Well Baby Exams	Vision Exams	Hearing/ Speech Exams	Physical Exams	Chiropractor	OP Psych./ Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Surgery	Radiology	Pathology	Anesthesia	Normal Deliveries	Cesarean Deliveries	Non-Deliveries
ZIP Code 905	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.96	0.95	1.11	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.96	0.90	0.93	1.12	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.03	0.98	1.06	0.99	1.10	0.98	1.05	0.93	0.94	0.83
ZIP Code 907	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.96	0.95	1.11	0.84	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.96	0.90	0.93	1.12	1.01	1.04	1.09	1.03	0.98	1.06	0.99	1.10	0.98	1.05	0.93	0.94	0.83
ZIP Code 910	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.98	1.02	0.69	0.95	0.89	0.93	0.90	1.02	0.86	0.98	0.81	0.94	1.00	1.05	0.95	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.05	0.85	0.99	0.89	0.91	1.01
ZIP Code 912	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.98	1.02	0.69	0.95	0.89	0.93	0.90	1.02	0.86	0.98	0.81	0.94	1.00	1.05	0.95	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.05	0.85	0.99	0.89	0.91	1.01
ZIP Code 914	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.17	1.06	1.11	0.70	0.93	1.04	1.02	1.04	0.97	0.93	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.95	0.97	1.08	1.04	1.04	1.40	1.15	1.17	1.13	1.02	0.84
ZIP Code 915	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.02	0.99	0.91	0.82	0.93	0.99	0.91	1.00	0.90	0.95	0.91	0.92	1.12	0.90	0.98	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.20	1.02	1.24	0.93	0.94	1.00
ZIP Code 916	1.056	1.139	1.100	1.17	1.06	1.11	0.70	0.93	1.04	1.02	1.04	0.97	0.93	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.95	0.97	1.08	1.04	1.04	1.40	1.15	1.17	1.13	1.02	0.84
ZIP Code 918	1.056	1.139	1.100	0.95	0.96	1.20	0.91	0.96	0.97	0.95	1.00	0.87	0.96	1.00	0.80	0.92	1.10	0.95	0.97	1.09	0.92	0.91	0.97	0.95	0.84	0.94	0.79
ZIP Code 924	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
ZIP Code 925	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.78	1.03	0.96	0.88	1.03	0.98	1.00	1.10	0.99	0.96	1.09	0.96	0.98	1.07	0.92	1.00	0.87	0.93	0.87	0.87	0.91
ZIP Code 926	1.037	1.184	1.120	1.08	0.96	1.04	0.81	0.90	0.88	0.90	1.01	0.94	0.85	0.95	0.91	1.01	1.06	0.99	0.98	1.08	0.95	1.05	0.88	1.00	0.95	0.95	1.03
ZIP Code 936	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.83	0.86	0.70	0.93	1.10	0.87	0.95	0.99	0.88	0.84	1.09	0.89	1.00	1.02	0.87	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.03	1.05	0.85	0.75	0.73	0.68
ZIP Code 938	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.83	0.86	0.70	0.93	1.10	0.87	0.95	0.99	0.88	0.84	1.09	0.89	1.00	1.02	0.87	0.91	0.88	0.87	1.03	1.05	0.85	0.75	0.73	0.68
ZIP Code 942	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.10	0.89	1.07	0.70	0.86	1.02	1.10	1.00	0.79	0.80	0.89	0.85	0.99	0.92	0.89	0.91	0.87	0.86	1.16	1.12	0.95	0.77	0.88	0.93
ZIP Code 944	1.048	1.432	1.260	0.87	0.88	0.81	0.46	0.72	0.67	0.87	0.86	0.97	0.83	0.59	0.90	1.00	0.74	0.99	0.86	0.97	0.82	0.79	0.66	1.15	0.90	0.95	0.85
ZIP Code 947	1.041	1.235	1.15	0.95	0.89	0.68	0.73	0.87	0.88	0.98	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.92	0.97	0.89	0.98	0.91	0.91	0.86	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.90	0.99	0.81
ZIP Code 948	1.041	1.235	1.150	0.95	0.89	0.68	0.73	0.87	0.88	0.98	0.92	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.92	0.97	0.89	0.98	0.91	0.91	0.86	0.93	0.92	1.02	0.90	0.99	0.81
ZIP Code 949	1.007	1.034	1.020	1.02	0.99	0.81	0.86	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.92	0.96	1.01	1.03	1.09	1.03	1.09	1.00	0.98	0.95	1.07	1.04	1.02	0.98	1.07	0.89
ZIP Code 957	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.95	0.86	0.89	0.92	0.97	0.90	1.02	0.91	0.82	0.93	1.19	0.85	1.01	1.10	0.92	0.91	0.84	0.89	1.14	1.02	0.92	0.88	0.93	0.96
ZIP Code 961	1.007	1.034	1.020	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.91	1.13	0.89	0.96	0.95	0.80	0.94	0.95	1.05	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.89	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.83	0.94	0.80	0.84	0.80
ZIP Code 970	0.961	0.933	0.950	1.02	1.14	0.79	1.11	1.14	0.84	0.86	1.08	1.00	0.82	0.92	1.46	1.01	0.90	1.38	1.08	1.02	0.95	0.74	0.78	0.86	0.98	0.97	0.86
ZIP Code 978	0.961	0.933	0.950	0.91	1.05	0.65	1.03	1.14	0.86	0.89	1.02	0.88	0.90	0.87	0.88	1.07	1.00	1.12	0.88	0.84	0.87	0.82	0.61	0.65	0.92	0.92	0.66
ZIP Code 982	0.981	0.972	0.980	1.04	1.04	0.69	0.99	1.25	0.86	0.82	1.12	0.88	0.85	0.76	1.32	0.94	1.02	1.21	0.96	0.91	0.76	0.91	0.69	0.82	0.99	1.08	0.73
ZIP Code 985	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	0.94	0.74	0.91	1.13	0.99	0.92	0.96	0.88	0.99	0.84	1.09	0.96	0.92	1.14	0.92	0.93	0.83	0.91	0.74	0.77	0.99	1.03	0.84
ZIP Code 988	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	0.97	0.90	1.01	0.73	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.91	1.12	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.98	0.96	0.79
ZIP Code 990	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.95	0.91	1.07	0.83	1.08	0.97	0.90	0.90	0.82	0.77	0.80	1.10	1.07	0.90	1.06	0.86	0.93	0.73	0.78	0.67	0.80	0.80	0.83	0.73
ZIP Code 991	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.95	0.91	1.07	0.83	1.08	0.97	0.90	0.90	0.82	0.77	0.80	1.10	1.07	0.90	1.06	0.86	0.93	0.73	0.78	0.67	0.80	0.80	0.83	0.73
ZIP Code 994	0.981	0.972	0.980	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	0.97	0.90	1.01	0.73	0.91	0.90	0.94	1.03	0.91	1.12	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.98	0.96	0.79
ZIP Code 998	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.13	1.11	0.94	1.32	0.89	0.96	0.92	1.04	0.97	1.01	0.84	0.95	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.06	0.85	1.02	1.45	0.97	1.16	0.88
ZIP Code 999	1.064	1.172	1.120	1.13	1.11	0.94	1.32	0.89	0.96	0.92	1.04	0.97	1.01	0.84	0.95	1.03	0.93	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.06	0.85	1.02	1.45	0.97	1.16	0.88

TABLE K. — SKILLED NURSING FACILITY/SUB-ACUTE INPATIENT FACILITY NATIONWIDE PER DIEM CHARGE

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Description	All-Inclusive Per Diem Charge
Skilled Nursing Facility/Sub-Acute Inpatient Facility	$667.65

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AL57

Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services; 2003 Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning ''reasonable charges'' for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran:

—For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract;

—For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or

—For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance.

The regulations contain a methodology designed to establish VA charges that replicate, insofar as possible, the 80th percentile of community charges, adjusted to the market areas in which VA facilities are located, and trended forward to the time period during which the charges will be used. This document amends the regulations to update databases and other provisions for the purpose of providing more current and more precise charges.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These amendments are effective April 29, 2003. Comments must be submitted by June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273–9289; or e-mail comments to *OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov.* Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to ''RIN 2900-AL57.'' All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Cleaver, Chief Business Office (161), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254–0361. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document amends VA's medical regulations that are set forth in 38 CFR part 17. More specifically, we are amending the regulations that establish a methodology for determining ''reasonable charges'' for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran:

(i) For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract;

(ii) For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or

(iii) For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance.

The methodology for establishing ''reasonable charges'' covers inpatient facility charges, skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, outpatient facility charges, physician charges, and other provider charges. The methodology for these charges is designed to replicate, insofar as possible, the 80th percentile of community charges, adjusted to the market areas in which VA facilities are located, and trended forward to the time period during which the charges will be used. Charges for outpatient dental care and prescription drugs are based on a reasonable cost methodology, while charges for prosthetic devices and durable medical equipment are based on VA's actual cost.

Under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1729, VA has the right to recover or collect reasonable charges for such medical care and services from a third party to the extent that the veteran or a provider of the care or services would be eligible to receive payment therefore from that third party if the care or services had been furnished by a provider other than a department or agency of the United States. However, consistent with that statutory authority, a third-party payer liable for such medical care and services under a health plan contract has the option of paying, to the extent of its coverage, either the billed charges or the amount the third-party payer demonstrates it would pay for care or services furnished by providers other than entities of the United States for the same care or services in the same geographic area.

This document amends VA's reasonable charges regulations to provide charges for 2002 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, to provide charges for 2002 and 2003 Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs), to update source databases to more recent versions, and to provide certain clarifications. These changes will not have a significant impact on any affected party, but will make VA's charge system more current and more precise.

Acute Inpatient Facility Charges

Previously, the regulations provided for ''inpatient facility charges.'' We are changing the term ''inpatient facility charges'' to ''acute inpatient facility charges.'' This change reflects that acute inpatient facility charges do not include sub-acute inpatient facility charges. Sub-acute inpatient facility charges are included in the charges for skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility care.

Definitions—Additions and Clarifications

This document adds definitions for MDR (Medical Data Research) and MedPAR (Medicare Provider Analysis and Review file). We are amending the definition of CPT procedure code to identify the American Medical Association as the entity that defines CPT procedure codes, and we are amending the definition of geographic area to specify acute inpatient facility charges.

Updated Databases and Associated Changes

Our previous charges were implemented with an interim final rule and notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2001 (66 FR 23326). The acute inpatient facility charges in that update were based on the Medicare DRG grouper in effect in 2001. This document updates our charges to be based on the current Medicare DRG grouper. With this change, our acute inpatient facility charges will be based on current industry-standard DRGs.

In the formulas for acute inpatient facility charges, we have updated the Medicare MedPAR database from the 1999 release to the 2001 release, which allows us to readily calculate acute inpatient facility charges for the newest DRG grouper. We have also updated the MedStat claims database from 1997 data

to 1999 data, and 1997 VA discharge data to 2001 data. We did not update databases related to geographic area adjustment factors and 80th percentile factors; in both cases, our experience indicates that updating these databases would not produce a material difference in charge levels.

The regulations regarding ''reasonable charges'' identify various charge databases utilized for the calculation of skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges. This document updates the data source for per diem charges to the 2003 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines. With this change, the regulations will have the latest available estimate of average billed charges for skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility services. We do not update the data source for geographic area adjustment factors, as the Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines do not provide for a 2003 release of this particular data source. Also, we do not update databases related to 80th percentile factors; as with acute inpatient facility charges, our experience indicates that updating these databases would not produce a material difference in charge levels.

The regulations identify various charge databases utilized for the calculation of outpatient facility charges. At this time, we are preparing a more thorough update of these charges, to be based on Medicare Ambulatory Payment Classifications. Therefore, this interim final rule provides a trended update to charges published in 2001, without updating the basic underlying data sources.

The regulations identify various charge databases utilized for the calculation of professional charges. This document utilizes the latest appropriate versions of the various databases available to us at the time of calculation. In particular, we have relied on 2002 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value Units (RVU) and geographic practice cost indices, 2002 Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule, 2001 Medicare conversion factor, 2002 St. Anthony's Resource Based RelativeValue Scale RVUs, 2001 MDR database, 2000 Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample database, 2001 Prevailing Healthcare Charges System database, and 2001 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines fee survey. Note that due to corporate changes, the MDR database previously owned by MediCode is now owned by Ingenix; we previously referred to it as the MediCode database, but due to its change of ownership, we refer to it in this document by its more specific designation of MDR database. Also note that the database previously compiled by the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA) was sold by HIAA to Ingenix, who renamed it the Prevailing Healthcare Charges System database; it is a continuation of the same database under a new owner and new name.

In accordance with the methodology in the regulations, acute inpatient facility charges, outpatient facility charges, and physician charges are updated based on changes to the consumer price index. Under this methodology, charges are trended to the midpoint of the calendar year in which the charges will be effective.

All of the above changes made by this document are for the purpose of providing more current and more precise charges.

In addition to the above changes, dates have been added to various data sources for purposes of clarification.

Previous Interim Final Rules and Responses to Comments

This document supersedes two previous interim final rules, one published in the **Federal Register** on November 2, 2000 (65 FR 65906, RIN 2900–AK39), and the other published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 2001 (66 FR 23326, RIN 2900–AK73). We received no comments in response to the November 2, 2000, document. We received two comments in response to the May 8, 2001, document. These comments are discussed below.

One commenter stated that the terms ''speech therapy'' and ''speech therapists'' should be changed to ''speech-language pathology'' and ''speech-language pathologists,'' respectively. We agree, and we have made these changes in this interim final rule.

The same commenter also stated that we should add charges for codes G0193 through G0201 (these are HCPCS Level II codes). In addition, the commenter stated that we have identified audiology services furnished in conjunction with a hearing aid, CPT codes 92590 through 92595, as physician services, when in fact these services are performed solely by audiologists and should not be designated as physician services. We are developing a proposed rule to address these issues.

The second commenter submitted information regarding the work of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) and recommended changes to the wording regarding VA's charges for the services of CRNAs. Section 17.101(f) states the amounts that will be charged for certain providers as percentages of the amounts that will be charged if the services had been provided by physicians. Previously, the wording for CRNAs was as follows:

Certified registered nurse anesthetist:
50% when physician supervised;
100% when not physician supervised.

For clarity, we are amending the wording to the following:

Certified registered nurse anesthetist:
50% when medically directed by an anesthesiologist;
100% when not medically directed by an anesthesiologist.

Other Changes and Clarifications

The regulations make two references to charges for prescription drugs, but the previous language in these paragraphs was different: § 17.101(a)(2) stated that these charges ''will be a single nationwide average,'' while § 17.101(g) stated that these charges ''will be based on VA costs in accordance with the methodology set forth in § 17.102 of this part.'' For consistency, the language in paragraph (a)(2) is being amended to read the same as in paragraph (g).

The methodology at § 17.101(e)(2) for the calculation of Relative Value Units (RVUs) for physician charges establishes a priority of data sources for RVUs. Except as noted earlier regarding updated data sources, we are not amending this methodology, but rather than listing information regarding specific CPT procedure codes in the regulations, we are including this information in the applicable **Federal Register** notice when the results of these calculations are released.

Administrative Procedure Act

This document amends the reasonable charges regulations to update databases and other provisions for the purpose of providing more precise charges. Although some charges will be slightly different, overall these changes would at most result in a very minor change in VA charges. Under these circumstances, we have concluded under 5 U.S.C. 553 that there is good cause for dispensing with prior notice and comment and a delayed effective date based on the conclusion that such procedure is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before developing any rule that may result in an expenditure by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100 million or more in any given year.

This rule would have no consequential effect on State, local, or tribal governments.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

Executive Order 12866

This document has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this regulatory amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612. This amendment would affect mainly large insurance companies, and where small entities are involved, they would not be impacted significantly since most of their business is not with VA. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of Sections 603 and 604.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers for the programs affected by this rule are 64.005, 64.007, 64.008, 64.009, 64.010, 64.011, 64.012, 64.013, 64.014, 64.015, 64.016, 64.018, 64.019, 64.022, and 64.025.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Claims, Day care, Dental health, Drug abuse, Foreign relations, Government contracts, Grant programs-health, Grant programs-veterans, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Medical and dental schools, Medical devices, Medical research, Mental health programs, Nursing homes, Philippines, Reporting and record-keeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

Approved: March 20, 2003.

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Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

■ For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 17 is amended as set forth below:

PART 17—MEDICAL

■ 1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1721, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 17.101 is revised to read as follows:

§ 17.101 Collection or recovery by VA for medical care or services provided or furnished to a veteran for a nonservice-connected disability.

(a)(1) *General.* This section covers collection or recovery by VA, under 38 U.S.C. 1729, for medical care or services provided or furnished to a veteran:

(i) For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract;

(ii) For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or

(iii) For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance.

(2) *Methodology.* Based on the methodology set forth in this section, the charges billed will include, as appropriate, acute inpatient facility charges, skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, outpatient facility charges, physician charges, and non-physician provider charges. In addition, the charges billed for prosthetic devices and durable medical equipment provided on an outpatient basis will be VA's actual cost, and the charges billed for prescription drugs not administered during treatment will be based on VA costs in accordance with the methodology set forth in § 17.102. Data for calculating actual amounts for acute inpatient facility charges, skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, outpatient facility charges, and physician charges will be published annually in the ''Notices'' section of the **Federal Register**. In those cases in which the effective period for published charges has expired and new charges have not yet become effective, VA will continue to bill using the most recently published charges until new charges are published and become effective (for example, if the most recently published charges state that they are effective through December and new charges are not published and effective until February 1, then the charges set forth for the period through December will continue to be used through January 31).

(3) *Amount of recovery or collection—third party liability.* A third-party payer liable under a health plan contract has the option of paying either the billed charges described in this section or the amount the health plan demonstrates is the amount it would pay for care or services furnished by providers other than entities of the United States for the same care or services in the same geographic area. If the amount submitted by the health plan for payment is less than the amount billed, VA will accept the submission as payment, subject to verification at VA's discretion in accordance with this section. A VA employee having responsibility for collection of such charges may request that the third party health plan submit evidence or information to substantiate the appropriateness of the payment amount (*e.g.*, health plan or insurance policies, provider agreements, medical evidence, proof of payment to other providers in the same geographic area for the same care and services VA provided).

(4) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

Consolidated MSA means a consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area.

CPI means Consumer Price Index.

CPI–U means Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers.

CPI–W means Consumer Price Index—Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

CPT procedure code means Current Procedural Terminology code, a five-digit identifier defined by the American Medical Association for a specified physician service or procedure.

DRG means Diagnosis Related Group.

Geographic area, for purposes of acute inpatient facility and skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, means Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or the local market, if the VA facility is not located in an MSA; and for outpatient facility charges and physician charges, means a three-digit ZIP Code locality.

MDR means Medical Data Research, a medical charge database published by Ingenix Publishing Group.

MedPAR means the Medicare Provider Analysis and Review file.

RVU means Relative Value Unit.

(b) *Acute inpatient facility charges.* When VA provides or furnishes acute inpatient services within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, acute inpatient facility charges billed for such services will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Acute inpatient facility charges consist of per diem charges for room and board and for ancillary services that vary by VA

facility and by DRG. These charges are calculated as follows:

(1) *Formula.* For each acute inpatient stay, or portion thereof, for which a particular DRG assignment applies, multiply the nationwide room and board per diem charge as set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the appropriate geographic area adjustment factor as set forth in paragraph (b)(3) of this section. The result constitutes the facility-specific room and board per diem charge. Also, for each inpatient stay, multiply the nationwide ancillary per diem charge as set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the appropriate geographic area adjustment factor as set forth in paragraph (b)(3) of this section. The result constitutes the facility-specific ancillary per diem charge. Then add the facility-specific room and board per diem charge to the facility-specific ancillary per diem charge. This constitutes the facility-specific combined per diem facility charge. Finally, multiply the facility-specific combined per diem facility charge by the number of days of inpatient care to obtain the total acute inpatient facility charge.

Note to paragraph (b)(1): If there is a change in a patient's condition and/or treatment during a single acute inpatient stay such that the DRG assignment changes (for example, a psychiatric patient who develops a medical or surgical problem), then the calculations will be made separately for each DRG, according to the number of days of care applicable for each DRG, and the total acute inpatient facility charge will be the sum of the total acute inpatient facility charges for the different DRGs.

(2) *Per diem charges.* To establish a baseline, two nationwide average per diem charges for each DRG are calculated, one from the 2001 Medicare MedPAR file and one from the 1999 MedStat claims database, a database of nationwide commercial insurance claims (available from the MedStat Group, 777 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48108). Because these two data sources report charges for two differing periods of time, the MedStat claims database was trended forward to the center date of the MedPAR data based on changes to the Inpatient Hospital component of the CPI–U. Results obtained from these two databases are then combined into a single weighted average per diem charge for each DRG. The resulting weighted average per diem charge for each DRG is then separated into its two components, a room and board component and an ancillary component, with the amount for each component calculated to reflect the corresponding percentage set forth in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section. The resulting amounts for room and board and ancillary services for each DRG are then each multiplied by the final ratio set forth in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section to reflect the 80th percentile charges. Finally, the resulting charges are each trended forward to the effective time period for the charges, as set forth in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this section. The results constitute the room and board per diem charge and the ancillary per diem charge.

(i) *Charge component percentages.* Using only those cases from the MedPAR file for which a distinction between room and board charges and ancillary charges can be determined, the percentage of the total charges for room and board compared to the combined total charges for room and board and ancillary services, and the percentage of the total charges for ancillary services compared to the combined total charges for room and board and ancillary services, are calculated by DRG.

(ii) *80th percentile.* Using the medical and surgical admissions in the 1995 Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample, the ratio of the day-weighted 80th percentile semi-private room and board per diem charge to the average semi-private room and board per diem charge is obtained for each consolidated MSA. The consolidated MSA ratios are averaged to obtain a final 80th percentile ratio.

(iii) *Trending forward.* 80th percentile charges for each DRG, representing charge levels described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, are trended forward based on changes to the hospital inpatient component of the CPI-U. Actual CPI-U changes are used through the latest available month for room/board and ancillary charges. Trends from the latest available month to the midpoint of the calendar year in which charges become effective are based on the latest three-month average annual trend rate from the Inpatient Hospital component of the CPI–U. The projected total CPI trend is then applied to the 80th percentile charges.

(3) *Geographic area adjustment factors.* For each VA facility location, the average per diem room and board charges and ancillary charges from the 1995 Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample are calculated for each DRG. The DRGs are separated into two groups, surgical and non-surgical. For each of these groups of DRGs, for each geographic area, average room and board per diem charges and ancillary per diem charges are calculated for 1995, weighted by FY 2001 nationwide VA discharges and by average lengths of stay from the combined Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample and the MedStat claims database. This results in four average per diem charges for each geographic area: room and board for surgical DRGs, ancillary for surgical DRGs, room and board for non-surgical DRGs, and ancillary for non-surgical DRGs. Four corresponding national average per diem charges are obtained from the 1995 Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample, weighted by FY 2001 nationwide VA discharges and by average lengths of stay from the combined Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample and the MedStat claims database. Four geographic area adjustment factors are then calculated for each geographic area by dividing each geographic area average per diem charge by the corresponding national average per diem charge.

(c) *Skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges.* When VA provides or furnishes skilled nursing/sub-acute inpatient services within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges billed for such services will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. The skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges are per diem charges that vary by VA facility. The facility charges cover care, including skilled rehabilitation services (*e.g.*, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology), that is provided in a nursing home or hospital inpatient setting, is provided under a physician's orders, and is performed by or under the general supervision of professional personnel such as registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists. The skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges also incorporate charges for ancillary services associated with care provided in these settings. The charges are calculated as follows:

(1) *Formula.* For each stay, multiply the nationwide per diem charge as set forth in paragraph (c)(2) of this section by the appropriate geographic area adjustment factor as set forth in paragraph (c)(3) of this section. The result constitutes the facility-specific per diem charge. Finally, multiply the facility-specific per diem charge by the number of days of care to obtain the total skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charge.

(2) *Per diem charge.* To establish a baseline, a nationwide average per diem billed charge for July 1, 2003, was

obtained from the 2003 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines, a publication that includes nationwide skilled nursing facility charges (Milliman USA, Inc., 1301 5th Avenue, Suite 3800, Seattle, WA 98101–2605). That average per diem billed charge is then multiplied by the 80th percentile adjustment factor set forth in paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section to obtain a nationwide 80th percentile charge level. Finally, the resulting charge is trended forward to the effective time period for the charges, as set forth in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section.

(i) *80th percentile.* Using the 1995 Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample, the median per diem accommodation charge is calculated for each provider. For each State, the ratio of the 80th percentile of provider median charges to the average statewide charges for accommodations is calculated. The State ratios are averaged to produce a nationwide 80th percentile adjustment factor.

(ii) *Trending forward.* The 80th percentile charge is trended forward to the midpoint of the calendar year in which the charges will be effective, based on the projected change in Medicare reimbursement from the Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds (this report can be found on the Internet site of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at *http://www.cms.gov/publications/trusteesreport*).

(3) *Geographic area adjustment factors.* A ratio of the average per diem charge for each State to the nationwide average per diem charge is obtained (these ratios are set forth in the 2002 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines, a database of nationwide commercial insurance charges and relative costs) (Milliman USA, Inc., 1301 5th Avenue, Suite 3800, Seattle, WA 98101–2605). The geographic area adjustment factor for charges for each VA facility is the ratio for the State in which the facility is located.

(d) *Outpatient facility charges.* When VA provides or furnishes outpatient facility services that are within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section and are not customarily performed in an independent clinician's office, the outpatient facility charges billed for such services will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. This consists of outpatient facility charges for procedures, tests, and evaluation and management services, including the subset of evaluation and management codes which are designated as ''Office or Other Outpatient Services'' when those evaluation and management services are provided in the outpatient department of a hospital. Except for prosthetic devices and durable medical equipment, whose charges will be made separately at actual cost to VA, charges for outpatient facility services will vary by VA facility and by CPT procedure code. These charges will be calculated as follows:

(1) *Formula.* For each outpatient facility charge CPT procedure code, multiply the nationwide charge as set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of this section by the appropriate geographic area adjustment factor as set forth in paragraph (d)(4) of this section. The result constitutes the facility-specific outpatient facility charge. When multiple surgical procedures are performed during the same outpatient encounter by a provider or provider team, the outpatient facility charges for such procedures will be reduced as set forth in paragraph (d)(5) of this section.

(2) *Nationwide 80th percentile charges by CPT procedure code.* For each CPT procedure code for which outpatient facility charges apply, the 1998 practice expense RVUs (these RVUs can be found in the 1998 St. Anthony's Complete RBRVS, available from Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116) are used as the outpatient facility RVUs. For each CPT procedure code, the outpatient facility RVU is multiplied by the charge amount for each incremental RVU as set forth in paragraph (d)(3) of this section. The resulting charge is adjusted by a fixed charge amount as also set forth in paragraph (d)(3) of this section to obtain the nationwide 80th percentile charge.

(3) *Charge factors.* Using the 1997 MedStat claims database of nationwide commercial insurance (available from the MedStat Group, 777 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48108), the median billed facility charge is calculated for each applicable CPT procedure code. All outpatient facility CPT procedure codes are then separated into one of the 45 outpatient facility CPT procedure code groups as set forth in paragraph (d)(3)(i) of this section. Then, for each CPT procedure code in each such group, the median charge is adjusted to the 80th percentile as set forth in paragraph (d)(3)(ii) of this section. The resulting 80th percentile charge for each CPT procedure code is trended forward to the effective time period for the charges as set forth in paragraph (d)(3)(iii) of this section. Using the resulting charges and the RVUs, mathematical approximation methodology based on least squares techniques are applied to the data for each CPT procedure code group to derive outpatient facility charges. For each CPT procedure code, the charge amount is calculated as an amount per incremental RVU and a fixed charge amount adjustment.

(i) *Outpatient facility CPT procedure code groups.*

(A)—Surgery—Integumentary System—Skin, Subcutaneous and Accessory Structures—Incision and Drainage, Excision-Debridement, Paring or Cutting, Biopsy, Removal of Skin Tags, Shaving of Epidermal or Dermal Lesions, and Surgery—Integumentary System—Nails;

(B) Surgery—Integumentary System—Skin, Subcutaneous & Accessory Structures—Excision-Benign Lesions, Excision-Malignant Lesions; and Surgery—Integumentary System—Nails—Introduction;

(C) Surgery—Integumentary System—Repair—Simple, Intermediate, Complex, Adjacent Tissue Transfer or Rearrangement;

(D) Surgery—Integumentary System—Repair—Free Skin Grafts, Flaps, Other Flaps and Grafts, Other Procedures, Pressure Ulcers;

(E) Surgery—Integumentary System—Repair—Burns, Local Treatment;

(F) Surgery—Integumentary System—Destruction;

(G) Surgery—Integumentary System—Breast;

(H) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—All Body Regions—Incision, Excision, Introduction or Removal;

(I) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—All Body Regions—Repair, Revision and/or Reconstruction, Arthrodesis, Manipulation, Amputation, Wound Exploration, Replantation, Grafts, Spinal Instrumentation;

(J) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—All Body Regions—Fracture and/or Dislocation—Closed Treatments (Except for Head, Neck [Soft Tissues] and Thorax);

(K) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—All Body Regions—Fracture and/or Dislocation—Open Treatments, and Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—Head, Neck (Soft Tissues) and Thorax—Fracture and/or Dislocation—Closed Treatments;

(L) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—Application of Casts and Strapping;

(M) Surgery—Musculoskeletal System—Endoscopy/Arthroscopy;

(N) Surgery—Respiratory System;

(O) Surgery—Cardiovascular System;

(P) Surgery—Digestive System—All Body Regions—All procedures except Endoscopy;

(Q) Surgery—Digestive System—All Body Regions—Endoscopy;
(R) Surgery—Urinary System;
(S) Surgery—Male Genital System;
(T) Surgery—Female Genital System;
(U) Surgery—Maternity Care and Delivery—Antepartum Services;
(V) Surgery—Maternity Care and Delivery—Excision, Introduction, Repair, Vaginal Delivery, Antepartum and Postpartum Care, Cesarean Delivery, Delivery After Previous Cesarean Delivery, Abortion, Other Procedures;
(W) Surgery—Endocrine System, Nervous System;
(X) Surgery—Eye and Ocular Adnexa;
(Y) Surgery—Auditory System;
(Z) Radiology—Diagnostic—Head and Neck, Chest, Spine and Pelvis—All Except CAT Scans and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
(AA) Radiology—Diagnostic—Upper Extremities, Lower Extremities, Abdomen, Gastrointestinal Tract, Urinary Tract, Gynecological and Obstetrical, Heart—All Except CAT Scans and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
(BB) Radiology—Diagnostic—Aorta and Arteries, Veins and Lymphatics—All Except CAT Scans and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI);
(CC) Radiology—Diagnostic Ultrasound;
(DD) Radiology—Radiation Oncology, Nuclear Medicine, Therapeutic;
(EE) Radiology—Diagnostic—CAT Scans in All Categories;
(FF) Radiology—Diagnostic—Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in All Categories;
(GG) Medicine—Vaccines, Toxoids;
(HH) Medicine—Therapeutic or Diagnostic Infusions (Excluding Chemotherapy), Therapeutic, Prophylactic, or Diagnostic Injections;
(II) Medicine—Psychiatry, Biofeedback;
(JJ) Medicine—Dialysis;
(KK) Medicine—Gastroenterology;
(LL) Medicine—Ophthalmology—Special Ophthalmological Services, and Medicine—Special Otorhinolaryngologic Services;
(MM) Medicine—Cardiovascular—Other Vascular Studies;
(NN) Medicine—Cardiovascular—Therapeutic Services, Echocardiography, Cardiac Catheterization, Intracardiac Electrophysiological Procedures, and Medicine—Non-Invasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies;
(OO) Medicine—Pulmonary;
(PP) Medicine—Neurology and Neuromuscular Procedures, Central Nervous System Assessments and Tests;
(QQ) Medicine—Chemotherapy Administration;
(RR) Medicine—Special Dermatological Procedures;
(SS) Medicine—Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—Evaluation, Modalities; and Medicine—Photodynamic Therapy;
(TT) Medicine—Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—Therapeutic Procedures, Tests and Measurements, Other Procedures, Medicine—Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment, Medicine—Chiropractic Manipulative Treatment, Medicine—Special Services, Procedures, and Reports, and Medicine—Other Services and Procedures;
(UU) Medicine—Evaluation & Management—Consultations;
(VV) Medicine—Evaluation & Management—Hospital Observation Services;
(WW) Medicine—Evaluation & Management—Emergency Department Services, Critical Care Services; and
(XX) Medicine—Evaluation & Management—Office or Other Outpatient Services, Prolonged Services, and Medicine—Ophthalmology—General Ophthalmological Services.

(ii) *80th percentile.* For each of the 45 outpatient facility CPT procedure code groups set forth in paragraph (d)(3)((i) of this section, the median charge is increased by the ratio of the 80th percentile charge to median charge obtained from the 1997 MedStat claims database. To mitigate the impact of the variation in the intensity of services by CPT procedure code, the percent increase from the median to the 80th percentile in outpatient charges is compared to the percent increase from the median to the 80th percentile in inpatient semi-private room and board charges. Any percent increase in outpatient charges in excess of the inpatient semi-private room and board percent increase is multiplied by a factor of 0.50. The 80th percentile outpatient facility charge is reduced accordingly.

(iii) *Trending forward.* The charges for each CPT procedure code, representing charge levels described in paragraph (d)(3) of this section, are trended forward to the midpoint of the calendar year in which the charges will be effective. The trend factors are based on changes to the Outpatient Hospital component of the CPI–U. Actual CPI–U changes are used through the latest available month. The three-month average annual trend rate as of the latest available month is held constant to the midpoint of the effective charge period. The projected total CPI–U change from the source data period to the effective period is then applied to the 80th percentile charges, as described in paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

(4) *Geographic area adjustment factors.* For each VA outpatient facility location, a single geographic area adjustment factor is calculated as the arithmetic average of the outpatient geographic area adjustment factor (this factor constitutes the ratio of the level of charges for each geographic area to the nationwide level of charges) published in the 2001 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines (Milliman USA, Inc., 1301 5th Avenue, Suite 3800, Seattle, WA 98101–2605), and a geographic area adjustment factor developed from the 2000 MediCode data. The MediCode-based geographic area adjustment factors are calculated as the ratio of the CPT-weighted average charge level for each VA outpatient facility location to the nationwide CPT-weighted average charge level.

(5) *Multiple surgical procedures.* When multiple surgical procedures are performed during the same outpatient encounter by a provider or provider team as indicated by multiple surgical CPT procedure codes, then the CPT procedure code with the highest facility charge will be billed at 100% of the charges established under this section; the CPT procedure code with the second highest facility charge will be billed at 25% of the charges established under this section; the CPT procedure code with the third highest facility charge will be billed at 15% of the charges established under this section; and no outpatient facility charges will be billed for any additional surgical procedures.

(e) *Physician charges.* When VA provides or furnishes physician services within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, physician charges billed for such services will be determined in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Physician charges consist of charges for professional services that vary by VA facility and by CPT procedure code. These charges are calculated as follows:

(1) *Formula.* For each CPT procedure code except those for anesthesia, multiply the total facility-adjusted RVU as set forth in paragraph (e)(2) of this section by the applicable facility-adjusted conversion factor (facility-adjusted conversion factors are expressed in monetary amounts) set forth in paragraph (e)(3) of this section to obtain the physician charge for each CPT procedure code at a particular VA facility. For each anesthesia CPT procedure code, multiply the nationwide physician charge as set forth in paragraph (e)(4) of this section by the geographic area adjustment factor as set

forth in paragraph (e)(3)(iii) of this section to obtain the physician charge for each anesthesia CPT procedure code at a particular VA facility.

(2)(i) *Total facility-adjusted RVUs for physician services other than anesthesia and specified CPT procedure codes.* The work expense and practice expense components of the RVUs for CPT procedure codes (other than anesthesia and those CPT procedure codes set forth in paragraphs (e)(2)(ii) through (e)(2)(iv) of this section) are compiled using 2002 Medicare RVUs. For radiology CPT procedure codes, these compilations do not include separately identified technical component RVUs. For CPT procedure codes that generate an outpatient facility charge, the facility practice expense RVUs are substituted for the non-facility practice expense RVUs. For medicine and surgery CPT procedure codes with separate professional and technical components that also generate an outpatient facility charge, only the professional component is compiled. The sum of the facility-adjusted work expense RVU as set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(i)(A) of this section and the facility-adjusted practice expense RVU as set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(i)(B) of this section equals the total facility-adjusted RVUs.

(A) *Facility-adjusted work expense RVUs.* For each CPT procedure code for each geographic area, the 2002 work expense RVU is multiplied by the work expense 2002 Medicare Geographic Practice Cost Index. The result constitutes the facility-adjusted work expense RVU.

(B) *Facility-adjusted practice expense RVUs.* For each CPT procedure code for each geographic area, the 2002 practice expense RVU is multiplied by the practice expense 2002 Medicare Geographic Practice Cost Index. The result constitutes the facility-adjusted practice expense RVU.

(ii) *RVUs for laboratory and pathology CPT procedure codes based on Medicare's Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule.* For CPT procedure codes without modifiers that are not assigned separately identified work and practice expense RVUs in paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section, laboratory fee RVUs are developed based on the 2002 edition of the Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule (found in the files-for-download section of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet site at *http://www.cms.gov/providers/pufdownload/*). The Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Schedule payment amounts are upwardly adjusted so that the payment levels are, on average, equivalent to Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payment levels, using statistical comparisons to the 80th percentile derived from the 2001 MDR charge database. These adjusted payment amounts are then divided by the 2001 Medicare conversion factor to derive a laboratory fee RVU corresponding to each CPT code. These RVUs are added to the 2002 work and practice expense RVUs for the corresponding professional component (if any) of a given CPT procedure code to derive nationwide total RVUs. The resulting nationwide total RVUs are multiplied by the geographic adjustment factors as set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(v) of this section to obtain the facility-specific total RVUs.

(iii) *RVUs for specified CPT procedure codes.* For CPT procedure codes without modifiers that are not assigned RVUs in (e)(2)(i) or (e)(2)(ii) of this section, total RVUs are developed based on various charge databases. For these CPT procedure codes, the nationwide 80th percentile billed charges are obtained, where statistically credible, from the 2001 MDR charge database (available from Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116). Then for remaining CPT procedure codes, the nationwide 80th percentile billed charges are obtained, where statistically credible, from the 2000 Part B Medicare Standard Analytical File 5% Sample. For any remaining CPT procedure codes, the nationwide 80th percentile billed charges are obtained, where statistically credible, from the 2001 Prevailing Healthcare Charges System, a nationwide commercial insurance database compiled by Ingenix (Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116). The nationwide 80th percentile billed charges so obtained are divided by the untrended nationwide conversion factor for the corresponding physician CPT procedure code group as set forth in paragraphs (e)(3) and (e)(3)(i) of this section. The resulting nationwide total RVUs are multiplied by the geographic adjustment factors as set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(v) of this section to obtain the facility-specific total RVUs.

(iv) *RVUs for specified CPT procedure codes.* For CPT procedure codes without modifiers that are not assigned RVUs in paragraphs (e)(2)(i), (e)(2)(ii), or (e)(2)(iii) of this section, the nationwide total RVUs are calculated by summing the work expense and practice expense RVUs found in the 2002 St. Anthony's RBRVS (available from Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116). The resulting nationwide total RVUs are multiplied by the geographic adjustment factors as set forth in paragraph (e)(2)(v) of this section to obtain the facility-specific total RVUs.

(v) *RVU geographic area adjustment factors for specified CPT procedure codes.* The geographic area adjustment factor for each facility location consists of the weighted average of the 2002 work expense and practice expense Medicare Geographic Practice Cost Indices for each facility location using charge data for representative CPT procedure codes statistically selected and weighted for work expense and practice expense.

(3) *Facility-adjusted 80th percentile conversion factors.* CPT procedure codes are separated into the following 24 physician CPT procedure code groups: allergy immunotherapy, allergy testing, anesthesia, cardiovascular, chiropractor, consults, emergency room visits and observation care, hearing/speech exams, immunizations, inpatient visits, maternity/cesarean deliveries, maternity/non-deliveries, maternity/normal deliveries, miscellaneous medical, office/home urgent care visits, outpatient psychiatry/alcohol and drug abuse, pathology, physical exams, physical medicine, radiology, surgery, therapeutic injections, vision exams, and well baby exams. For each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups, representative CPT procedure codes were statistically selected and weighted so as to give a weighted average RVU comparable to the weighted average RVU of the entire physician CPT procedure code group (the selected CPT procedure codes are set forth in the 2001 Milliman USA, Inc., Health Cost Guidelines fee survey, available from Milliman USA, Inc., 1301 5th Avenue, Suite 3800, Seattle, WA 98101–2605). The 80th percentile charge for each selected CPT procedure code is obtained from the 2001 MDR charge database (available from Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116). A nationwide conversion factor (a monetary amount) is calculated for each physician CPT procedure code group as set forth in paragraph (e)(3)(i) of this section. The nationwide conversion factors for each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups are trended forward as set forth in paragraph (e)(3)(ii) of this section. The resulting amounts for each of the 24 groups are multiplied by geographic area adjustment factors as set forth in paragraph (e)(3)(iii) of this section, resulting in facility-adjusted 80th percentile conversion factors for each VA facility geographic area for the 24

physician CPT procedure code groups for the effective charge period.

(i) *Nationwide conversion factors.* Using the nationwide 80th percentile charges for the selected CPT procedure codes from paragraph (e)(3) of this section, a nationwide conversion factor is calculated for each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups by dividing the weighted average charge by the weighted average RVU. To correspond with the charge data, for medicine and surgery CPT procedure codes, the total RVUs are used even when separate professional and technical components are specified.

(ii) *Trending forward.* The nationwide conversion factor for each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups, representing charge levels described in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, are trended forward based on changes to the Physician component of the CPI–U. Actual CPI–U changes are used through the latest available month. The three-month average annual trend rate as of the latest available month is held constant to the midpoint of the calendar year in which charges will be effective. The projected total CPI–U change from the midpoint of the source data collection period to the midpoint of the effective charge period is then applied to the 24 conversion factors.

(iii) *Geographic area adjustment factors.* Using the 80th percentile charges for the selected CPT procedure codes from paragraph (e)(3) of this section for each VA facility geographic area, a geographic area-specific conversion factor is calculated for each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups by dividing the weighted average charge by the weighted average facility-adjusted RVU. The resulting geographic area conversion factor for each facility geographic area for each physician CPT procedure code group is divided by the corresponding nationwide conversion factor as set forth in paragraph (e)(3)(i). The resulting ratios are the geographic area adjustment factors for each of the 24 physician CPT procedure code groups for each facility geographic area.

(4) *Nationwide 80th percentile charges for anesthesia CPT procedure codes.* The nationwide charges are calculated by multiplying the RVUs as set forth in paragraph (e)(4)(i) of this section by the appropriate nationwide trended 80th percentile conversion factors as set forth in paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(i) *RVUs for anesthesia.* The 2002 base unit value for each anesthesia CPT procedure code is compiled (the base unit values can be found in the 2002 St. Anthony's RBRVS, available from Ingenix Publishing Group, 5225 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116). The average time unit value for each anesthesia CPT procedure code is compiled from a Health Care Financing Administration study concerning average time unit values for anesthesia CPT procedure codes (these values can be obtained from the Chief Business Office (161), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420). For each anesthesia CPT procedure code introduced since the Health Care Financing Administration study, the time unit value is calculated as the average time unit value for all other anesthesia CPT procedure codes with the same base unit value. The sum of the anesthesia base unit value and the anesthesia average time unit value equals the total anesthesia RVUs.

(ii) [Reserved]

(f) *Other provider charges.* When the following providers provide or furnish VA care within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, charges for that care covered by a CPT procedure code will be determined based on the following indicated percentages of the amount that would be charged if the care had been provided by a physician under paragraph (e) of this section:

(1) Nurse practitioner: 85%.

(2) Clinical nurse specialist: 85%.

(3) Physician Assistant: 85%.

(4) Certified registered nurse anesthetist: 50% when medically directed by an anesthesiologist; 100% when not medically directed by an anesthesiologist.

(5) Clinical psychologist: 80%.

(6) Clinical social worker: 75%.

(7) Podiatrist: 100%.

(8) Chiropractor: 100%.

(9) Dietitian: 75%.

(10) Clinical pharmacist: 80%.

(11) Optometrist: 100%.

(g) *Outpatient dental care and prescription drugs not administered during treatment.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, when VA provides or furnishes outpatient dental care or prescription drugs not administered during treatment, within the scope of care referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, charges billed separately for such care will be based on VA costs in accordance with the methodology set forth in § 17.102 of this part.

(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control number 2900–0606.)

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National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action promulgates national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for existing and new asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities. The EPA has identified asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities as major sources of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) such as formaldehyde, hexane, hydrogen chloride (HCl), phenol, polycyclic organic matter (POM), and toluene. The final standards will implement section 112(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) by requiring all major sources to meet HAP emission standards reflecting the application of the maximum achievable control technology (MACT). The total HAP reduction resulting from compliance with the rule is expected to be 86 megagrams per year (Mg/yr).

A variety of HAP are emitted from asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing source categories. The following HAP account for the majority (approximately 98 percent, based on the emission factors developed for the final rule) of the total HAP emissions: Formaldehyde, hexane, HCl (at asphalt processing facilities that use chlorinated catalysts), phenol, and toluene. The remaining two percent of the total HAP emissions is a combination of several different organic HAP, each contributing less than 0.5 percent to the total HAP emissions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket) in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Regulated Entities.* Categories and entities potentially regulated by this action:

TABLE 1.—REGULATED CATEGORIES AND ENTITIES

Category	NAICS [a]		SIC [b]	
	Code	Description	Code	Description
Manufacturing	324122	Asphalt shingle and coating materials manufacturing.	2952	Asphalt felts and coating.
Manufacturing	32411	Petroleum refineries	2911	Petroleum refining.
Federal Government	Not affected		Not affected	
State/Local/Tribal Government	Not affected		Not affected.	

[a] Standard Industrial Classification Code.
[b] North American Information Classification System.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. To determine whether your facility is regulated by this action, you should examine the applicability criteria in §§ 63.8681 and 63.8682 of the final rule. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, contact the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

DOCKET. The EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OAR–2002–0035. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket) in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566–1742. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.

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Worldwide Web (WWW). In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of the final rule is also available on the WWW through the Technology Transfer Network (TTN). Following signature, a copy of the final rule will be posted on the TTN's policy and guidance page for newly proposed or promulgated rules at the following address: *http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg.* The TTN provides information and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control. If more information regarding the TTN is needed, call the TTN HELP line at (919) 541–5384.

Judicial Review. The NESHAP for asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing was proposed on November 21, 2001 (66 FR 58610). Under section 307(b)(1) of the CAA, judicial review of the NESHAP is available by filing a petition for review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by June 30, 2003. Only those objections to the rule that were raised with reasonable specificity during the period for public comment may be raised during judicial review. Under section 307(b)(2) of the CAA, the requirements that are the subject of today's final rule may not be challenged later in civil or criminal proceedings brought by EPA to enforce these requirements.

Background Information Document. The EPA proposed the NESHAP for asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing on November 21, 2001 (66 FR 58610) and received 21 comment letters on the proposal. In response to the public comments, EPA adjusted the final NESHAP where appropriate. A background information document (BID) (''National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing, Summary of Public Comments and Responses,'' February 2003, EPA–453/R–03–005) containing EPA's responses to each public comment is available in Docket No. OAR–2002–0035.

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I. Background

A. What Is the Statutory Authority for the Final NESHAP?

Section 112 of the CAA requires us to list categories and subcategories of major sources and area sources of HAP emissions and to establish NESHAP for the listed source categories and subcategories. A major source of HAP is any stationary source or group of stationary sources within a contiguous area under common control that emits or has the potential to emit, considering controls, in the aggregate, 9.1 Mg/yr (10 tons per year (tpy)) or more of any single HAP or 22.7 Mg/yr (25 tpy) or more of any combination of HAP. Based on the emissions data collected for this rulemaking, asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities have the potential to be major sources of HAP.

The EPA listed asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing categories of major sources as separate source categories on July 16, 1992 (57 FR 31576). However, because these processes are closely related and are often collocated, we are regulating emissions from both source categories under a single NESHAP.

B. What Criteria Were Used in the Development of NESHAP?

Section 112(c)(2) of the CAA requires that we establish NESHAP for control of HAP from both existing and new major sources, based upon the criteria set out in section 112(d). The CAA requires the NESHAP to reflect the maximum degree of reduction in emissions of HAP that is achievable, taking into consideration the cost of achieving the emission reduction, any non-air quality health and environmental impacts, and energy requirements. This level of control is commonly referred to as the MACT.

The minimum control level allowed for NESHAP (the minimum level of stringency for MACT) is the so-called ''MACT floor,'' as defined under section 112(d)(3) of the CAA. The MACT floor for existing sources is the emission limitation achieved by the average of the best-performing 12 percent of existing sources for categories and subcategories with 30 or more sources, or the average of the best-performing five sources for categories or subcategories with fewer than 30 sources. For new sources, the MACT floor cannot be less stringent than the emission control achieved in practice by the best-controlled similar source.

In developing the final NESHAP, we considered control options that are more stringent than the MACT floor (so-called beyond-the-floor control options), taking into consideration the cost of achieving the emission reductions, and any non-air quality health and environmental impacts, and energy requirements.

In the final rule, the EPA is promulgating standards for both existing and new sources consistent with these statutory requirements.

C. What Operations Constitute Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacture?

The final rule regulates both asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing operations. Asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing operations can be stand-alone or integrated with each other, or with related operations such as wet-formed fiberglass mat manufacturing. In addition, asphalt is processed at some petroleum refineries.

Processed asphalt is produced using asphalt flux as the raw material. Asphalt flux is a product that is obtained in the last stages of fractional distillation of crude oil. Asphalt is processed to change its physical properties for use in various end products (*e.g.*, paving applications, roofing products). In asphalt processing, heated asphalt flux is taken from storage and charged to a heated blowing still where air is bubbled up through the flux. This process raises the softening temperature of the asphalt. The blowing process also decreases the penetration rate of the asphalt when applied to the roofing substrate. Some processing operations use a catalyst (*e.g.*, ferric chloride, phosphoric acid) in the blowing still to promote the oxidation of asphalt. The need to use catalyst is primarily driven by the type of feedstock used. Certain low-quality feedstocks (which are used, however, by necessity because substitute feedstocks are not available, see 66 FR 58619) require catalyst to be used to attain desired product specifications.

In asphalt roofing manufacturing, processed or modified asphalt (also called modified bitumen) is applied to a fibrous substrate (typically made of fiberglass or organic felt) to produce the following types of roofing products: Shingles, laminated shingles, smooth-surfaced roll roofing, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, and saturated felt roll roofing. Modified asphalt is asphalt that is mixed with polymer modifiers (which add strength and durability to the asphalt) and is typically used to produce roll roofing products. A roofing manufacturing line is a largely continuous operation, with line stoppages occurring primarily due to breaks in the substrate.

In asphalt roofing manufacturing, asphalt is typically mixed with filler materials before application to the substrate. If a fiberglass substrate is used, coating asphalt is applied by a coater. If an organic substrate is used, a saturator and wet looper are typically used prior to the coater to provide additional time for the asphalt to impregnate the substrate. The type of final product being manufactured determines the process steps that follow the coating or impregnation steps.

For shingles and mineral-surfaced roll roofing, granules are applied to the hot surface of the coated substrate. This step is omitted in manufacture of smooth-surfaced and saturated felt roll roofing. In shingle manufacturing, a strip of sealant (typically oxidized or modified asphalt) is applied to the back of the product after it has cooled. This sealant strip, which is heated by the sun after the roofing product is installed, provides some adhesion and sealing between layers of roofing product. In shingle manufacture, the coated substrate is cut into the desired size. Multiple single-ply shingles can be glued together (typically using oxidized or modified asphalt as an adhesive) to produce laminated or dimensional shingles. When asphalt roofing manufacturing lines are collocated with asphalt processing operations, the two operations typically share storage and process tanks.

D. What Are the HAP Emissions and HAP Emission Sources?

Asphalt is essentially the material that remains after fractional distillation of crude oil, with petroleum coke being the only other fraction available for recovery. Consequently, asphalt consists primarily of heavy organic compounds with low boiling points. Hazardous air pollutants are volatilized from asphalt as it is heated and agitated during processing and roofing manufacturing operations. Hazardous air pollutants are also volatilized during asphalt processing as a result of the oxidation reactions that occur in the blowing still.

Because the HAP volatilized from asphalt generally have low boiling points, they can be present in both condensed particulate matter (PM) and gaseous forms, depending on the temperature of the vent or exhaust gas. When the temperature of the vent gas is below the boiling point of a HAP, the HAP will condense into particulate form (*i.e.*, a cooler vent gas will have more HAP in the form of condensed PM, whereas a hotter vent stream will contain mostly gaseous HAP).

The following types of equipment are sources of PM HAP and gaseous HAP emissions: Asphalt storage and process tanks, asphalt blowing stills, asphalt loading racks, saturators, wet loopers, coating mixers, coaters, sealant applicators, and adhesive applicators. The majority of uncontrolled HAP emissions from an asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facility (approximately 50 percent, based on the emission factors developed for this rulemaking) are contributed by the blowing stills, followed by the process equipment used to apply asphalt to the roofing substrate (*e.g.*, coating mixers, saturators, wet loopers, and coaters). Asphalt processing operations can also be sources of HCl, if a chlorinated catalyst is introduced into the blowing still during processing. Since most blowing still emissions are controlled by a combustion device, chlorine compounds present in the blowing still exhaust are oxidized and emitted as HCl from the blowing still combustion device outlet.

E. What Are the Health Effects Associated With the HAP Emitted From the Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing Source Categories?

A variety of HAP are emitted from asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing source categories. The following HAP account for the majority (approximately 98 percent, based on the emission factors developed for this rulemaking) of the total HAP emissions: Formaldehyde, hexane, HCl (at asphalt processing facilities that use chlorinated catalysts), phenol, and toluene. The remaining two percent of the total HAP emissions is a combination of several different organic HAP, each contributing less than 0.5 percent to the total HAP emissions.

The HAP emitted from these source categories (controlled under the final rule) are associated with a variety of adverse health effects. These adverse health effects include both chronic health disorders (*e.g.*, irritation of the lung, skin, and mucous membranes, effects on the central nervous system, and damage to the blood and liver) and acute health disorders (*e.g.*, respiratory irritation and central nervous system effects such as drowsiness, headache, and nausea). The EPA has classified two of the HAP (formaldehyde and POM) as probable human carcinogens.

The EPA does not have the type of current detailed data on each of the facilities and the people living around the facilities covered by today's rule for this source category that would be necessary to conduct an analysis to determine the actual population exposures to the HAP emitted from these facilities and the potential for resultant health effects. Therefore, EPA does not know the extent to which the adverse health effects described above occur in the populations surrounding these facilities. However, to the extent the adverse effects do occur, and this rule reduces emissions, subsequent exposures would be reduced.

F. What Was the Basis for the Proposed Standards?

The EPA proposed standards for the HAP-emitting equipment at the two affected sources: Each asphalt processing facility (blowing stills, asphalt flux storage tanks, oxidized asphalt storage tanks, and asphalt loading racks) and each asphalt roofing manufacturing line (saturator, a wet looper, a coater, coating mixers, sealant applicators, adhesive applicators, and associated storage tanks).

The EPA determined the MACT floors for existing and new sources for each type of process equipment used in asphalt processing facilities and in asphalt roofing manufacturing lines. For each equipment type, the equipment pieces were ranked in order of level of control. Combustion devices were ranked over PM control devices because combustion devices reduce both gaseous HAP and condensed HAP.

At proposal, a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F was the basis for the MACT floor for blowing stills, asphalt storage tanks with a capacity of 1.93 megagrams or greater, and loading racks at existing, new, and reconstructed affected sources. Blowing stills that use a chlorinated catalyst produce a vent stream that contains chlorinated organic compounds. When this vent stream is sent to a combustion device, the chlorinated organic compounds are oxidized to HCl which is a HAP. Because requiring facilities to use non-chlorinated catalysts is not feasible due to the need to produce oxidized asphalt of a given quality (see generally 66 FR 58618), and because no facilities control HCl emissions, the proposed MACT floor for HCl emissions from blowing stills using catalyst was based on no control of those emissions.

With the exception of asphalt storage tanks, the MACT floor for equipment at existing asphalt roofing manufacturing lines (coaters, saturators, wet loopers, coating mixers and sealant and adhesive applicators) was based on a PM control device complying with the new source performance standards (NSPS) for asphalt processing and roofing manufacture (asphalt NSPS) (40 CFR part 60, subpart UU) PM emission limits. The floor for saturators, coaters, and coating mixers at new and reconstructed affected sources was based on a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F. For wet loopers at existing, new, and reconstructed affected sources, the MACT floor was based on a PM control device that achieves the asphalt NSPS PM emission limits. For storage tanks with capacity of 1.93 megagrams or greater at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing lines, the MACT floor was based on a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F.

The EPA evaluated potential options for achieving emission reductions more stringent than the floor (beyond-the-floor options) for three groups of equipment: (1) Saturators, wet loopers, coaters, coating mixers, and sealant and adhesive applicators at existing sources; (2) blowing stills that use a chlorinated catalyst at existing, new, and reconstructed sources; and (3) wet loopers at new and reconstructed sources. For all other equipment (blowing stills, loading racks, and storage tanks at existing, new, and reconstructed sources; and for saturators, coaters, coating mixers, and sealant and adhesive applicators at new and reconstructed sources), there are no known technologies in use at asphalt processing or roofing manufacturing facilities or similar sources that would be capable of achieving a greater emission reduction than a combustion device operating with a minimum operating temperature of 1200 °F. Thus, EPA did not consider beyond-the-floor options for these types of equipment.

For saturators, wet loopers, coating mixers, coaters, and sealant and adhesive applicators at existing affected sources, the level of control achieved by a combustion device with a minimum operating temperature of 1200 °F was identified as the only beyond-the-floor option. However, due to the cost per megagram of HAP reduction ($616,000) and the increase in criteria pollutant emissions, requiring the level of control achieved by a combustion device for saturators, wet loopers, coaters, coating mixers, and sealant and adhesive applicators at existing sources was not a justifiable option.

For blowing stills that use chlorinated catalysts, emissions of HCl can be reduced by a gas scrubber using caustic scrubbing media. However, since gas scrubbing has not been demonstrated as an effective technology for controlling HCl emissions from asphalt processing and due to the potentially high cost per megagram of HCl reduced ($23,900), the additional cost of going beyond-the-floor was not warranted. Nor is process substitution a viable option for controlling HCl emissions, as noted above. Therefore, the MACT for HCl emissions from blowing stills using catalyst was based on no emission reduction. For wet loopers, EPA considered the level of control of a combustion device operating at a minimum of 1200 °F as a beyond-the-floor option. Because controlling wet loopers at new affected sources was expected to add minimal if any cost to the total control cost, the MACT for wet loopers at new or reconstructed affected sources was based on a combustion device operating at a minimum of 1200 °F. See generally 66 FR 58618–621 and the memorandum ''Documentation of Existing and New Source Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Floors for the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing'' (Docket No. OAR–2002–0035).

With the exception of standards for certain tanks and loading racks, EPA is adopting all of these standards (and analysis) in the final rule.

II. Summary of the Final Standards

A. Does the Final NESHAP Apply to Me?

The final rule applies to you if you process asphalt (at stand-alone facilities or collocated with asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities or petroleum refineries) or manufacture asphalt roofing products at a facility that is a major source of HAP emissions. Major sources of HAP are those that emit or have the potential to emit at least 10 tpy of any one HAP or 25 tpy of any combination of HAP. All HAP emission sources at a facility, not just those related to asphalt processing or roofing manufacture, must be considered in determining major source status. Put another way, the final rule may apply to you even if the HAP emissions from your asphalt roofing products manufacturing and asphalt processing operations do not themselves exceed the major source threshold levels given above. If your facility is determined to be an area source (*i.e.*, not a major source), you would not be subject to the final rule.

For the storage tanks at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities regulated by the final NESHAP, the potential exists for these tanks to already be subject to an existing emission standard: The petroleum refinery NESHAP (40 CFR part 63, subpart CC), or standards of performance for volatile organic liquid storage vessels (40 CFR part 60, subparts K, Ka, and Kb). Storage tanks that are subject to those standards are not subject to the requirements of the asphalt rule since the control requirements specified by those standards for fixed roof storage tanks (used in the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing industry) are as stringent as the standards specified in the asphalt rule, and so regulation of these tanks under the

asphalt rule would be duplicative, imposing costs without any environmental benefit.

The EPA also recognizes that asphalt storage tanks, blowing stills, saturators, wet loopers, and coaters at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities could be subject to both the final NESHAP and the asphalt NSPS. In cases where the requirements of the rules overlap, the final rule specifies that facilities are required to comply only with the asphalt NESHAP. However, any storage tank with a capacity less than 1.93 megagrams that is subject to the asphalt NSPS but not regulated under the asphalt NESHAP must comply with the asphalt NSPS.

Another instance where we are excluding equipment involved in asphalt roofing manufacturing from the final rule, due to regulatory overlap involves, wet-formed fiberglass mat production. Although wet-formed fiberglass mat is produced at both stand-alone facilities and those collocated with asphalt processing and roofing facilities, HAP emissions from wet-formed fiberglass mat manufacturing processes are regulated by another NESHAP (40 CFR part 63, subpart HHHH).

The final rule does not regulate asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing equipment that is used solely for research and development activities.

B. What Are the Affected Sources?

The two affected sources are defined as each asphalt processing facility and each asphalt roofing manufacturing line. An asphalt processing facility consists of one or more asphalt flux blowing stills, asphalt flux storage tanks storing asphalt flux intended for processing in the blowing stills, oxidized asphalt storage tanks, and oxidized asphalt loading racks. An asphalt roofing manufacturing line consists of a saturator (including wet looper) and/or a coater and their associated coating mixers, sealant applicators, adhesive applicators, and asphalt storage and process tanks.

To reduce repetition in the final NESHAP, we have separated asphalt storage tanks into two groups. Group 1 asphalt storage tanks: Have a capacity of 177 cubic meters (47,000 gallons) of asphalt or greater and either store asphalt at a maximum temperature of 260 °C (500 °F) or greater, or have a maximum true vapor pressure of 10.4 kiloPascals (kPa) (1.5 pounds per square inch absolute, psia) or greater. Group 2 asphalt storage tanks are those tanks with a capacity of 1.93 Mg of asphalt or greater that are not Group 1 asphalt storage tanks.

Asphalt storage tanks at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities that are collocated may be shared by the two operations. If the asphalt roofing manufacturing line is collocated with an asphalt processing facility, the storage tanks that receive asphalt directly from the on-site blowing stills are defined as part of the asphalt processing affected source.

A facility that manufactures asphalt roofing may have more than one manufacturing line. At these facilities, asphalt storage tanks and sealant and adhesive applicators may be shared by roofing manufacturing lines. A shared storage tank is considered part of the asphalt roofing manufacturing line to which the tank supplies the greatest amount of asphalt on an annual basis. Similarly, a sealant or adhesive applicator that is shared by two or more asphalt roofing manufacturing lines is considered part of the line that provides the greatest throughput to the applicator on an annual basis. Recordkeeping provisions documenting these equipment allocations are found in § 63.8694(d) of the final rule.

This definition of affected source is also used to determine if new source standards apply when subject equipment is ''constructed'' or ''reconstructed,'' as defined in the NESHAP General Provisions (40 CFR 63.2). We defined the affected source as the asphalt processing facility or asphalt roofing manufacturing line, rather than on a narrow equipment-piece basis, because we believe that it is inappropriate for small changes (*e.g.*, the addition of a sealant applicator to a manufacturing line) to trigger the new source emission limits for only part of the manufacturing line. For asphalt processing facilities, this is not a concern since the existing and new source standards are the same. However, the existing and new source standards are different for asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.

For asphalt roofing manufacturing lines, the new source emission limits would be triggered only when an entire new line is added or when an existing line is reconstructed. This is appropriate because the manufacture of roofing products is a continuous process, with the equipment for the different process steps arranged in sequence. Consequently, an increase in production cannot be achieved simply by adding a single piece of process equipment (*e.g.*, a coater). To increase production capacity, significant parts of the line would have to be modified or a new line would need to be constructed.

C. What Pollutants Are Regulated by the Final NESHAP?

The final rule establishes emission limits for two pollutants, total hydrocarbons (THC) and PM, each of which serves as a surrogate for HAP emitted by the process equipment.

Total Hydrocarbons

We are regulating total gaseous organic HAP emissions using THC as a surrogate. Total hydrocarbons are an appropriate surrogate for total HAP since organic HAP constitutes a significant portion of the THC, and because combustion controls are equally effective at reducing emissions of a wide range of organic compounds (including organic HAP emitted by asphalt processing and roofing manufacturing facilities and THC). Thus, reduction of organic HAP and THC from these sources is proportionate.

Particulate Matter

Particulate matter emitted from blowing stills consists of condensed organic hydrocarbons. For organic HAP that is present in condensed PM form, we are using PM as a surrogate. Similar to the THC surrogate for gaseous HAP, PM is an appropriate surrogate because it includes the HAP that are emitted as condensed PM. Because the reductions achieved by PM control devices are not pollutant-specific (*i.e.*, one type of PM is not preferentially reduced over another type of PM), controlling PM will result in a generally proportionate amount of condensed particulate organic HAP control.

D. What Emission Limits Must I Meet?

You must meet the emission limits that are summarized in Table 1 to the final rule. The emission limits are expressed in appropriate formats for the various process equipment being regulated. Depending on the piece of process equipment, you may have the option of complying with any of several formats. These formats include a PM emission limit (expressed in terms of kilograms of PM per Mg product manufactured), a THC percent reduction standard, a THC outlet concentration, a THC destruction efficiency standard (only for combustion devices that do not use auxiliary fuel), or a combustion efficiency standard.

The THC destruction efficiency and combustion efficiency standards are provided as an alternative to the THC percent reduction standard in the final rule because there are some emission sources (*e.g.*, blowing stills) for which

testing of the control device inlet is impractical.

Saturators (including wet loopers) and coaters at existing roofing manufacturing lines must meet PM emission limits based on the type of substrate used in manufacturing. At existing, reconstructed, and new asphalt roofing manufacturing lines, saturators (including wet loopers) and coaters must meet an opacity limit, and the emission capture system for these equipment must meet a visible emissions standard. The final rule also provides the option for Group 2 asphalt storage tanks, saturators (including wet loopers), and coaters at existing and new asphalt roofing manufacturing lines and coating mixers, sealant applicators, and adhesive applicators at existing asphalt roofing manufacturing lines to comply with either the THC or the combustion efficiency standards instead of the PM and opacity standards.

E. When Must I Comply?

Existing sources must comply with the final rule no later than May 1, 2006. The 3-year period is necessary to allow owners and operators sufficient time to design, purchase, and install emissions capture systems and air pollution control equipment. New or reconstructed sources must comply with the final rule at startup or April 29, 2003, whichever is later.

If your asphalt processing facility or asphalt roofing manufacturing line is located at a facility that is an area source that increases its emissions or its potential to emit such that it becomes a major source of HAP after April 29, 2003, then any portion of the existing facility that is a new affected source or a reconstructed affected source must comply with all requirements of the final rule applicable to new sources upon startup after the facility becomes a major source or by April 29, 2003, whichever is later. All other parts of any facility to which the final rule applies must be in compliance with this subpart by 3 years after becoming a major source.

F. What Are the Testing and Initial Compliance Requirements?

You must conduct a performance test to demonstrate initial compliance with the final rule emission limits unless you are using the results from an acceptable previously-conducted emission test to demonstrate compliance with the emission limitations in the final rule, or you are using a control device that the EPA has already determined achieves the required HAP destruction efficiency.

If you choose to use the results from a previously-conducted emissions test, you must demonstrate to the Administrator's (or delegated authority) satisfaction that no changes have been made to the process since the time of the emissions test, the operating conditions and test methods used during testing conform to the requirements of the final rule, and the control device and process parameter values established during the previously-conducted emission test are used to demonstrate continuous compliance with the final rule.

An initial performance test is not required for boilers or process heaters with a design heat input capacity of 44 megawatts (MW) or greater or where the emissions are introduced into the flame zone of the boiler or process heater. Performance testing is also not required for flares that meet the design and operating requirements of 40 CFR 63.11(b). An initial performance test is not required for boilers and process heaters larger than 44 MW because they operate at high temperatures and residence times. When vent streams are introduced into the flame zone of these boilers and process heaters, over 98 percent reduction or an outlet concentration of 20 parts per million per volume (ppmv) is achieved. Therefore, a performance test is not necessary. We are not requiring performance testing of flares because percent reduction and outlet concentration cannot feasibly be measured at flares. The operating conditions in § 63.11 assure that the flare will be operated properly and achieve the requisite degree of destruction of organic HAP.

As specified in 40 CFR 63.7(e), performance tests must be conducted within the range of normal operating conditions. To ensure that compliance can be achieved over the entire range of operating conditions, the performance tests must be conducted under the operating conditions that reflect the highest rate of asphalt processing or roofing production reasonably expected to be achieved by the facility. For example, performance tests of roofing manufacturing line equipment must be conducted while operating under normal conditions and while manufacturing the roofing product that is expected to result in the greatest amount of HAP emissions.

For each performance test, you must conduct a minimum of three 1-hour test runs. Compliance is determined based on the average of the three test runs. To measure PM, you must use EPA test method 5A; for THC emissions, you must use EPA test method 25A.

For the THC destruction efficiency and combustion efficiency standards, you must measure emissions of THC, carbon monoxide (CO_2), and carbon dioxide (CO_2) to demonstrate compliance. For the THC outlet concentration you must measure emissions of THC to demonstrate compliance. You must use EPA test method 10 to measure CO emissions and EPA test method 3A to measure CO_2 emissions. The EPA test methods are contained in appendix A of 40 CFR part 60. You must demonstrate compliance with the PM emission limit, THC percent reduction standard, THC outlet concentration standard, THC destruction efficiency standard, and the combustion efficiency standard using the instructions and equations in the performance test requirement section of the final rule.

The final rule also contains opacity and visible emission standards for saturators (including wet loopers) and coaters and their emissions capture systems at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing lines and an opacity standard for certain asphalt storage tanks at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt processing facilities and roofing manufacturing lines. Opacity and visible emission compliance determinations must be made using EPA test methods 9 and 22 in appendix A of 40 CFR part 60, respectively.

The final rule allows you to demonstrate continuous compliance with the emission standards by monitoring control device operating parameters or by using continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) to directly measure emissions. Although the final rule does not require continuous monitoring of opacity, you can use continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS) if you choose to do so since the opacity standard applies at all times.

If you choose to conduct parameter monitoring, you must install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a continuous parameter monitoring system (CPMS) to monitor the control device parameters. During the performance test, you must continuously monitor and record control device parameters and establish the monitoring parameter value(s) that constitute compliance with the emission limits if you plan to use parameter monitoring to demonstrate compliance following the initial performance test. If you use a combustion device to comply with the standards, you must record the average operating temperature. The temperature monitoring device must be installed at the exit of the combustion zone or in the ductwork immediately downstream of the combustion zone, before any substantial heat loss occurs.

If you use a control device to comply with the PM standards, you must record the device inlet gas temperature and pressure drop across the device. If you use electrostatic precipitators (ESP) to achieve compliance with the PM standard, you may record the voltage of the ESP as an alternative to the pressure drop across the ESP.

For combustion devices and PM control devices, the parameters must be monitored and values recorded in 15-minute blocks during each of three 1-hour test runs. If you use a control device other than a combustion device or PM control device to comply with the final rule, you must propose the appropriate monitoring parameters, monitoring frequencies, and averaging periods. All monitoring parameters for control devices not specified in the final rule must be approved by the Administrator as specified in 40 CFR 63.8(f).

If you choose to demonstrate continuous compliance by directly measuring emissions, you must install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a CEMS and record the emissions during the performance test according to the procedures specified in 40 CFR part 63, subpart A.

For all monitoring approaches (CPMS and CEMS (and COMS, if used)), you must also monitor and record the average hourly roofing line production rate or the asphalt processing rate, as applicable, during the performance test. If you are complying with the PM emission limit, you must also determine the asphalt content of the product manufactured during the performance test.

G. What Are the Continuous Compliance Provisions?

After the performance test, you must demonstrate continuous compliance with the emission limits by monitoring either control device or process operating parameters or by monitoring emissions. The parameters or emissions must remain within the limits established during the initial performance test.

If you choose to use parametric monitoring to demonstrate continuous compliance with the standards, the final rule specifies the parameters that are to be monitored. For combustion devices (other than boilers, process heaters, and flares that meet specified design and operating requirements), you must monitor the operating temperature. For control devices used to meet the PM standards, you must monitor the inlet gas temperature and pressure drop across the device. If you use an ESP to achieve compliance with the PM standard, you may monitor the voltage of the ESP as an alternative to pressure drop.

For parametric monitoring, you must determine and record 15-minute and 3-hour block averages of the specified parameters. However, the final rule allows the option of determining continuous compliance based on any 15-minute period (*i.e.*, you are not required to calculate 3-hour block averages). If you choose this alternative, a monitoring parameter deviation would occur if the monitoring parameter value(s) is outside the approved range during any 15-minute period.

If you use a control device other than a combustion device or PM control device to achieve compliance with the emission limits, the monitoring parameters must be approved by the Administrator and established during the initial performance test. To change the value of any monitored parameter, you must conduct a performance test and submit a request to the Administrator for approval using the procedures specified in 40 CFR 63.8(f).

H. What Are the Notification, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements?

You must comply with the notification, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements in 40 CFR part 63, subpart A, as specified in Tables 6 and 7 to the final rule. The notification, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements include, but are not limited to: Initial notification of applicability of the rule, notification of the dates for conducting the performance test and notification of compliance status; reports of any startup, shutdown, and malfunction events that occur; and semiannual reports of excess emissions or deviations from monitoring parameter limits. When no deviations occur, you must submit semiannual reports indicating that no deviations have occurred during the period. For a combustion device, a deviation would be any time (excluding periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction which would be a separate report) that the operating temperature falls below the limit established during the initial performance test. For a control device used to meet the PM standards, a deviation would be any time (excluding periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction) that the temperature of the gas at the inlet to the control device or the pressure drop across the control device (or ESP voltage) are outside their respective limits established during the initial performance test.

You must maintain records of the following, as applicable: (1) Combustion device operating temperature; (2) PM control device inlet gas temperature and pressure drop (or voltage for ESP); (3) approved parameters for sources that comply with the emission limits using a control device other than a combustion device or PM control device; (4) CEMS; and (5) the date and time a deviation commenced if a monitoring parameter or emission deviation occurs, the date and time corrective actions were initiated and completed, a description of the cause of the deviation, and a description of the corrective actions taken. You must also prepare a startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan and maintain records of actions taken during these events, as required by 40 CFR 63.6(e)(3).

The final rule also includes a requirement to develop and make available for inspection by the permitting authority, upon request, a site-specific monitoring plan that specifies how the continuous parameter monitoring system will be installed, operated, and maintained as well as the data quality assurance procedures and ongoing recordkeeping and reporting procedures.

The NESHAP General Provisions (§ 63.10(b)) require that records be maintained for at least 5 years from the date of each record. You must retain the records onsite for at least 2 years. You may retain records for the remaining 3 years at an offsite location. The records must be readily available and in a form suitable for efficient inspection and review. The files may be retained on paper, microfilm, microfiche, a computer, computer disks, or magnetic tape. Reports may also be made on paper or on a labeled computer disk using commonly available and compatible computer software.

III. What Are the Responses to the Significant Comments?

Significant public comments on the proposed rule along with our responses to these comments are summarized in this section of the preamble. For detailed responses to all the comments, see the Background Information Document (BID) (''National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing, Summary of Public Comments and Responses,'' February 2003, EPA–453/R–03–005) (Docket No. OAR–2002–0035).

A. Rule Applicability

Comment: Several commenters noted that it was not clear if the proposed rule applied to facilities that process asphalt

intended for non-roofing products. The commenters suggested that confusion regarding applicability was caused by addressing both the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing source categories together under one NESHAP. Confusion may have also been caused by the proposed definition of asphalt flux, which read: ''asphalt flux means the residual material from distillation of crude oil used to manufacture asphalt roofing products.''

Response: On June 21, 2002, the EPA sent letters to the commenters to clarify two aspects of the proposed rule:

- The proposed rule was intended to cover all asphalt processing regardless of the asphalt's end use; and
- Requirements for storage vessels at asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities, inadvertently left out of the proposed rule, are the same as those for storage vessels at asphalt processing facilities.

Subsequent comments on the notice letters disagreed with EPA's interpretation of the proposed rule's applicability and contended that the EPA should address this clarification in a supplemental proposal.

The EPA does not believe that a supplemental proposal is needed to clarify the applicability of the final rule. It has long been held that actual notice constitutes adequate notice and opportunity for comment for purposes of section 307 of the CAA. (See *Small Lead Refiner Phase Down Task Force* v. *EPA,* 705 F. 2d 507, 548 (D.C. Cir. 1983).) The extensive comments received in response to the June 21, 2002 letters demonstrates that the commenters had adequate notice and availed themselves of it. There is no credible claim that further comments could have been submitted had there been more notice or that the time for response was inadequate. Under these circumstances, EPA believes that it afforded all letter recipients adequate notice and opportunity for comment and a supplemental notice to clarify the applicability of the rule is not necessary.

The final NESHAP includes both asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing because many facilities both process asphalt and manufacture roofing products (asphalt roofing and other roofing products).

With respect to the issue of whether asphalt processing should include operations that process asphalt for non-roofing uses, EPA believes that it should. The HAP emissions from asphalt processing (and the means of controlling such emissions) are identical, whether or not asphalt is produced for roofing or for other uses. Nor did EPA ever intend to distinguish among asphalt uses in setting out the rule's scope. The source category definition (''Documentation for Developing the Initial Source Category List,'' EPA–450/3–91–030, July 1992) of ''asphalt processing'' reads as follows:

> ''The Asphalt Processing source category includes any facility *engaged in the preparation of asphalt at asphalt processing plants,* petroleum refineries, and asphalt roofing plants. Asphalt preparation, called 'blowing,' involves the oxidation of asphalt flux by bubbling air through the liquid asphalt flux at 260°C for 1 to 4.5 hours, depending upon the desired characteristics of the asphalt. The category includes, but is not limited to, the following process: asphalt heating, blowing still, and asphalt storage tanks'' (emphasis added).

This definition is not limited to asphalt that is processed for roofing manufacturing, and in fact, is not limited in any respect by the ultimate use to which processed asphalt is put. Consistent with the source category definition, it was not EPA's intent to limit the applicability of the final rule to the processing of roofing asphalt or any other end use.

To clarify the final rule applicability, EPA has written the definition of asphalt processing in the final rule to read as follows:

> ''Asphalt processing facility means any facility engaged in the preparation of asphalt flux at stand-alone asphalt processing facilities, petroleum refineries, and asphalt roofing facilities. Asphalt preparation, called 'blowing,' is the oxidation of asphalt flux, achieved by bubbling air through the heated asphalt, to increase the softening point and reduce the penetration of the oxidized asphalt.
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> An asphalt processing facility includes one or more asphalt flux blowing stills and their associated asphalt flux storage tanks, oxidized asphalt storage tanks and oxidized asphalt loading racks.''

The EPA has also modified the definition of ''asphalt flux'' as proposed to remove any suggestion that the rule's scope is limited by the intended use of the processed asphalt.

B. Asphalt Storage Tank and Loading Rack Vapor Pressure Control Cutoff

Comment: Several commenters supported using a vapor pressure cutoff, such as those found in the petroleum refinery NESHAP (40 CFR part 63, subpart CC) and the new source performance standards for storage vessels (40 CFR part 60, subparts K, Ka, and Kb) for asphalt storage tanks and loading racks. The commenters contended that equipment with vapor pressures below those thresholds would emit only minimal amounts of HAP and therefore should not be subject to control requirements. The commenters also alleged that EPA was being inconsistent among different MACT standards in developing standards applicable to similar types of equipment. For example, one commenter asserted that EPA should not declare emissions from low HAP, low vapor pressure stocks as *de minimis* sources under the petroleum refineries NESHAP and then propose to regulate those same emissions under the asphalt NESHAP. One commenter contended that it would be reasonable for EPA to use an approach similar to the petroleum refinery NESHAP because asphalt flux feedstocks and finished asphalt products are produced directly by refineries and because many refineries will be subject to the asphalt NESHAP.

Response: The proposed MACT for all asphalt storage tanks with a capacity of 1.93 Mg or greater at existing, new, and reconstructed affected sources was based on the fact that greater than 12 percent of the asphalt storage tanks were controlled with a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F. Also, the available data showed that no sources were using a combustion device to control emissions from storage tanks with a capacity less than 1.93 Mg of asphalt. Therefore, the proposed MACT did not require control of tanks with capacities less than 1.93 Mg (66 FR 58620).

The EPA now believes that the prevalence of combustion devices on tanks storing asphalt at low vapor pressure is misleading. We believe that combustion devices in this industry are used to control emissions from tanks storing high- and low-vapor asphalt that are generally part of an ''integrated system,'' an integrated group of process equipment including higher-emitting equipment such as a blowing still, so that what really is being controlled by combustion are the emissions from the high-emitting equipment, with emissions from other system components being ''along for the ride.''

An integrated system is one in which process components (*e.g.,* blowing stills, coaters, and tanks storing high- and low-vapor pressure asphalt) are utilized largely together and are generally located in close proximity. In an integrated system, emissions from process equipment that are subject to less stringent emission standards (*e.g.,* tanks storing low-vapor pressure asphalt) generally are routed to the control device (*e.g.,* combustion device) that is used to control emissions from the equipment (*e.g.,* blowing stills, coaters) that are subject to more stringent emission standards. In other words, it is more cost effective to ''over control'' emissions from lower-emitting

storage tanks that are nearby, using a combustion device that is selected and designed to control emissions from the entire system (*e.g.,* blowing stills, coaters, and asphalt storage tanks), than it is to install a separate control device to reduce emissions from the storage tanks to a lesser degree.

In the absence of an integrated system configuration, we do not believe that combustion controls represent the MACT floor (or otherwise represent MACT) for tanks that store low-vapor pressure asphalt since facilities that do not use a combustion device to reduce emissions from higher-emitting process equipment are unlikely to use a combustion device to reduce emissions from tanks that store low-vapor pressure asphalt (and we in fact know of no instance when a tanks storing low-vapor pressure asphalt in this industry are controlled by a combustion device when the tank is a stand-alone unit). Therefore, for tanks storing asphalt with a low vapor pressure, the MACT floor largely depends on whether or not the tank is part of an integrated system.

Based on the above discussion, it would seem logical to develop one set of standards for integrated systems (including tanks) and another for nonintegrated systems (where tanks would have different standards). However, we do not have sufficient data to characterize the control level of integrated versus nonintegrated systems or even to devise workable definitions of these systems. The significance of the existence of integrated systems, therefore, relates to calculation of floor standards for tanks.

Based on the existence of integrated systems, we do not believe that we have to include all tanks storing high- and low-vapor pressure asphalt together in making a floor determination for storage tanks. We do believe that it is reasonable to assume that facilities would use combustion devices for tanks storing high-vapor pressure asphalt because of the greater potential for emissions from these tanks and the appropriateness of controlling volatile emissions using combustion devices. We, thus, included all such tanks as a single group in determining floor standards and determined that the best-performing 12 percent of tanks used to store high-vapor pressure asphalt use combustion to control the emissions. (We did not, however, include tanks used to store low-vapor pressure asphalt in this calculus and are not compelled to for the reasons explained above relating to integrated systems.) Therefore, for tanks storing asphalt with a high vapor pressure at existing and new sources, we believe that the MACT floor is a combustion device regardless of whether or not it is located in an integrated system.

For tanks storing low-vapor pressure asphalt, a separate determination must be made to establish the MACT floor for existing and new sources. For these storage tanks, the MACT floor depends mainly on whether or not the tank is part of an integrated system. However, as noted above, we are unable to devise a workable definition of the integrated system. Among other problems, we have no information regarding tank vapor pressure or facility configurations to determine the relative proximity of low-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks to combustion devices. Although we are unable to develop a separate standard for integrated systems, the MACT floor for any storage tank cannot be less stringent than the opacity limits for controlling PM specified in the asphalt NSPS, since over 12 percent of existing storage tanks in the industry are already subject to those standards. In fact, approximately 27 percent of the storage tanks in the database use particulate controls (such as fiber-bed filters, mist eliminators, condensers) to meet the asphalt NSPS. This control of PM will necessarily control HAP emissions since a portion of the PM is condensed HAP. Therefore, the MACT floor for tanks storing asphalt with low vapor pressures at existing and new sources is the opacity limit specified in the asphalt NSPS.

We recognize that this floor for tanks storing low-vapor pressure asphalt actually applies to some tanks that are part of integrated systems. Nevertheless, we expect that tanks that are part of an integrated system are controlled by the same control device used to control the entire system, rather than being controlled separately. Therefore, using the opacity limit specified in the asphalt NSPS as a floor for tanks storing asphalt with low vapor pressures should not discourage facilities from using combustion devices to control emissions from storage tanks that are part of integrated systems. Nor is it likely to lead to removal of any existing controls on integrated systems since the combined system was already adopted by those facilities and removal would entail retrofit costs.

With regard to establishing the vapor pressure cutoff value that would be used to assign tanks into high- and low-vapor pressure groups (Groups 1 and 2, respectively), EPA does not have survey data for the vapor pressure of stored asphalt that could be used to establish this value. In the absence of vapor pressure data, we based the vapor pressure cutoff value on the MACT floor for existing storage tanks at petroleum refineries. Asphalt tanks are similar because asphalt is a petroleum refinery product, and asphalt processing facilities are located at some petroleum refineries. Therefore, EPA believes that it is reasonable for the vapor pressure cutoff in the final rule to be consistent with the maximum true vapor pressure cutoff (10.4 kPa) for existing storage tanks in the petroleum refinery NESHAP. Thus, under the final rule, tanks storing asphalt with a maximum true vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa or greater are considered ''high-vapor pressure'' tanks (*i.e.*, Group 1 tanks) while tanks storing asphalt with a maximum true vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa are considered ''low-vapor pressure'' tanks (*i.e.*, Group 2 tanks).

The petroleum refinery NESHAP also contains an annual average true vapor pressure cutoff (8.3 kPa) and an annual HAP liquid concentration cutoff (4 percent, by weight of total organic HAP) for determining storage tank applicability. Because the storage temperature of asphalt at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities is expected to be maintained over a narrow range throughout the year, providing an annual average for storage temperature in the asphalt NESHAP is unnecessary. The concentration cutoff was included in the petroleum refinery NESHAP to address the fact that some liquids at petroleum refineries have very low HAP concentrations and high vapor pressures due to the volatility of non-HAP compounds in the material. However, because asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities do not typically store products other than asphalt, the EPA believes that including an annual HAP liquid concentration cutoff in the asphalt NESHAP is unnecessary.

With regard to the proposed tank capacity cutoff of 1.93 Mg, EPA believes that the analysis used to establish the proposed capacity cutoff for combustion control was flawed since the cutoff value was based on the smallest tank controlled by a combustion device. Since we now consider the seeming prevalence of combustion devices on tanks storing low-vapor pressure asphalt to actually reflect controls on integrated systems (driven by the need to control the greatest emission source of the integrated system), we do not believe that the proposed capacity cutoff value for combustion control is valid because it was premised on the assumption that stand-alone (*i.e.*, non-integrated) low-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks were controlled by means of combustion devices. Consequently, we are

establishing the capacity cutoff value for combustion control to be consistent with the capacity cutoff for existing tanks at petroleum refineries (again consistent with comments urging that the petroleum and asphalt NESHAP be consistent insofar as they apply to similar types of emission sources).

Therefore, the floor for asphalt storage tanks with a capacity of 177 cubic meters or greater and storing asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa or greater (*i.e.*, Group 1 asphalt storage tanks) at existing and new sources is combustion control. The floor for asphalt storage tanks with a capacity of 177 cubic meters or greater storing asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa (*i.e.*, Group 2 asphalt storage tanks) at existing and new sources is the opacity limit specified in the asphalt NSPS. As at proposal, however, we are not determining a floor level of control for tanks less than a capacity of 1.93 Mg. Based on the tank capacity data from the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association survey, less than 2 percent of the tanks have capacities less than 1.93 Mg, and only one of those tanks is vented to a PM control device.

The EPA is also applying much this same reasoning in determining a MACT floor for asphalt loading racks. The proposed MACT for asphalt loading racks at existing, new, and reconstructed affected sources was based on the fact that greater than 12 percent of the loading racks were controlled with a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F. Although we do not have vapor pressure data for loading racks, we believe (as with storage tanks) that it is reasonable to assume that facilities are using combustion devices to control emissions from loading racks that are used to transfer high-vapor pressure asphalt because of the greater potential for emissions from this asphalt and the appropriateness of controlling volatile emissions using combustion devices. Consequently, the EPA believes that the MACT floor for loading racks transferring high-vapor pressure asphalt at existing and new sources is a combustion device regardless of whether or not it is part of an integrated system. In the absence of vapor pressure data, and to be consistent with the approach used for high-vapor pressure (Group 1) asphalt storage tanks, we based the vapor pressure cutoff for loading asphalt racks on the maximum true vapor pressure cutoff (10.4 kPa) for existing storage tanks in the petroleum refinery NESHAP.

For loading racks used to transfer low-vapor pressure asphalt at existing and new sources, as with low-vapor pressure (Group 2) asphalt storage tanks, we are unable to develop a separate standard for integrated systems. However, unlike the asphalt NSPS for storage tanks, an existing regulation does not exist for asphalt loading racks that would establish a minimum level of the MACT floor. Therefore, a MACT floor for loading racks transferring asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa at existing and new sources could not be established.

In summary, the MACT floor for tanks with an asphalt storage capacity of 177 cubic meters or greater and storing asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa or greater at existing and new sources is based on a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F. For tanks with asphalt storage capacities of 177 cubic meters or greater or storing asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa, the MACT floor for existing and new sources is represented by the opacity limit in the asphalt NSPS. The opacity limit of the asphalt NSPS also represents the MACT floor for asphalt storage tanks with capacities less than 177 cubic meters but greater than or equal to 1.84 cubic meters at existing and new sources. For loading racks used to transfer asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa or greater at existing and new sources, the MACT floor is a combustion device operating at or above 1200 °F. The MACT floor for loading racks used to transfer asphalt with a maximum vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa at existing and new sources is no additional control.

Also, as explained in detail in the preamble to the proposal (66 FR 58620–21), we continue to believe that controls beyond the MACT floor for high-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks and loading racks (where the floors have not changed between the proposed and final rule) are not technically or economically feasible (*i.e.*, there are no known controls that would reduce HAP emissions more than combustion control), so that MACT for the high-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks and loading racks is represented by their respective MACT floors.

For the low-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks (for which we have made a different floor determination), the only control option beyond the MACT floor is control with a combustion device. However, given the relatively low HAP emissions from this equipment, the incremental cost-effectiveness (greater than $3,000,000 per megagram of HAP reduced) of increasing the level of HAP reduction achieved by a PM control device (93.3 percent) (the device we anticipate would be used to achieve the opacity standard which is the MACT floor) to that achieved by a combustion device (95 percent) is not a justifiable option. (Additional energy use likewise would be required to achieve this modest incremental HAP reduction as well.) Therefore, MACT for low-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks is represented by the MACT floor.

For low-vapor pressure asphalt loading racks, the control options beyond the MACT floor are a PM control device and a combustion device. However, as with low-vapor pressure asphalt storage tanks, the high costs per megagram of HAP reduction (greater than $500,000 per megagram of HAP reduced) achieved by controlling low-vapor pressure asphalt loading rack emissions with either a PM control device or combustion device make the beyond the MACT floor options economically infeasible. Therefore, MACT for low-vapor pressure asphalt loading racks is represented by the MACT floor.

Because we are specifying vapor pressure as a cutoff for different groups of tanks, it is necessary to identify how such a determination would be made if a facility were required to do so. Following proposal, the EPA met with industry representatives to identify an appropriate test method for determining the vapor pressure of stored asphalt, if EPA were to promulgate such a cutoff. According to the industry and EPA representatives, a standardized or consensus test method for measuring the vapor pressure of stored asphalt has not been established. (See the summary of the September 17, 2002 meeting with petroleum refinery representatives in Docket No. OAR–2002–0035.) Currently, the industry uses nomographs or other relationships depicting the vapor pressure of petroleum liquids as a function of storage temperature vapor pressure and asphalt composition (*e.g.*, flux versus oxidized) to determine the vapor pressure of stored asphalt.

Since there is no standardized test method for measuring the vapor pressure of stored asphalt, the EPA believes that the final rule should specify a temperature that equates to a vapor pressure of 10 kPa, instead of requiring facilities to physically measure asphalt vapor pressure. According to industry representatives, asphalt flux reaches 10.4 kPa at approximately 500 to 550 °F (oxidized asphalt would require higher temperatures to reach 10.4 kPa). The temperature estimate cited by the industry representatives was confirmed on a theoretical level using a regression equation for asphalt vapor pressure as a

function of temperature, developed by the Owens Corning Company using a modified version of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) method D2879 (Standard Test Method for Vapor Pressure-Temperature Relationship and Initial Decomposition Temperature of Liquids by Isoteniscope). According to the regression equation, asphalt flux reaches a vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa at approximately 450 °F.

Since the regression equation, which under-predicts the temperature at which asphalt flux reaches a given vapor pressure (according to industry and EPA representatives), tends to corroborate the storage temperature cited by the industry representatives, the EPA believes that a storage temperature of 500 °F appropriately represents a vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa. Consequently, the final rule specifies that tanks storing (and loading racks transferring) asphalt at a maximum vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa or greater, or at a maximum temperature of 500 °F or greater, must be controlled with a combustion device. Also, the final rule allows the use of standard industry nomographs and other relationships to determine the vapor pressure of asphalt. The docket for this NESHAP (Docket No. OAR–2002–0035) contains a memorandum from the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association (NPRA) that presents several manual methods that are currently used in the petroleum industry for estimating the vapor pressure of asphalt.

C. Level of the Standards

Comment: One commenter questioned the derivation of the THC destruction and combustion efficiency standards (95 and 99.6 percent, respectively). The commenter contended that the statistical analysis used to derive the standards from test data was incorrect.

Response: The EPA agrees with the commenter that the available data set is too small for a rigorous statistical analysis. Therefore, at proposal, we chose to account for the variability in the data by subtracting one standard deviation from the mean, rather than performing a more formal statistical analysis to derive the proposed emission limit. Despite the small size of the data set, since proposal, the EPA has calculated the 95 percent confidence interval about the mean of the test data for THC destruction efficiency. The lower limit of the 95-confidence interval is 94.85 percent THC destruction efficiency. (See section 2.3.10.2 of the BID for a more detailed discussion of this analysis.) In other words, there is only a 5 percent chance that the true population mean of THC destruction efficiency will be below 94.85 percent. In addition, all four of the facilities with THC destruction efficiency data would meet the standards. This calculation supports that a THC destruction efficiency of 95 percent is achievable. The 95 percent destruction efficiency has thus been included in the final rule.

Since proposal, the EPA has calculated the 95 percent confidence interval about the mean of the test data used to establish the proposed combustion efficiency. The lower limit of the 95 percent confidence interval is 99.49 percent combustion efficiency. Since this value is lower than the proposed combustion efficiency limit of 99.6 percent, the EPA has decided to establish the combustion efficiency limit in the final rule at 99.5 percent. (Note that this change does not affect EPA's determination, made originally at proposal, that beyond-the-floor controls remain inappropriate here, largely because EPA knows of no means of control more efficient than combustion control.)

Comments: Comments were also received on the proposed rule regarding the use of electric regenerative thermal oxidizers (RTO). One commenter explained that EPA's proposed method for calculating combustion efficiency penalizes control technologies that do not burn auxiliary fuel and, consequently, have a relatively low CO_2 concentration at their outlets. The commenters stated that the proposed method for calculating combustion efficiency understates the combustion efficiency achieved by an RTO since the only relevant source of CO_2 in RTO exhaust comes from the destruction of hydrocarbons. The commenters submitted test data and proposed a separate equation for calculating the destruction efficiency for RTO.

Response: The EPA reviewed the test data submitted by the commenters (see section of the 2.3.10.6 of the BID) and agrees that, because RTO do not use auxiliary fuel, the outlet CO_2 concentrations are much less than those of conventional thermal oxidizers without compromising THC destruction efficiency. Consequently, the final rule contains an option that allows combustion devices that do not use auxiliary fuel to use an outlet-only THC destruction efficiency equation. To determine the level of the standard for RTO, the same approach as was taken for the derivation of the THC destruction efficiency and combustion efficiency standards was used (*i.e.*, one standard deviation was subtracted from the average THC destruction efficiencies calculated from the test data submitted by the commenters). The resulting calculations (see section 2.3.10.6 of the BID) yield a THC destruction efficiency standard for RTO of 95.8 percent.

D. Compliance Options

Comment: One commenter noted that the control devices used at refineries to control blowing stills are flares, boilers, and process heaters and that refineries do not typically have thermal oxidizers. The commenter urged the EPA to allow the use of combustion devices other than thermal oxidizers to control blowing still emissions.

Response: The proposed rule did not prohibit the use of process heaters, boilers, and flares because we consider these units to be types of thermal oxidizers. However, since the term ''thermal oxidizer'' was not defined in the proposed rule, the proposed rule could be interpreted differently. In the final rule, we use the term ''combustion device'' instead of ''thermal oxidizer'' and have defined combustion device to include process heaters, boilers, flares, and incinerators; all devices which achieve the same high degree of HAP destruction provided they operate using efficient combustion. Consistent with other rules, a performance test and continuous parameter monitoring are not required for boilers or process heaters if the vent streams to be controlled are introduced into the flame zone, or if the unit has a design input heat capacity of 44 MW or greater since the residence time and operating temperature of these devices is great enough to ensure reduction of HAP emissions. Flares are required to meet the design and operating requirements of 40 CFR 63.11 in lieu of conducting performance tests, as explained earlier in this preamble.

E. Performance Tests

Comment: One commenter expressed concern with the requirement to conduct performance testing before the compliance date. The commenter stated that the NESHAP General Provisions and nearly all previously-issued MACT standards allow the test to be conducted within 180 days of the compliance date (existing sources) or at startup (new sources). The commenter pointed out that the testing date for existing sources is 8 months earlier than what is provided in the General Provisions and listed several problems that it would create.

Response: The EPA agrees that it is not necessary to require performance tests to be completed 60 days prior to the rule compliance date since this would effectively require that facilities be in compliance before the compliance

date specified in the final rule. Consequently, the final rule (§ 63.8686(a)) has been written to be consistent with the NESHAP General Provisions (performance tests must be conducted within 180 days after the compliance date).

F. Monitoring Requirements

Comment: Comments were received on a variety of monitoring requirements. The changes made to the proposed monitoring requirements are discussed in the following paragraphs.

Response: Many facilities in the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing industry use analog chart recorders to display and record monitored parameters. However, when these devices are used, the value of the monitored parameters is generally not recorded electronically. Parameter values therefore cannot be automatically averaged and compared to the established range to determine if there has been an parameter deviation. Such a determination would have to be made through manual calculations. One commenter suggested that chart recorders could more easily be used for monitoring if manual calculations of 3-hour averages were not required and deviations were based on 15-minute exceedances of limits. Because the commenter's suggestion is more stringent than the requirements in the proposed rule, the EPA has decided that this is an acceptable alternative for determining continuous compliance. Therefore, the final rule was written to allow facilities the option of demonstrating continuous compliance using either a 15-minute or 3-hour averaging period.

For example, if a facility uses an analog chart recorder that provides a continuous record of the combustion device operating temperature on a strip chart, the facility would be allowed to determine compliance with the NESHAP by comparing the minimum temperature reading for each 15-minute period to the minimum 15-minute value established during the initial performance test (*i.e.*, the facility would not be required to manually average the readings on the strip chart over a 3-hour period to determine compliance with the standards).

Comment: One commenter asserted that facilities should be allowed to use CEMS and COMS to demonstrate continuous compliance with the standards.

Response: The proposed rule did not preclude facilities from using CEMS and COMS, and it was not EPA's intent to discourage facilities from using CEMS and COMS where feasible and beneficial to them. However, continuous monitoring is not required for the opacity standard, even though the opacity standard applies at all times (*i.e.*, EPA test method 9 could be used at any time by the regulating agency to determine compliance with the opacity standard). To allow you to use continuous monitors without first obtaining the approval from the Administrator to use an alternative monitoring procedure, the list of acceptable monitoring systems in the final rule has been written to include CEMS (and COMS) and their applicable performance specifications from 40 CFR part 60 Appendix B.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the EPA modify the proposed rule so that a facility using an ESP as a PM control device could select which parameters are appropriate for demonstrating compliance and have those parameters approved by the EPA in the same manner as ''other'' control devices.

Response: The EPA agrees with the commenter that ESP operate differently from filter-type PM control devices, and that parameters other than pressure drop could be used to show proper ESP operation. For these reasons, an alternative has been provided in the final rule to allow facilities using an ESP to monitor the voltage going to the ESP instead of the pressure drop across the device. The voltage going to the ESP is a direct measure of the strength of the corona field responsible for ionizing PM as it passes through the ESP. The value or range of ESP voltage must be determined during the performance test.

G. Overlap With Other Rules

Comment: One commenter stated that the rule should be clarified so that asphalt flux and oxidized asphalt storage tanks already regulated under another MACT rule (for example, the petroleum refinery NESHAP) are not further regulated under the asphalt NESHAP.

Response: The EPA recognizes that asphalt storage vessels subject to the asphalt NESHAP could also be subject to other regulations, such as the petroleum refinery NESHAP (40 CFR part 63, subpart CC) and the storage vessel NSPS (40 CFR part 60, subpart K, Ka, or Kb). Consequently, EPA is providing in the final rule that the NESHAP does not apply to any equipment that is subject to the petroleum refinery NESHAP or to subpart K, Ka, or Kb of part 60 since the requirements specified in those rules for the types of storage tanks used in this industry (fixed roof tanks) are as stringent as the standards in the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing NESHAP.

The EPA also recognizes that storage tanks (and blowing stills, saturators, wet loopers, and coaters) at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities could be subject to both the asphalt NESHAP and the asphalt NSPS. In cases where the rule requirements overlap, the asphalt rule specifies that facilities are required to comply only with the asphalt NESHAP. However, any storage tank with a capacity less than 1.93 mg that is subject to the asphalt NSPS but not regulated under the asphalt NESHAP must comply with the asphalt NSPS.

IV. Summary of Environmental, Energy and Economic Impacts

Although MACT floors must be based exclusively on the emission limitation achieved by the requisite percentage of best-performing similar sources (or, for new sources, the best-performing source), the EPA has compiled information on air quality impacts, costs, non-air quality impacts, and energy impacts in compliance with Executive Orders. We estimate the final rule will affect a total of 19 existing facilities (ten asphalt processing and asphalt roofing facilities and nine petroleum refineries). We estimated the number of major sources by estimating potential emissions using emission factors and available production data. We identified major facilities only for the purposes of estimating potential emissions, emission reductions, control costs, and monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting costs. It should be noted that facilities may not necessarily be major sources for the purposes of determining applicability of the final rule because they were identified as major by our estimates. Likewise, facilities would not be relieved from complying with the final rule because they were not identified as major sources in our estimates.

A. What Are the Air Quality Impacts?

Baseline HAP emissions from the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities that are projected to be subject to the final rule are estimated to be 295 Mg/yr (325 tpy). Baseline THC emissions are estimated to be 550 Mg/yr (605 tpy). The baseline emission estimates were developed using equipment, control device, and production rate data reported in a 1995 industry survey. The final rule is projected to reduce HAP emissions by 86 Mg/yr (95 tpy) and THC emissions by 465 Mg/yr (512 tpy). The final rule will also reduce PM emissions from asphalt processing and asphalt roofing

manufacturing facilities. However, we do not have sufficient data to estimate baseline emissions or emission reductions for PM. The baseline emissions and emission reductions do not include contributions from area sources because they are not subject to the final rule.

The final rule will also likely cause an increase in emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_X), CO, sulfur dioxide (SO_2), PM, and volatile organic compounds (VOC) due to the increased use of thermal oxidizers as control devices. The estimated increases of NO_X, CO, and SO_2 are approximately, 476, 799, and 6 Mg/yr (524, 880, and 6 tpy), respectively. These estimates are based on the amount of exhaust and auxiliary fuel that will be burned at the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities that are estimated to be major sources.

B. What Are the Cost Impacts?

The total capital cost for the industry to achieve compliance with the final rule for existing facilities is estimated to be $2.71 million. The capital costs arise from the purchase of emission capture systems and control devices. The total annualized cost is estimated to be $1.41 million. The total annualized costs for the industry include the annualized capital cost of emission capture systems and control devices and operation, maintenance, supervisory labor, maintenance materials, utilities, administrative charges, taxes, and insurance. It is estimated that the industry will spend an additional industrywide average of $320,000 per year for monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting to comply with the final rule. This results in a total annualized cost of $1.73 million.

C. What Are the Economic Impacts?

The Agency conducted an economic impact analysis to determine the market- and industry-level impacts associated with the final rule. The compliance costs of the final rule are expected to increase the prices of asphalt processing and roofing products by 0.02 percent or less across the directly affected product markets, and domestic production and consumption of the affected products are expected to decrease by less than 0.01 percent also.

In terms of industry impacts, the asphalt processors and asphalt roofing manufacturers are projected to experience a decrease in operating profits of about 0.08 percent, which reflects the compliance costs associated with the production of asphalt processing and roofing products and the resulting reductions in revenues due to the increase in the prices of the directly affected product markets and reduced quantities purchased. Through the market impacts described above, the final rule created both gainers and losers within the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing industry. The majority of facilities, almost 92 percent, are expected to experience profit increases with the final rule; however, there are some facilities projected to lose profits (about 8 percent of affected facilities). Furthermore, the economic impact analysis indicates that of the 123 existing asphalt roofing and processing facilities, none are at risk of closure because of the final rule. Therefore, none of the companies that own asphalt processing and roofing manufacturing facilities are projected to close due to the final rule.

Based on the market analysis, the annual social costs of the final rule are projected to be about $1.73 million. The estimated social costs differ slightly from the projected engineering costs of the final rule. These two costs differ because social costs account for producer and consumer behavior. These social costs are distributed across the many consumers and producers of asphalt processing and roofing products. For the final rule, the producers of asphalt roofing and processing products, in aggregate, are expected to incur about $1.32 million annually in costs, while the consumers of asphalt roofing and processing products are expected to incur approximately $410 thousand annually across the product markets.

The economic analysis also addressed potential changes in new asphalt processing and roofing facility construction for the year following promulgation of the final rule. This was done by estimating the total annualized costs for new facilities and projecting changes in equilibrium output due to the final rule. The economic impact analysis estimated a very small reduction in the growth of the asphalt industry represented by a small reduction in equilibrium output of asphalt products in the year following promulgation. However, the reduction in equilibrium output was only a small fraction of estimated new plant capacity. Thus, the control costs are not expected to influence the decision to enter the market for asphalt products. For more information, consult the Economic Impact Analysis report supporting the final rule in the docket.

D. What Are the Non-air Health, Environmental and Energy Impacts?

Spent filter media from certain types of PM control devices (*e.g.*, high-efficiency air filters (HEAF)) are periodically replaced and disposed of as solid waste. Although many of the emission sources subject to the final rule are already controlled by PM devices, an increase in the generation of spent filter media is expected as a result of the final rule. However, we do not have sufficient data to quantify this anticipated increase in solid waste generation.

No water impacts are anticipated due to the final rule. None of the control devices expected to be used to comply with the final rule require the use of water nor do they generate wastewater streams.

Increased energy usage is expected due to the final rule. Electricity is required to power fans for emission capture systems, and new thermal oxidizers will require supplemental fuel (*e.g.*, natural gas) to efficiently combust the HAP vent streams. The estimated annual increase in electricity consumption is 5.58 million kilowatt hours. The approximate increase in natural gas consumption is 186 million standard cubic feet per year. These estimates are for the 19 facilities considered to be major sources.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

A. Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the EPA must determine whether the regulatory action is ''significant,'' and therefore subject to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Executive Order defines ''significant regulatory action'' as one that is likely to result in a rule that may:

(1) Have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more, or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities;

(2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;

(3) materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or

(4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

Pursuant to the terms of Executive Order 12866, it has been determined that the final rule is not a ''significant regulatory action'' because it is not

expected to have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more, or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements of the final rule have been submitted for approval to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* An Information Collection Request (ICR) document has been prepared by the EPA (ICR No. 2029.01) and a copy may be obtained from Susan Auby by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division, (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001, by e-mail at *auby.susan@epa.gov* or by calling (202) 566–1672. A copy may also be downloaded off the internet at *http://www.epa.gov/icr*.

The information will be used by the EPA to ensure that the requirements of the asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing NESHAP are implemented properly and are complied with on a continuous basis. Records and reports are necessary to identify asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities that might not be in compliance with the final rule. Based on reported information, the implementing agency will decide which asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities should be inspected and what records or processes should be inspected. Records that owners and operators of asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities maintain indicate whether personnel are operating and maintaining control equipment properly.

These recordkeeping and reporting requirements are specifically authorized by section 114 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7414). All information submitted to the EPA for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the EPA policies in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, Confidentiality of Business Information.

We estimate the final rule will affect a total of 19 existing facilities (ten asphalt processing and asphalt roofing facilities and nine petroleum refineries). We estimated the number of major sources by estimating emissions using emission factors and available production data and extrapolating potential emission from actual emissions. We identified major facilities for the purposes of estimating emissions, emission reductions, control costs, and monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting costs only. Facilities would not necessarily be major sources for the purposes of determining applicability of the asphalt NESHAP because they were identified as major by our estimates. Likewise, facilities are not relieved from complying with the asphalt NESHAP because they were not identified as major sources in our estimates. We expect that existing facilities will be in compliance 3 years after promulgation of the final rule, but will perform related activities (*e.g.*, reading and understanding the rule, conducting performance tests) before they are in compliance. We project that one new asphalt processing and asphalt roofing facility will become subject to the final rule during each of the first 3 years.

The estimated average annual burden for industry for the first 3 years after implementation of the rule is approximately 1,962 person-hours annually. There will be no capital costs for monitoring or recordkeeping during the first 3 years. The total average annual reporting and recordkeeping burden (including industry and the EPA) for this collection is estimated at approximately 2,780 labor hours per year at an average annual cost of approximately $356,000.

Burden means total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA)

The RFA generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the Agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small business, small organizations, and small government jurisdictions.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of today's rule on small entities, a small entity is defined as: (1) A small business according to Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards by NAICS code (in this case, less than 750 employees for affected businesses classified in NAICS code 324122, Asphalt Shingles and Coating Materials Manufacturing and less than 1,500 employees for businesses in NAICS code 324110, Petroleum Refineries); (2) a small governmental jurisdiction that is a government of a city, county, town, school district or special district with a population of less than 50,000; and (3) a small organization that is any not-for-profit enterprise that is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field.

In accordance with the RFA, the EPA conducted an assessment of the standards on small businesses within the asphalt roofing and processing industry. Based on SBA NAICS-based size definitions and reported employment data, the EPA identified 26 of the 40 companies that own potentially affected asphalt roofing and processing facilities and petroleum refineries as small businesses. Although small businesses represent 65 percent of the companies within the source category, they are expected to incur approximately 5 percent of the total industry compliance costs of about $1.73 million annually. There are no companies with compliance costs greater than 0.04 percent of their sales. No firms are expected to close rather than incur the costs of compliance with the rule.

After considering the economic impacts of today's rule on small entities, the EPA certifies that the final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104–4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, or tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, the EPA generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for final rules with ''Federal mandates'' that may result in

expenditures to State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of $100 million or more in any 1 year. Before promulgating a rule for which a written statement is needed, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires the EPA to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. The provisions of section 205 do not apply when they are inconsistent with applicable law. Moreover, section 205 allows the EPA to adopt an alternative other than the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative if the Administrator publishes with the final rule an explanation why that alternative was not adopted. Before the EPA establishes any regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including tribal governments, it must have developed under section 203 of the UMRA a small government agency plan. The plan must provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, enabling officials of affected small governments to have meaningful and timely input in the development of the EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates, and informing, educating, and advising small governments on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

The EPA has determined that the final rule does not contain a Federal mandate that may result in expenditures of $100 million or more for State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or the private sector in any 1 year. In the Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) for the final rule, the EPA estimates that the total nationwide capital cost for the standards is $2.71 million. The total nationwide annual cost for the standards is $1.73 million. In addition, the EPA has determined that the final rule contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments because it contains no requirements that apply to such governments or impose obligations upon them. Therefore, the final rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 or 205 of the UMRA.

E. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

Executive Order 13132, entitled ''Federalism'' (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires the EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure ''meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications.'' ''Policies that have federalism implications'' is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have ''substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.''

The final rule does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132. None of the affected facilities under the final rule are owned or operated by State or local governments. Thus Executive Order 13132 does not apply to the final rule.

F. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

Executive Order 13175, entitled ''Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments'' (65 FR 67249, November 6, 2000), requires the EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure ''meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.'' ''Policies that have tribal implications'' is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have ''substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and the Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.''

The final rule does not have tribal implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes, as specified in Executive Order 13175. No affected facilities are owned or operated by Indian tribal governments. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to the final rule.

G. Executive Order 13045—Protection of Children From Environmental Health and Safety Risks

Executive Order 13045, ''Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks'' (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be ''economically significant'' as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that the EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the EPA must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children, and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the EPA.

The EPA interprets Executive Order 13045 as applying only to those regulatory actions that are based on health or safety risks, such that the analysis required under section 5–501 of the Executive Order has the potential to influence the regulation. The final rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is based on technology performance and not on health and safety risks.

H. Executive Order 13211, Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

Executive Order 13211, ''Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use'' (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001), provides that agencies shall prepare and submit to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, a Statement of Energy Effects for certain actions identified as ''significant energy actions.'' Section 4(b) of Executive Order 13211 defines ''significant energy actions'' as ''any action by an agency (normally published in the **Federal Register**) that promulgates or is expected to lead to the promulgation of a final rule or regulation, including notices of inquiry, advance notices of proposed rulemaking, and notices of proposed rulemaking: (1)(i) That is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866 or any successor order, and (ii) is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy; or (2) that is designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action.'' The final rule is not a ''significant regulatory action'' because it is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy.

We have estimated that the rule will result in an additional 5.58 million kilowatt hours of electricity usage and 186 million standard cubic feet of natural gas consumption. This represents an insignificant fraction of the over 3 trillion kilowatt hours and 21,000 trillion cubic feet of natural gas consumed in the United States (Energy

Information Administration, Department of Energy, *www.eia.gov*).

I. National Technology Transfer Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) of 1995, Public Law 104–113, section 12(d), (15 U.S.C. 272 note), directs the EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory and procurement activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (*e.g.*, materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by one or more voluntary consensus bodies. The NTTAA directs the EPA to provide Congress, through annual reports to OMB, with explanations when an agency does not use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

The final rulemaking involves technical standards including EPA test methods 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, 2G, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 9, 10, 22, and 25A. Consistent with the NTTAA, the EPA conducted searches to identify voluntary consensus standards in addition to these EPA test methods. No applicable voluntary consensus standards were identified for EPA test methods 1A, 2A, 2D, 2F, 2G, 5A, 9, and 22.

The search for emissions measurement procedures identified 16 voluntary consensus standards potentially applicable to the final rule. Three of the voluntary consensus standards were not available at the time this review was conducted. For the remaining 13 standards identified for measuring emissions of the HAP or surrogates subject to emission standards in the final rule, we determined that they were impractical alternatives to EPA test methods for the purposes of the final rule. Therefore, the EPA does not intend to adopt these standards. The search and review methods can be found in docket A–95–32 (see **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble).

J. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The EPA will submit a report containing the final rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a ''major rule'' as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The final rule will be effective on April 29, 2003.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Christie Todd Whitman,

Administrator.

■ For the reasons cited in the preamble, title 40, chapter I, part 63 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 63—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority : 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

■ 2. Part 63 is amended by adding a new subpart LLLLL to read as follows:

Subpart LLLLL—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing

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Subpart LLLLL—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing

What This Subpart Covers

§ 63.8680 What is the purpose of this subpart?

This subpart establishes national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for existing and new asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities. This subpart also establishes requirements to demonstrate initial and continuous compliance with the emission limitations.

§ 63.8681 Am I subject to this subpart?

(a) You are subject to this subpart if you own or operate an asphalt processing facility or an asphalt roofing manufacturing facility, as defined in § 63.8698, that is a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) emissions, or is located at, or is part of a major source of HAP emissions.

(b) After the applicable compliance date specified in § 63.8683, blowing stills, asphalt storage tanks, saturators, wet loopers, and coaters subject to the provisions of this subpart that are also

subject to 40 CFR part 60, subpart UU, are required to comply only with provisions of this subpart.

(c) This subpart does not apply to any equipment that is subject to subpart CC of this part or to subpart K, Ka, or Kb of 40 CFR part 60.

(d) This subpart does not apply to asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing equipment used for research and development, as defined in § 63.8698.

(e) A major source of HAP emissions is any stationary source or group of stationary sources within a contiguous area under common control that emits or has the potential to emit any single HAP at a rate of 9.07 megagrams (10 tons) or more per year or any combination of HAP at a rate of 22.68 megagrams (25 tons) or more per year.

§ 63.8682 What parts of my plant does this subpart cover?

(a) This subpart applies to each new, reconstructed, or existing affected source at asphalt processing and asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities.

(b) The affected source is:

(1) Each asphalt processing facility as defined in § 63.8698; or

(2) Each asphalt roofing manufacturing line as defined in § 63.8698.

(i) If the asphalt roofing manufacturing line is collocated with an asphalt processing facility, the storage tanks that store asphalt flux intended for oxidation in the blowing stills and those tanks that receive asphalt directly from the on-site blowing stills are part of the asphalt processing facility. The remaining asphalt storage tanks are considered to be part of the asphalt roofing facility.

(ii) If an asphalt storage tank is shared by two or more lines at an asphalt roofing manufacturing facility, the shared storage tank is considered part of the line to which the tank supplies the greatest amount of asphalt, on an annual basis.

(iii) If a sealant or adhesive applicator is shared by two or more asphalt roofing manufacturing lines, the shared applicator is considered part of the line that provides the greatest throughput to the applicator, on an annual basis.

(c) An affected source is a new affected source if you commenced construction of the affected source after November 21, 2001, and you met the applicability criteria at the time you commenced construction.

(d) An affected source is reconstructed if you meet the criteria in the reconstruction definition in § 63.2.

(e) An affected source is existing if it is not new or reconstructed.

§ 63.8683 When must I comply with this subpart?

(a) If you have a new or reconstructed affected source and start up:

(1) On or before April 29, 2003, then you must comply with the requirements for new and reconstructed sources in this subpart no later than April 29, 2003.

(2) After April 29, 2003, then you must comply with the requirements for new and reconstructed sources in this subpart upon startup.

(b) If you have an existing affected source, you must comply with the requirements for existing sources no later than May 1, 2006.

(c) If you have an area source that increases its emissions or its potential to emit such that it becomes a (or part of a) major source of HAP, then the following requirements apply:

(1) Any portion of the existing facility that becomes a new or reconstructed affected source must be in compliance with this subpart upon startup or by April 29, 2003, whichever is later.

(2) All other parts of the source to which this subpart applies must be in compliance with this subpart by 3 years after the date the source becomes a major source.

(d) You must meet the notification requirements in § 63.8692 according to the schedules in §§ 63.8692 and 63.9. Some of the notifications must be submitted before you are required to comply with the emission limitations in this subpart.

Emission Limitations

§ 63.8684 What emission limitations must I meet?

(a) You must meet each emission limitation in Table 1 to this subpart that applies to you.

(b) You must meet each operating limit in Table 2 to this subpart that applies to you.

General Compliance Requirements

§ 63.8685 What are my general requirements for complying with this subpart?

(a) You must be in compliance with the emission limitations (including operating limits) in this subpart at all times, except during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction.

(b) You must always operate and maintain your affected source, including air pollution control and monitoring equipment, according to the provisions in § 63.6(e)(1)(i).

(c) You must develop and implement a written startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan (SSMP) according to the provisions in § 63.6(e)(3).

(d) You must develop and implement a written site-specific monitoring plan according to the provisions in § 63.8688(g) and (h).

Testing and Initial Compliance Requirements

§ 63.8686 By what date must I conduct performance tests or other initial compliance demonstrations?

(a) For existing affected sources, you must conduct performance tests no later than 180 days after the compliance date that is specified for your source in § 63.8683 and according to the provisions in § 63.7(a)(2).

(b) As an alternative to the requirement specified in paragraph (a) of this section, you may use the results of a previously-conducted emission test to demonstrate compliance with the emission limitations in this subpart if you demonstrate to the Administrator's satisfaction that:

(1) No changes have been made to the process since the time of the emission test; and

(2) The operating conditions and test methods used during testing conform to the requirements of this subpart; and

(3) The control device and process parameter values established during the previously-conducted emission test are used to demonstrate continuous compliance with this subpart.

(c) For new sources, you must demonstrate initial compliance no later than 180 calendar days after April 29, 2003 or within 180 calendar days after startup of the source, whichever is later.

§ 63.8687 What performance tests, design evaluations, and other procedures must I use?

(a) You must conduct each performance test in Table 3 to this subpart that applies to you.

(b) Each performance test must be conducted under normal operating conditions and under the conditions specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

(c) You may not conduct performance tests during periods of startup, shutdown, or malfunction, as specified in § 63.7(e)(1).

(d) Except for opacity and visible emission observations, you must conduct three separate test runs for each performance test required in this section, as specified in § 63.7(e)(3). Each test run must last at least 1 hour.

(e) You must use the following equations to determine compliance with the emission limitations.

(1) To determine compliance with the particulate matter mass emission rate, you must use Equations 1 and 2 of this section as follows:

$$E = M_{PM}/P \qquad \text{(Eq. 1)}$$

Where:

E = Particulate matter emission rate, kilograms (pounds) of particulate matter per megagram (ton) of roofing product manufactured.

M_{PM} = Particulate matter mass emission rate, kilograms (pounds) per hour, determined using Equation 2.

P = The asphalt roofing product manufacturing rate during the emissions sampling period, including any material trimmed from the final product, megagram (tons) per hour.

$$M_{PM} = C * Q * K \qquad \text{(Eq. 2)}$$

Where:

M_{PM} = Particulate matter mass emission rate, kilograms (pounds) per hour.

C = Concentration of particulate matter on a dry basis, grams per dry standard cubic meter (g/dscm), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

Q = Vent gas stream flow rate (dry standard cubic meters per minute) at a temperature of 20°C as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

K = Unit conversion constant (0.06 minute-kilogram/hour-gram.

(2) To determine compliance with the total hydrocarbon percent reduction standard, you must use Equations 3 and 4 of this section as follows:

$$RE = \left[\left(M_{THCi} - M_{THCo}\right)/\left(M_{THCi}\right)\right] * (100) \qquad \text{(Eq. 3)}$$

Where:

RE = Emission reduction efficiency, percent.

M_{THCi} = Mass flow rate of total hydrocarbons entering the control device, kilograms (pounds) per hour, determined using Equation 4.

M_{THCo} = Mass flow rate of total hydrocarbons exiting the control device, kilograms (pounds) per hour, determined using Equation 4.

$$M_{THC} = C * Q * K \qquad \text{(Eq. 4)}$$

Where:

M_{THC} = Total hydrocarbon emission rate, kilograms (pounds) per hour.

C = Concentration of total hydrocarbons on a dry basis, parts per million by volume (ppmv), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

Q = Vent gas stream flow rate (dscmm) at a temperature of 20 °C as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

K = Unit conversion constant (3.00E–05) $(ppmv)^{-1}$ (gram-mole/standard cubic meter) (kilogram/gram) (minutes/hour)), where standard temperature for gram-mole/standard cubic meter is 20 °C.

(3) To determine compliance with the combustion efficiency standard, you must use Equation 5 of this section as follows:

$$CE = \left[1 - \left(CO/CO_2\right) - \left(THC/CO_2\right)\right] \qquad \text{(Eq. 5)}$$

Where:

CE = Combustion efficiency, percent.

CO = Carbon monoxide concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

CO_2 = Carbon dioxide concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

THC = Total hydrocarbon concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

(4) To determine compliance with the total hydrocarbon destruction efficiency standard for a combustion device that does not use auxiliary fuel, you must use Equation 6 of this section as follows:

$$THC\ DE = \left[\left(CO + CO_2\right)/\left(CO + CO_2 + THC\right)\right] \qquad \text{(Eq. 6)}$$

Where:

THC DE = THC destruction efficiency, percent.

CO = Carbon monoxide concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

CO_2 = Carbon dioxide concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

THC = Total hydrocarbon concentration at the combustion device outlet, parts per million by volume (dry), as measured by the test method specified in Table 3 to this subpart.

§ 63.8688 What are my monitoring installation, operation, and maintenance requirements?

(a) You must install, operate, and maintain each continuous parameter monitoring system (CPMS) according to the following:

(1) The CPMS must complete a minimum of one cycle of operation for each successive 15-minute period.

(2) To determine the 3-hour average, you must:

(i) Have a minimum of four successive cycles of operation to have a valid hour of data.

(ii) Have valid data from at least three of four equally spaced data values for that hour from a CPMS that is not out-of-control according to your site-specific monitoring plan.

(iii) Determine the 3-hour average of all recorded readings for each operating day, except as stated in § 63.8690(c). You must have at least two of the three hourly averages for that period using only hourly average values that are based on valid data (*i.e.,* not from out-of-control periods).

(3) You must record the results of each inspection, calibration, and validation check.

(b) For each temperature monitoring device, you must meet the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section and the following:

(1) Locate the temperature sensor in a position that provides a representative temperature.

(2) For a noncryogenic temperature range, use a temperature sensor with a

minimum measurement sensitivity of 2.8 °C or 1.0 percent of the temperature value, whichever is larger.

(3) If a chart recorder is used, it must have a sensitivity in the minor division of at least 20 °F.

(4) Perform an accuracy check at least semiannually or following an operating parameter deviation:

(i) According to the procedures in the manufacturer's documentation; or

(ii) By comparing the sensor output to redundant sensor output; or

(iii) By comparing the sensor output to the output from a calibrated temperature measurement device; or

(iv) By comparing the sensor output to the output from a temperature simulator.

(5) Conduct accuracy checks any time the sensor exceeds the manufacturer's specified maximum operating temperature range or install a new temperature sensor.

(6) At least quarterly or following an operating parameter deviation, perform visual inspections of components if redundant sensors are not used.

(c) For each pressure measurement device, you must meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and the following:

(1) Locate the pressure sensor(s) in, or as close as possible, to a position that provides a representative measurement of the pressure.

(2) Use a gauge with a minimum measurement sensitivity of 0.12 kiloPascals or a transducer with a minimum measurement sensitivity of 5 percent of the pressure range.

(3) Check pressure tap pluggage daily. Perform an accuracy check at least quarterly or following an operating parameter deviation:

(i) According to the procedures in the manufacturer's documentation; or

(ii) By comparing the sensor output to redundant sensor output.

(4) Conduct calibration checks any time the sensor exceeds the manufacturer's specified maximum operating pressure range or install a new pressure sensor.

(5) At least monthly or following an operating parameter deviation, perform a leak check of all components for integrity, all electrical connections for continuity, and all mechanical connections for leakage.

(6) At least quarterly or following an operating parameter deviation, perform visible inspections on all components if redundant sensors are not used.

(d) For monitoring parameters other than temperature and pressure drop, you must install and operate a CPMS to provide representative measurements of the monitored parameters.

(e) For each flare, you must install a device (including but not limited to a thermocouple, an ultraviolet beam sensor, or an infrared sensor) capable of continuously detecting the presence of a pilot flame.

(f) As an option to installing the CPMS specified in paragraph (a) of this section, you may install a continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) or a continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS) that meets the requirements specified in § 63.8 and the applicable performance specifications of 40 CFR part 60, appendix B.

(g) For each monitoring system required in this section, you must develop and make available for inspection by the permitting authority, upon request, a site-specific monitoring plan that addresses the following:

(1) Installation of the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS sampling probe or other interface at a measurement location relative to each affected process unit such that the measurement is representative of control of the exhaust emissions (*e.g.,* on or downstream of the last control device);

(2) Performance and equipment specifications for the sample interface, the pollutant concentration or parametric signal analyzer, and the data collection and reduction system; and

(3) Performance evaluation procedures and acceptance criteria (*e.g.,* calibrations).

(h) In your site-specific monitoring plan, you must also address the following:

(1) Ongoing operation and maintenance procedures in accordance with the general requirements of § 63.8(c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(4)(ii), (c)(7), and (c)(8);

(2) Ongoing data quality assurance procedures in accordance with the general requirements of § 63.8(d); and

(3) Ongoing recordkeeping and reporting procedures in accordance with the general requirements of § 63.10(c), (e)(1), and (e)(2)(i).

(i) You must conduct a performance evaluation of each CPMS, CEMS, or COMS in accordance with your site-specific monitoring plan.

(j) You must operate and maintain the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS in continuous operation according to the site-specific monitoring plan.

§ 63.8689 How do I demonstrate initial compliance with the emission limitations?

(a) You must demonstrate initial compliance with each emission limitation that applies to you according to Table 4 to this subpart.

(b) You must establish each site-specific operating limit in Table 2 to this subpart that applies to you according to the requirements in § 63.8687 and Table 3 to this subpart.

(c) You must submit the Notification of Compliance Status containing the results of the initial compliance demonstration according to the requirements in § 63.8692(e).

Continuous Compliance Requirements

§ 63.8690 How do I monitor and collect data to demonstrate continuous compliance?

(a) You must monitor and collect data according to this section.

(b) Except for monitor malfunctions, associated repairs, and required quality assurance or control activities (including, as applicable, calibration checks and required zero and span adjustments), you must monitor continuously (or collect data at all required intervals) at all times that the affected source is operating. This includes periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction when the affected source is operating.

(c) You may not use data recorded during monitoring malfunctions, associated repairs, and required quality assurance or control activities in data averages and calculations used to report emission or operating levels, nor may such data be used in fulfilling a minimum data availability requirement, if applicable. You must use all the data collected during all other periods in assessing the operation of the control device and associated control system.

§ 63.8691 How do I demonstrate continuous compliance with the operating limits?

(a) You must demonstrate continuous compliance with each operating limit in Table 2 to this subpart that applies to you according to test methods specified in Table 5 to this subpart.

(b) You must report each instance in which you did not meet each operating limit in Table 5 to this subpart that applies to you. This includes periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction. These instances are deviations from the emission limitations in this subpart. These deviations must be reported according to the requirements in § 63.8693.

(c) During periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, you must operate in accordance with the SSMP.

(d) Consistent with §§ 63.6(e) and 63.7(e)(1), deviations that occur during a period of startup, shutdown, or malfunction are not violations if you demonstrate to the Administrator's satisfaction that you were operating in accordance with the SSMP. The Administrator will determine whether

deviations that occur during a period of startup, shutdown, or malfunction are violations, according to the provisions in § 63.6(e).

Notifications, Reports, and Records

§ 63.8692 What notifications must I submit and when?

(a) You must submit all of the notifications in §§ 63.6(h)(4) and (5), 63.7(b) and (c), 63.8(f), and 63.9(b) through (f) and (h) that apply to you by the dates specified.

(b) As specified in § 63.9(b)(2), if you start up your affected source before April 29, 2003, you must submit an Initial Notification not later than 120 calendar days after April 29, 2003.

(c) As specified in § 63.9(b)(3), if you start up your new or reconstructed affected source on or after April 29, 2003, you must submit an Initial Notification not later than 120 calendar days after you become subject to this subpart.

(d) If you are required to conduct a performance test, you must submit a notification of intent to conduct a performance test at least 60 calendar days before the performance test is scheduled to begin, as required in § 63.7(b)(1).

(e) If you are required to conduct a performance test, design evaluation, opacity observation, visible emission observation, or other initial compliance demonstration as specified in Table 3 or 4 to this subpart, you must submit a Notification of Compliance Status according to § 63.9(h)(2)(ii). You must submit the Notification of Compliance Status, including the performance test results, before the close of business on the 60th calendar day following the completion of the performance test according to § 63.10(d)(2).

(f) If you are using data from a previously-conducted emission test to serve as documentation of conformance with the emission standards and operating limits of this subpart, you must submit the test data in lieu of the initial performance test results with the Notification of Compliance Status required under paragraph (e) of this section.

§ 63.8693 What reports must I submit and when?

(a) You must submit each report in Table 6 to this subpart that applies to you.

(b) Unless the Administrator has approved a different schedule for submission of reports under § 63.10(a), you must submit each report by the date in Table 6 to this subpart and according to the following dates:

(1) The first compliance report must cover the period beginning on the compliance date that is specified for your affected source in § 63.8683 and ending on June 30 or December 31, whichever date is the first date following the end of the first calendar half after the compliance date that is specified for your source in § 63.8683.

(2) The first compliance report must be postmarked or delivered no later than July 31 or January 31, whichever date follows the end of the first calendar half after the compliance date that is specified for your affected source in § 63.8683.

(3) Each subsequent compliance report must cover the semiannual reporting period from January 1 through June 30 or the semiannual reporting period from July 1 through December 31.

(4) Each subsequent compliance report must be postmarked or delivered no later than July 31 or January 31, whichever date is the first date following the end of the semiannual reporting period.

(5) For each affected source that is subject to permitting regulations pursuant to 40 CFR part 70 or 40 CFR part 71, and if the permitting authority has established dates for submitting semiannual reports pursuant to 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(iii)(A) or 40 CFR 71.6(a)(3)(iii)(A), you may submit the first and subsequent compliance reports according to the dates the permitting authority has established instead of the dates in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

(c) The compliance report must contain the following information:

(1) Company name and address.

(2) Statement by a responsible official with that official's name, title, and signature, certifying the truth, accuracy, and completeness of the content of the report.

(3) Date of report and beginning and ending dates of the reporting period.

(4) If you had a startup, shutdown or malfunction during the reporting period and you took actions consistent with your SSMP, the compliance report must include the information in § 63.10(d)(5)(i).

(5) If there are no deviations from any emission limitations (emission limit, operating limit, opacity limit, and visible emission limit) that apply to you, a statement that there were no deviations from the emission limitations during the reporting period.

(6) If there were no periods during which the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control as specified in § 63.8(c)(7), a statement that there were no periods during which the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control during the reporting period.

(d) For each deviation from an emission limitation (emission limit, operating limit, opacity limit, and visible emission limit), you must include the information in paragraphs (c)(1) through (6) of this section, and the information in paragraphs (d)(1) through (12) of this section. This includes periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction.

(1) The date and time that each malfunction started and stopped.

(2) The date and time that each CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was inoperative, except for zero (low-level) and high-level checks.

(3) The date, time and duration that each CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control, including the information in § 63.8(c)(8).

(4) The date and time that each deviation started and stopped, and whether each deviation occurred during a period of startup, shutdown, or malfunction or during another period.

(5) A summary of the total duration of the deviation during the reporting period and the total duration as a percent of the total source operating time during that reporting period.

(6) A breakdown of the total duration of the deviations during the reporting period into those that are due to startup, shutdown, control equipment problems, process problems, other known causes, and other unknown causes.

(7) A summary of the total duration of CPMS, CEMS, or COMS downtime during the reporting period and the total duration of CPMS, CEMS, or COMS downtime as a percent of the total source operating time during that reporting period.

(8) An identification of each air pollutant that was monitored at the affected source.

(9) A brief description of the process units.

(10) A brief description of the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS.

(11) The date of the latest CPMS, CEMS, or COMS certification or audit.

(12) A description of any changes in CPMS, CEMS, or COMS, processes, or controls since the last reporting period.

(e) Each affected source that has obtained a title V operating permit pursuant to 40 CFR part 70 or 40 CFR part 71 must report all deviations as defined in this subpart in the semiannual monitoring report required by 40 CFR 70.6(a)(3)(iii)(A) or 40 CFR 71.6(a)(3)(iii)(A). If an affected source submits a compliance report pursuant to Table 6 to this subpart along with, or as part of, the semiannual monitoring report required by 40 CFR

70.6(a)(3)(iii)(A) or 40 CFR 71.6(a)(3)(iii)(A), and the compliance report includes all required information concerning deviations from any emission limitation (including any operating limit), submission of the compliance report shall be deemed to satisfy any obligation to report the same deviations in the semiannual monitoring report. However, submission of a compliance report shall not otherwise affect any obligation the affected source may have to report deviations from permit requirements to the permit authority.

(f) If acceptable to both the Administrator and you, you may submit reports and notifications electronically.

§ 63.8694 What records must I keep?

(a) You must keep the following records:

(1) A copy of each notification and report that you submitted to comply with this subpart, including all documentation supporting any Initial Notification or Notification of Compliance Status that you submitted, according to the requirements in § 63.10(b)(2)(xiv).

(2) The records in § 63.6(e)(3)(iii) through (v) related to startup, shutdown, and malfunction.

(3) Records of performance tests, performance evaluations, and opacity and visible emission observations as required in § 63.10(b)(2)(viii).

(b) You must keep the records in § 63.6(h)(6) for visible emission observations.

(c) You must keep the records required in Table 5 to this subpart to show continuous compliance with each operating limit that applies to you.

(d) Records of any shared equipment determinations as specified in § 63.8682(b).

§ 63.8695 In what form and how long must I keep my records?

(a) Your records must be in a form suitable and readily available for expeditious review, according to § 63.10(b)(1).

(b) As specified in § 63.10(b)(1), you must keep each record for 5 years following the date of each occurrence, measurement, maintenance, corrective action, report, or record.

(c) You must keep each record on site for at least 2 years after the date of each occurrence, measurement, maintenance, corrective action, report, or record, according to § 63.10(b)(1). You can keep the records offsite for the remaining 3 years.

Other Requirements and Information

§ 63.8696 What parts of the General Provisions apply to me?

Table 7 to this subpart shows which parts of the General Provisions in §§ 63.1 through 63.15 apply to you.

§ 63.8697 Who implements and enforces this subpart?

(a) This subpart can be implemented and enforced by us, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), or a delegated authority such as your State, local, or tribal agency. If the U.S. EPA Administrator has delegated authority to your State, local, or tribal agency, then that agency, in addition to the U.S. EPA, has the authority to implement and enforce this subpart. You should contact your U.S. EPA Regional Office to find out if implementation and enforcement of this subpart is delegated.

(b) In delegating implementation and enforcement authority of this subpart to a State, local, or tribal agency under 40 CFR part 63, subpart E, the following authorities are retained by the Administrator of U.S. EPA:

(1) Approval of alternatives to the requirements in §§ 63.8681, 63.8682, 63.8683, 63.8684(a) through (c), 63.8686, 63.8687, 63.8688, 63.8689, 63.8690, and 63.8691.

(2) Approval of major changes to test methods under § 63.7(e)(2)(ii) and (f) and as defined in § 63.90.

(3) Approval of major changes to monitoring under § 63.8(f) and as defined in § 63.90.

(4) Approval of major changes to recordkeeping and reporting under § 63.10(f) and as defined in § 63.90.

§ 63.8698 What definitions apply to this subpart?

Terms used in this subpart are defined in the Clean Air Act, in 40 CFR 63.2, the General Provisions of this part, and in this section as follows:

Adhesive applicator means the equipment used to apply adhesive to roofing shingles for producing laminated or dimensional roofing shingles.

Asphalt flux means the organic residual material from distillation of crude oil that is generally used in asphalt roofing manufacturing and paving and non-paving asphalt products.

Asphalt loading rack means the equipment at an asphalt processing facility used to transfer oxidized asphalt from a storage tank into a tank truck, rail car, or barge.

Asphalt processing facility means any facility engaged in the preparation of asphalt flux at stand-alone asphalt processing facilities, petroleum refineries, and asphalt roofing facilities. Asphalt preparation, called ''blowing,'' is the oxidation of asphalt flux, achieved by bubbling air through the heated asphalt, to raise the softening point and to reduce penetration of the oxidized asphalt. An asphalt processing facility includes one or more asphalt flux blowing stills, asphalt flux storage tanks storing asphalt flux intended for processing in the blowing stills, oxidized asphalt storage tanks, and oxidized asphalt loading racks.

Asphalt roofing manufacturing facility means a facility consisting of one or more asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.

Asphalt roofing manufacturing line means the collection of equipment used to manufacture asphalt roofing products through a series of sequential process steps. The equipment that comprises an asphalt roofing manufacturing line varies depending on the type of substrate used (*i.e.*, organic or inorganic) and the final product manufactured (*e.g.*, roll roofing, laminated shingles). For example, an asphalt roofing manufacturing line that uses fiberglass mat as a substrate typically would not include a saturator/wet looper (or the saturator/wet looper could be bypassed if the line manufacturers multiple types of products). An asphalt roofing manufacturing line can include a saturator (including wet looper), coater, coating mixers, sealant applicators, adhesive applicators, and asphalt storage and process tanks. The number of asphalt roofing manufacturing lines at a particular facility is determined by the number of saturators (or coaters) operated in parallel. For example, an asphalt roofing manufacturing facility with two saturators (or coaters) operating in parallel would be considered to have two separate roofing manufacturing lines.

Asphalt storage tank means any tank used to store asphalt flux, oxidized asphalt, and modified asphalt, at asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities, petroleum refineries, and asphalt processing facilities. Storage tanks containing cutback asphalts (asphalts diluted with solvents to reduce viscosity for low temperature applications) and emulsified asphalts (asphalts dispersed in water with an emulsifying agent) are not subject to this subpart.

Blowing still means the equipment in which air is blown through asphalt flux to change the softening point and penetration rate of the asphalt flux, creating oxidized asphalt.

Boiler means any enclosed combustion device that extracts useful

energy in the form of steam and is not an incinerator.

Coater means the equipment used to apply amended (filled or modified) asphalt to the top and bottom of the substrate (typically fiberglass mat) used to manufacture shingles and rolled roofing products.

Coating mixer means the equipment used to mix coating asphalt and a mineral stabilizer, prior to applying the stabilized coating asphalt to the substrate.

Combustion device means an individual unit of equipment such as a flare, incinerator, process heater, or boiler used for the combustion of organic hazardous air pollutant vapors.

Deviation means any instance in which an affected source subject to this subpart, or an owner or operator of such a source:

(1) Fails to meet any requirement or obligation established by this subpart including, but not limited to, any emission limitation (including any operating limit), or work practice standard;

(2) Fails to meet any term or condition that is adopted to implement an applicable requirement in this subpart, and that is included in the operating permit for any affected source required to obtain such a permit; or

(3) Fails to meet any emission limitation (including any operating limit) or work practice standard in this subpart during startup, shutdown, or malfunction, regardless of whether or not such failure is permitted by this subpart.

Emission limitation means any emission limit, opacity limit, operating limit, or visible emission limit.

Group 1 asphalt loading rack means an asphalt loading rack loading asphalt with a maximum temperature of 260 °C (500 °F) or greater or with a maximum true vapor pressure of 10.4 kiloPascals (kPa) (1.5 pounds per square inch absolute (psia)) or greater.

Group 2 asphalt loading rack means an asphalt loading rack loading asphalt with a maximum temperature less than 260 °C (500 °F) or with a maximum true vapor pressure less than 10.4 kPa, 1.5 psia.

Group 1 asphalt storage tank means an asphalt storage tank that meets both of the following two criteria:

(1) Has a capacity of 177 cubic meters (47,000 gallons) of asphalt or greater; and

(2) Stores asphalt at a maximum temperature of 260 °C (500 °F) or greater, or has a maximum true vapor pressure of 10.4 kPa, (1.5, psia) or greater.

Group 2 asphalt storage tank means any asphalt storage tank with a capacity of 1.93 megagrams (Mg) of asphalt or greater that is not a Group 1 asphalt storage tank.

Incinerator means an enclosed combustion device that is used for destroying organic compounds. Auxiliary fuel may be used to heat waste gas to combustion temperatures. Any energy recovery section present is not physically formed into one manufactured or assembled unit with the combustion section; rather, the energy recovery section is a separate section following the combustion section and the two are joined by ducts or connections carrying flue gas.

Maximum true vapor pressure means the equilibrium partial pressure exerted by the stored asphalt at its maximum storage temperature.

Modified asphalt means asphalt that has been mixed with polymer modifiers.

Oxidized asphalt means asphalt that has been prepared by passing air through liquid asphalt flux in a blowing still.

Process heater means an enclosed combustion device that primarily transfers heat liberated by burning fuel directly to process streams or to heat transfer liquids other than water.

Research and development equipment means any equipment whose primary purpose is to conduct research and development to develop new processes and products, where such equipment is operated under the close supervision of technically trained personnel and is not engaged in the manufacture of products for commercial sale in commerce, except in a *de minimis* manner.

Responsible official means responsible official as defined in 40 CFR 70.2.

Saturator means the equipment in which substrate (predominantly organic felt) is filled with asphalt. Saturators are predominantly used for the manufacture of saturated felt products. The term saturator includes the saturator and wet looper.

Sealant applicator means the equipment used to apply a sealant strip to a roofing product. The sealant strip is used to seal overlapping pieces of roofing product after they have been applied.

Work practice standard means any design, equipment, work practice, or operational standard, or combination thereof, that is promulgated pursuant to section 112(h) of the Clean Air Act.

Tables to Subpart LLLLL of Part 63

TABLE 1 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—EMISSION LIMITATIONS

For—	You must meet the following emission limitation—
1. Each blowing still, Group 1 asphalt loading rack, and Group 1 asphalt storage tank at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt processing facilities; and each Group 1 asphalt storage tank at existing, new, and reconstructed roofing manufacturing lines; and each coating mixer, saturator (including wet looper), coater, sealant applicator, adhesive applicator, and Group 1 asphalt storage tank at new and reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.	a. Reduce total hydrocarbon mass emissions by 95 still, or to a concentration of 20 ppmv, on a dry basis corrected to 3 percent oxygen; b. Route the emissions to a combustion device achieving a combustion efficiency of 99.5 percent; c. Route the emissions to a combustion device that does use auxiliary fuel achieving a total hydrocarbon (THC) destruction efficiency of 95.8 percent; d. Route the emissions to a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity of 44 megawatts (MW) or greater; e. Introduce the emissions into the flame zone of a boiler or process heater; or f. Route emissions to a flare meeting the requirements of § 63.11(b).
2. The total emissions from the coating mixer, saturator (including wet looper), coater, sealant applicator, and adhesive applicator at each existing asphalt roofing manufacturing line.[a]	a. Limit particulate matter emissions to 0.04 kilograms emissions per megagram (kg/Mg) (0.08 pounds per ton, lb/ton) of asphalt shingle or mineral-surfaced roll roofing produced; or b. Limit particulate matter emissions to 0.4 kg/Mg (0.8 lb/ton) of saturated felt or smooth-surfaced roll roofing produced.

TABLE 1 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—EMISSION LIMITATIONS—Continued

For—	You must meet the following emission limitation—
3. Each saturator (including wet looper) and coater at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.[a]	a. Limit exhaust gases to 20 percent opacity; and b. Limit visible emissions from the emission capture system to 20 percent of any period of consecutive valid observations totaling 60 minutes.
4. Each Group 2 asphalt storage tank at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt processing facility and asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.[a]	Limit exhaust gases to 0 percent opacity.[b]

[a] As an alternative to meeting the particulate matter and opacity limits, these emission sources may comply with the THC percent reduction or combustion efficiency standards.

[b] The opacity limit can be exceeded for on consecutive 15-minute period in any 24-hour period when the storage tank transfer lines are being cleared. During this 15-minute period, the control device must not be bypassed. If the emissions from the asphalt storage tank are ducted to the saturator control device, the combined emissions from the saturator and storage tank must meet the 20 percent opacity limit (specified in 4.a of table 1) during this 15-minute period. At any other time, the opacity limit applies to Group 2 asphalt storage tanks.

TABLE 2 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—OPERATING LIMITS

For—	You must[a]
1. Non-flare combustion devices with a design heat input capacity less than 44 MW or where the emissions are not introduced into the flame zone.	Maintain the 3-hour average[b] combustion zone temperature at or above the operating limit established during the performance test.
2. Flares	Meet the operating requirements specified in § 63.11(b).
3. Control devices used to comply with the particulate matter standards.	a. Maintain the 3-hour average[b] inlet gas temperature at or below the operating limit established during the performance test; and b. Maintain the 3-hour average[b] pressure drop across the device[c] at or below the operating limit established during the performance test.
4. Control devices other than combustion devices or devices used to comply with the particulate matter emission standards.	Maintain the approved monitoring parameters within the operating limits established during the performance test.

[a] The operating limits specified in Table 2 are applicable if you are monitoring control device operating parameters to demonstrate continuous compliance. If you are using a CEMS or COMS, you must maintain emissions below the value established during the initial performance test.

[b] A 15-minute averaging period can be used as an alternative to the 3-hour averaging period for this parameter.

[c] As an alternative to monitoring the pressure drop across the control device, owners or operators using an ESP to achieve compliance with the emission limits specified in Table 1 of this subpart can monitor the voltage to the ESP. If this option is selected, the ESP voltage must be maintained at or above the operating limit established during the performance test.

TABLE 3 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE TESTS[a] [b]

For—	You must—	Using—	According to the following requirements—
1. All particulate matter, total hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide emission tests.	a. Select sampling port's location and the number of traverse points.	i. EPA test method 1 or 1A in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	A. For demonstrating compliance with the total hydrocarbon percent reduction standard, the sampling sites must be located at the inlet and outlet of the control device and prior to any releases to the atmosphere. B. For demonstrating compliance with the particulate matter mass emission rate, THC destruction efficiency, THC outlet concentration, or combustion efficiency standards, the sampling sites must be located at the outlet of the control device and prior to any releases to the atmosphere.
2. All particulate matter and total hydrocarbon tests.	Determine velocity and volumetric flow rate.	EPA test method 2, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, or 2G, as appropriate, in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	
3. All particulate matter and total hydrocarbon tests.	Determine the gas molecular weight used for flow rate determination.	EPA test method 3, 3A, 3B, as appropriate, in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	
4. All particulate matter, total hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide emission tests.	Measure moisture content of the stack gas.	EPA test 4 in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	
5. All particulate matter emission tests.	Measure the asphalt processing rate or the asphalt roofing manufacturing rate and the asphalt content of the product manufactured, as appropriate.		

TABLE 3 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE TESTS [a] [b]—Continued

For—	You must—	Using—	According to the following requirements—
6. Each control device used to comply with the particulate matter emission standards.	Measure the concentration of particulate matter.	EPA test method 5A in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	For demonstrating compliance with the particulate matter standard, the performance tests must be conducted under normal operating conditions and while manufacturing the roofing product that is expected to result in the greatest amount of hazardous air pollutant emissions.
7. All opacity tests	Conduct opacity observations ..	EPA test method 9 in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	Conduct opacity observations for at least 3 hours and obtain 30, 6-minute averages.
8. All visible emission tests	Conduct visible emission observations.	EPA test method 22 in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	Modify EPA test method 22 such that readings are recorded every 15 seconds for a period of consecutive observations totaling 60 minutes.
9. Each combustion device used to comply with the combustion efficiency or THC standards.	a. Measure the concentration of carbon dioxide. b. Measure the concentration of carbon monoxide. c. Measure the concentration of total hydrocarbons.	EPA test method 3A in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter. EPA test method 10 in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter. EPA test method 25A in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	
10. Each control device used to comply with the THC reduction efficiency or outlet concentration standards.	Measure the concentration of total hydrocarbons.	EPA test method 25A in appendix A to part 60 of this chapter.	
11. Each combustion device	Establish a site-specific combustion zone temperature limit.	Data from the CPMS and the applicable performance test method(s).	You must collect combustion zone temperature data every 15 minutes during the entire period of the initial 3-hour performance test, and determine the average combustion zone temperature over the 3-hour performance test by computing the average of all of the 15-minute readings.
12. Each control device used to comply with the particulate matter emission standards.	Establish a site-specific inlet gas temperature limit; and establish a site-specific limit for the pressure drop across the device.	Data from the CPMS and the applicable performance test method(s).	You must collect the inlet gas temperature and pressure drop [b] data every 15 minutes during the entire period of the initial 3-hour performance test, and determine the average inlet gas temperature and pressure drop [c] over the 3-hour performance test by computing the average of all of the 15-minute readings.
13. Each control device other than a combustion device or device used to comply with the particulate matter emission standards.	Establish site-specific monitoring parameters.	Process data and data from the CPMS and the applicable performance test method(s).	You must collect monitoring parameter data every 15 minutes during the entire period of the initial 3-hour performance test, and determine the average monitoring parameter values over the 3-hour performance test by computing the average of all of the 15-minute readings.
14. Each flare used to comply with the THC percent reduction or PM emission limits.	Assure that the flare is operated and maintained in conformance with its design.	The requirements of § 63.11(b).	

[a] As specified in § 63.8687(e), you may request that data from a previously-conducted emission test serve as documentation of conformance with the emission standards and operating limits of this subpart.

[b] Performance tests are not required if: (1) The emissions are routed to a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity of 44 MW or greater; or (2) the emissions are introduced into the flame zone of a boiler or process heater.

[c] As an alternative to monitoring the pressure drop across the control device, owners or operators using an ESP to achieve compliance with the emission limits specified in Table 1 of this subpart can monitor the voltage to the ESP.

TABLE 4 TO SUBPART LLLLL TO PART 63.—INITIAL COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION LIMITATIONS

For—	For the following emission limitation—	You have demonstrated initial compliance if—
1. Each blowing still, Group 1 asphalt loading rack, and Group 1 asphalt storage tank, at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt processing facilities;.	a. Reduce total hydrocarbon mass emissions by 95 percent or to a concentration of 20 ppmv, on a dry basis corrected to 3 percent oxygen.	i. The total hydrocarbon emissions, determined using the equations in § 63.8687 and the test methods and procedures in Table 3 to this subpart, over the period of the performance test are reduced by at least 95 percent by weight or to a concentration of 20 ppmv, on a dry basis corrected to 3 percent oxygen; and ii. You have a record of the average control device operating parameters [a] over the performance test during which emissions were reduced according to 1.a.i. of this table.
	b. Route the emissions to a combustion device achieving a combustion efficiency of 99.5 percent.	i. The combustion efficiency of the combustion device, determined using the equations in § 63.8687 and the test methods and procedures in Table 3 to this subpart, over the period of the performance test is at least 99.5 percent; and ii. You have a record of the average combustion zone temperature [a] and carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and total hydrocarbon outlet concentrations over the performance test during which the combustion efficiency was at least 99.5 percent.
	c. Route the emissions to a combustion device that does not use auxiliary fuel achieving a THC destruction efficiency of 95.8 percent.	i. The THC destruction efficiency of the combustion device, determined using the equations in § 63.8687 and the test methods and procedures in Table 3 to this subpart, over the period of the performance test is at least 95.8 percent; and ii. You have a record of the average combustion zone temperature [a] and carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and total hydrocarbon outlet concentrations over the performance test during which the THC destruction efficiency was at least 95.8 percent.
	d. Route emissions to a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity of 44 MW or greater.	You have a record of the boiler or process heater design heat capacity.
	e. Introduce the emissions into the flame zone of a boiler or process heater.	You have a record that shows the emissions are being introduced into the boiler or process heater flame zone.
	f. Route emissions to a flare meeting the requirements of § 63.11(b).	You have a record of the flare design and operating requirements.
2. Each coating mixer, saturator (including wet looper), coater, sealant applicator, adhesive applicator, and Group 1 asphalt storage tank at new and reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.	a. Reduce total hydrocarbon mass emissions by 95 percent or to a concentration of 20 ppmv, on a dry basis corrected to 3 percent oxygen.	See 1.a.i. and ii. of this table.
	b. Route the emissions to a combustion device achieving a combustion efficiency of 99.5 percent.	See 1.b.i. and ii. of this table.
	c. Route the emissions to a combustion device that does not use auxiliary fuel achieving a THC destruction efficiency of 95.8 percent.	See 1.c.i. and ii. of this table.
	d. Route emissions to a boiler or process heater with a design heat input capacity of 44 MW or greater.	See 1.d. of this table.
	e. Introduce the emissions into the flame zone of a boiler or process heater.	See 1.e. of this table.
	f. Route emissions to a flare meeting the requirements of § 63.11(b).	See 1.f. of this table.
3. The total emissions from the coating mixer, saturator (including wet looper), coater, sealant applicator, and adhesive applicator at each existing asphalt roofing manufacturing line.	a. Limit PM emissions to 0.04 kg/Mg (0.08 lb/ton) of asphalt shingle or mineral-surfaced roll roofing produced.	i. The PM emissions, determined using the equations in § 63.8687 and the test methods and procedures in Table 3 to this subpart, over the period of the performance test are no greater than the applicable emission limitation; and ii. You have a record of the average control device [a] or process parameters over the performance test during which the particulate matter emissions were no greater than the applicable emission limitation.

TABLE 4 TO SUBPART LLLLL TO PART 63.—INITIAL COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION LIMITATIONS—Continued

For—	For the following emission limitation—	You have demonstrated initial compliance if—
	b. Limit PM emissions to 0.4 kg/Mg (0.8 lb/ton) of saturated felt or smooth-surfaced roll roofing produced.	See 3.a.i. and ii. of this table.
4. Each saturator (including wet looper) and coater at an existing, new, or reconstructed asphalt roofing manufacturing line.	a. Limit visible emissions from the emissions capture system to 20 percent of any period of consecutive valid observations totaling 60 minutes.	The visible emissions, measured using EPA test method 22, for any period of consecutive valid observations totaling 60 minutes during the initial compliance period described in § 63.8686(b) do not exceed 20 percent.
	b. Limit opacity emissions to 20 percent.	The opacity, measured using EPA test method 9, for each of the first 30 6-minute averages during the initial compliance period described in § 63.8686(b) does not exceed 20 percent.
5. Each Group 2 asphalt storage tank at existing, new, and reconstructed asphalt processing facilities and asphalt roofing manufacturing lines.	Limit exhaust gases to 0 percent opacity.	The opacity, measured using EPA test method 9, for each of the first 30 6-minute averages during the initial compliance period described in § 63.8686(b) does not exceed 0 percent.

[a] If you use a CEMS or COMS to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits, you are not required to record control device operating parameters.

TABLE 5 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—CONTINUOUS COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATING LIMITS [a]

For—	For the following operating limit—	You must demonstrate continuous compliance by—
1. Each non-flare combustion device.[a]	a. Maintain the 3-hour [c] average combustion zone temperature at or above the operating limit establishing during the performance test.	i. Passing the emissions through the control device; and ii. Collecting the combustion zone temperature data according to § 63.8688(b); and iii. Reducing combustion zone temperature data to 3-hour [c] averages according to calculations in Table 3 to this subpart; and iv. Maintaining the 3-hour [c] average combustion zone temperature within the level established during the performance test.
2. Each flare	Meet the operating requirements specified in § 63.11(b)..	The flare pilot light must be present at all times and the flare must be operating at all times that emissions may be vented to it.
3. Control devices used to comply with the particulate matter emission standards.	a. Maintain the 3-hour [c] average inlet gas temperature and pressure drop across device [d] at or below the operating limits established during the performance test.	i. Passing the emissions through the control device; and ii. Collecting the inlet gas temperature and pressure drop [d] data according to § 63.8688 (b) and (c); and iii. Reducing inlet gas temperature and pressure drop [d] data to 3-hour [c] averages according to calculations in Table 3 to this subpart; and iv. Maintaining the 3-hour [c] average inlet gas temperature and pressure drop [d] within the level established during the performance test.
4. Control devices other than combustion devices or devices used to comply with the particulate matter emission.	a. Maintain the monitoring parameters within the operating limits established during the performance test.	i. Passing the emissions through the devices; ii. Collecting the monitoring parameter data according to § 63.8688(d); and iii. Reducing the monitoring parameter data to 3-hour [c] averages according to calculations in Table 3 to this subpart; and iv. Maintaining the monitoring parameters within the level established during the performance test.

[a] The operating limits specified in Table 2 and the requirements specified in Table 5 are applicable if you are monitoring control device operating parameters to demonstrate continuous compliance. If you use a CEMS or COMS to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits, you are not required to record control device operating parameters. However, you must maintain emissions below the value established during the initial performance test. Data from the CEMS and COMS must be reduced as specified in § 63.9(g).

[b] Continuous parameter monitoring is not required if (1) the emissions are routed to a boiler or process heater with a with a design heat input capacity of 44 MW or greater; or (2) the emissions are introduced into the flame zone of a boiler or process heater.

[c] A 15-minute averaging period can be used as an alternative to the 3-hour averaging period for this parameter.

[d] As an alternative to monitoring the pressure drop across the control device, owners or operators using an ESP to achieve compliance with the emission limits specified in Table 1 of this subpart can monitor the voltage to the ESP. If this option is selected, the ESP voltage must be maintained at or above the operating limit established during the performance test.

TABLE 6 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63—REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTS

You must submit—	The report must contain—	You must submit the report—
1. An initial notification	The information in § 63.9(b)	According to the requirements in § 63.9(b).
2. A notification of performance test	A written notification of the intent to conduct a performance test.	At least 60 calendar days before the performance test is scheduled to begin, as required in § 63.9(e).
3. A notification of opacity and visible emission observations.	A written notification of the intent to conduct opacity and visible emission observations.	According to the requirements in § 63.9(f).

TABLE 6 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63—REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTS—Continued

You must submit—	The report must contain—	You must submit the report—
4. Notification of compliance status	The information in § 63.9(h)(2) through (5), as applicable	According to the requirements in § 63.9(h)(2) through (5), as applicable.
5. A compliance report	a. A statement that there were no deviations from the emission limitations during the reporting period, if there are no deviations from any emmission limitations (emission limit, operating limit, opacity limit, and visible emission limit) that apply to you.	Semiannually according to the requirements in § 63.8693(b).
	b. If there were no periods during which the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control as specified in § 63.8(c)(7), a statement that there were no periods during which the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control during the reporting period.	Semiannually according to the requirements in § 63.8693(b).
	c. If you have a deviation from any emission limitation (emission limit, operating limit, opacity limit, and visible emission limit), the report must contain the information in § 63.8693(c). If there were periods during which the CPMS, CEMS, or COMS was out-of-control, as specified in § 63.8(c)(7), the report must contain the information in § 63.8693(d).	Semiannually according to the requirements in § 63.8693(b).
	d. If you had a startup, shutdown or malfunction during the reporting period and you took actions consistent with your startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan, the compliance report must include the information in § 63.10(d)(5)(i).	Semiannually according to the requirements in § 63.8693(b).
6. An immediate startup, shutdown, and malfunction report if you have a startup, shutdown, or malfunction during the reporting period and actions taken were not consistent with your startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan.	The information in § 63.10(d)(5)(ii)	By fax or telephone within 2 working days after starting actions inconsistent with the plan followed by a letter within 7 working days after the end of the event unless you have made alternative arrangements with the permitting authority.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.1	Applicability	Initial Applicability Determination; Applicability After Standard Established; Permit Requirements; Extensions, Notifications.	Yes.
§ 63.2	Definitions	Definitions for part 63 standards	Yes.
§ 63.3	Units and Abbreviations	Units and abbreviations for part 63 standards	Yes.
§ 63.4	Prohibited Activities	Prohibited Activities; Compliance date; Circumvention, Severability.	Yes.
§ 63.5	Construction/Reconstruction	Applicability; applications; approvals	Yes.
§ 63.6(a)	Applicability	GP apply unless compliance extension GP apply to area sources that become major.	Yes.
§ 63.6(b)(1)–(4)	Compliance Dates for New and Reconstructed sources.	Standards apply at effective date; 3 years after effective date; upon startup; 10 years after construction or reconstruction commences for section 112(f).	Yes.
§ 63.6(b)(5)	Notification	Must notify if commenced construction or reconstruction after proposal.	Yes.
§ 63.6(b)(6)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(b)(7)	Compliance Dates for New and Reconstructed Area Sources That Become Major.	Area sources that become major must comply with major source standards immediately upon becoming major, regardless of whether required to comply when they were an area source.	Yes.
§ 63.6(c)(1)–(2)	Compliance Dates for Existing Sources	1. Comply according to date in subpart, which must be no later than 3 years after effective date. 2. For section 112(f) standards, comply within 90 days of effective date unless compliance extension has been granted.	Yes.
§ 63.6(c)(3)–(4)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(c)(5)	Compliance Dates for Existing Area Sources That Become Major.	Area sources that become major must comply with major source standards by date indicated in subpart or by equivalent time period (for example, 3 years).	Yes.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL—Continued

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.6(d)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(e)(1)	Operation & Maintenance	1. Operate to minimize emissions at all times 2. Correct malfunctions as soon as practicable 3. Operation and maintenance requirements independently enforceable; information Administrator will use to determine if operation and maintenance requirements were met.	Yes.
§ 63.6(e)(2)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(e)(3)	Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction (SSM) Plan (SSMP).	1. Requirement for SSM and startup, shutdown, malfunction plan. 2. Content of SSMP	Yes.
§ 63.6(f)(1)	Compliance Except During SSM	You must comply with emission standards at all times except during SSM.	Yes.
§ 63.6(f)(2)–(3)	Methods for Determining Compliance	Compliance based on performance test, operation and maintenance plans, records, inspection.	Yes.
§ 63.6(g)(1)–(3)	Alternative Nonopacity Standard	Procedures for getting an alternative nonopacity standard.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)	Opacity/Visible Emission (VE) Standards	Requirements for opacity and VE limits	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(1)	Compliance with Opacity/VE Standards	You must comply with opacity/VE emission limitations at all times except during SSM.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(2)(i)	Determining Compliance with Opacity/VE Standards.	If standard does not state test method, use EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A for opacity and EPA test method 22, 40 CFR 60, appendix A for VE.	No. The test methods for opacity and visible emissions are specified in § 63.8687.
§ 63.6(h)(2)(ii)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(h)(2)(iii)	Using Previous Tests to Demonstrate Compliance with Opacity/VE Standards.	Criteria for when previous opacity/VE testing can be used to show compliance with this rule.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(3)	[Reserved].		
§ 63.6(h)(4)	Notification of Opacity/VE Observation Date	Must notify Administrator of anticipated date of observation.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(5)(i), (iii)–(v).	Conducting Opacity/VE Observations	Dates and Schedule for conducting opacity/VE observations.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(5)(ii)	Opacity Test Duration and Averaging Times	Must have at least 3 hours of observation with thirty 6-minute averages.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(6)	Records of Conditions During Opacity/VE Observations.	Must keep records available and allow Administrator to inspect.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(7)(i)	Report COMS Monitoring Data from Performance Test.	Must submit COMS data with other performance test data.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.6(h)(7)(ii)	Using COMS instead of EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A.	Can submit COMS data instead of EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A results even if rule requires EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A, but must notify Administrator before performance test.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.6(h)(7)(iii)	Averaging time for COMS during performance test.	To determine compliance, must reduce COMS data to 6-minute averages.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.6(h)(7)(iv)	COMS requirements	Owner/operator must demonstrate that COMS performance evaluations are conducted according to § 63.8(e), COMS are properly maintained and operated according to § 63.8(c) and data quality as § 63.8(d).	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.6(h)(7)(v)	Determining Compliance with Opacity/VE Standards.	COMS is probative but not conclusive evidence of compliance with opacity standard, even if EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A observation shows otherwise. Requirements for COMS to be probative evidence, proper maintenance, meeting PS 1, and data have not been altered.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.6(h)(8)	Determining Compliance with Opacity/VE Standards.	Administrator will use all COMS, EPA test method 9, 40 CFR 60, appendix A, and EPA test method 22, 40 CFR 60, appendix A results, as well as information about operation and maintenance to determine compliance.	Yes.
§ 63.6(h)(9)	Adjusted Opacity Standard	Procedures for Administrator to adjust an opacity standard.	Yes.
§ 63.6(i)	Compliance Extension	Procedures and criteria for Administrator to grant compliance extension.	Yes.
§ 63.6(j)	Presidential Compliance Exemption	President may exempt source category from requirement to comply with rule.	Yes.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL—Continued

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.7(a)(1)–(2)	Performance Test Dates	Dates for conducting initial performance testing and other compliance demonstrations. Must conduct 180 days after first subject to rule.	Yes.
§ 63.7(a)(3)	Section 114 Authority	Administrator may require a performance test under CAA section 114 at any time.	Yes.
§ 63.7(b)(1)	Notification of Performance Test	Must notify Administrator 60 days before the test.	Yes.
§ 63.7(b)(2)	Notification of Rescheduling	If rescheduling a performance test is necessary, must notify Administrator 5 days before scheduled date of rescheduled date.	Yes.
§ 63.7(c)	Quality Assurance/Test Plan	1. Requirement to submit site-specific test plan 60 days before the test or on date Administrator agrees with: 2. Test plan approval procedures 3. Performance audit requirements 4. Internal and external QA procedures for testing.	Yes.
§ 63.7(d)	Testing Facilities	Requirements for testing facilities	Yes.
§ 63.7(e)(1)	Conditions for Conducting Performance Tests	1. Performance tests must be conducted under representative conditions. Cannot conduct performance tests during SSM. 2. Not a violation to exceed standard during SSM.	Yes.
§ 63.7(e)(2)	Conditions for Conducting Performance Tests	Must conduct according to rule and EPA test methods unless Administrator approves alternative.	Yes.
§ 63.7(e)(3)	Test Run Duration	1. Must have three test runs of at least 1 hour each. 2. Compliance is based on arithmetic mean of three runs. 3. Conditions when data from an additional test run can be used.	Yes.
§ 63.7(f)	Alternative Test Method	Procedures by which Administrator can grant approval to use an alternative test method.	Yes.
§ 63.7(g)	Performance Test Data Analysis	1. Must include raw data in performance test report. 2. Must submit performance test data 60 days after end of test with the Notification of Compliance Status. 3. Keep data for 5 years	Yes.
§ 63.7(h)	Waiver of Tests	Procedures for Administrator to waive performance test.	Yes.
§ 63.8(a)(1)	Applicability of Monitoring Requirements	Subject to all monitoring requirements in standard.	Yes.
§ 63.8(a)(2)	Performance Specifications	Performance Specifications in appendix B of part 60 apply.	Yes, if CEMS used.
§ 63.8(a)(3)	[Reserved]		
§ 63.8(a)(4)	Monitoring with Flares	Unless your rule says otherwise, the requirements for flares in § 63.11 apply.	Yes.
§ 63.8(b)(1)	Monitoring	Must conduct monitoring according to standard unless Administrator approves alternative.	Yes.
§ 63.8(b) (2)–(3)	Multiple Effluents and Multiple Monitoring Systems.	1. Specific requirements for installing monitoring systems. 2. Must install on each effluent before it is combined and before it is released to the atmosphere unless Administrator approves otherwise. 3. If more than one monitoring system on an emission point, must report all monitoring system results, unless one monitoring system is a backup.	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(1)	Monitoring System Operation and Maintenance	Maintain monitoring system in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices.	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(1)(i)	Routine and Predictable CMS malfunction	1. Follow the SSM plan for routine repairs 2. Keep parts for routine repairs readily available. 3. Reporting requirements for CMS malfunction when action is described in SSM plan.	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(1)(ii)	CMS malfunction not in SSP plan	Reporting requirements for CMS malfunction when action is not described in SSM plan.	Yes.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL—Continued

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.8(c)(1)(iii)	Compliance with Operation and Maintenance Requirements.	1. How Administrator determines if source complying with operation and maintenance requirements. 2. Review of source O&M procedures, records, manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and inspection of monitoring system.	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(2)–(3)	Monitoring System Installation	1. Must install to get representative emission and parameter measurements. 2. Must verify operational status before or at performance test.	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(4)	CMS Requirements	CMS must be operating except during breakdown, out-of-control, repair, maintenance, and high-level calibration drifts.	No; § 63.8690 specifies the CMS requirements.
§ 63.8(c)(4)(i)–(ii)	CMS Requirements	1. COMS must have a minimum of one cycle of sampling and analysis for each successive 10-second period and one cycle of data recording for each successive 6-minute period. 2. CEMS must have a minimum of one cycle of operation for each successive 15-minute period.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.8(c)(5)	COMS Minimum Procedures	COMS minimum procedures	Yes.
§ 63.8(c)(6)	CMS Requirements	Zero and High level calibration check requirements.	No; § 63.8688 specifies the CMS requirements.
§ 63.8(c)(7)–(8)	CMS Requirements	Out-of-control periods, including reporting	Yes.
§ 63.8(d)	CMS Quality Control	1. Requirements for CMS quality control, including calibration, etc. 2. Must keep quality control plan on record for the life of the affected source. 3. Keep old versions for 5 years after revisions	No; § 63.8688 specifies the CMS requirements.
§ 63.8(e)	CMS Performance Evaluation	Notification, performance evaluation test plan, reports.	No; § 63.8688 specifies the CMS requirements.
§ 63.8(f)(1)–(5)	Alternative Monitoring Method	Procedures for Administrator to approve alternative monitoring.	Yes.
§ 63.8(f)(6)	Alternative to Relative Accuracy Test	Procedures for Administrator to approve alternative relative accuracy tests for CEMS.	Yes, if CEMS used.
§ 63.8(g)(1)–(4)	Data Reduction	1. COMS 6-minute averages calculated over at least 36 evenly spaced data points. 2. CEMS 1-hour averages computed over at least 4 equally spaced data points.	Yes, if CEMS or COMS used.
§ 63.8(g)(5)	Data Reduction	Data that cannot be used in computing averages for CMS.	No; § 63.8690 specifies the CMS requirements.
§ 63.9(a)	Notification Requirements	Applicability and State Delegation	Yes.
§ 63.9(b)(1)–(5)	Initial Notifications	1. Submit notification 120 days after effective date. 2. Notification of intent to construct/reconstruct; notification of commencement of construct/reconstruct; notification of startup. 3. Contents of each	Yes.
§ 63.9(c)	Request for Compliance Extension	Can request if cannot comply by date or if installed Best Achievable Control Technology (BACT)/Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER).	Yes.
§ 63.9(d)	Notification of Special Compliance Requirements for New Source.	For sources that commence construction between proposal and promulgation and want to comply 3 years after effective date.	Yes.
§ 63.9(e)	Notification of Performance Test	Notify Administrator 60 days prior	Yes.
§ 63.9(f)	Notification of VE/Opacity Test	Notify Administrator 30 days prior	Yes.
§ 63.9(g)	Additional Notifications When Using CMS	1. Notification of performance evaluation 2. Notification using COMS data 3. Notification that the criterion for use of alternative to relative accuracy testing was exceeded.	No; § 63.8692 specifies the CMS notification requirements.
§ 63.9(h)(1)–(6)	Notification of Compliance Status	1. Contents. 2. Due 60 days after end of performance test or other compliance demonstration, except for opacity/VE, which are due 30 days after. 3. When to submit to Federal vs. State authority	Yes.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL—Continued

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.9(i)	Adjustment of Submittal Deadlines	Procedures for Administrator to approve change in dates when notifications must be submitted.	Yes.
§ 63.9(j)	Change in Previous Information	Must submit within 15 days after the change	Yes.
§ 63.10(a)	Recordkeeping/Reporting	1. Applies to all, unless compliance extension 2. When to submit to Federal vs. State authority 3. Procedures for owners of more than 1 source.	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(1)	Recordkeeping/Reporting	1. General Requirements 2. Keep all records readily available. 3. Keep for 5 years	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(2)(i)–(v).	Records related to Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction.	1. Occurrence of each of operation (process equipment). 2. Occurrence of each malfunction of air pollution equipment. 3. Maintenance on air pollution control equipment. 4. Actions during startup, shutdown, and malfunction.	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(2)(vi) and (x–xi).	CMS Records	1. Malfunctions, inoperative, out-of-control 2. Calibration checks 3. Adjustments, maintenance	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(2)(vii)–(ix).	Records	1. Measurements to demonstrate compliance with emission limitations. 2. Performance test, performance evaluation, and visible emission observation results. 3. Measurements to determine conditions of performance tests and performance evaluations.	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(2)(xii)	Records	Records when under waiver	Yes
§ 63.10(b)(2)(xiii)	Records	Records when using alternative to relative accuracy test.	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(2)(xiv)	Records	All documentation supporting Initial Notification and Notification of Compliance Status.	Yes.
§ 63.10(b)(3)	Records	Applicability determinations	Yes.
§ 63.10(c)(1)–(6), (9)–(15).	Records	Additional records for CMS	No; § 63.8694 specifies the CMS recordkeeping requirements.
§ 63.10(c)(7)–(8)	Records	Records of excess emissions and parameter monitoring exceeedances for CMS.	No; § 63.8694 specifies the CMS recordkeeping requirements.
§ 63.10(d)(1)	General Reporting Requirements	Requirement to report	Yes.
§ 63.10(d)(2)	Report of Performance Test Results	When to submit to Federal or State authority	Yes.
§ 63.10(d)(3)	Reporting Opacity or VE Observations	What to report and when	Yes.
§ 63.10(d)(4)	Progress Reports	Must submit progress reports on schedule if under compliance extension.	Yes.
§ 63.10(d)(5)	Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Reports	Contents and submission	Yes.
§ 63.10(e)(1), (2)	Additional CMS Reports	1. Must report results for each CEM on a unit 2. Written copy of performance evaluation 3. Three copies of COMS performance evaluation.	Yes.
§ 63.10(e)(3)	Reports	Excess emission reports	No; § 63.8693 specifies the reporting requirements.
§ 63.10(e)(3)(i)–(iii).	Reports	Schedule for reporting excess emissions and parameter monitor exceedances (now defined as deviations).	No; § 63.8693 specifies the reporting requirements.
§ 63.10(e)(3)(iv)–(v).	Excess Emissions Reports	1. Requirement to revert to the frequency specified in the relevant standard if there is an excess emissions and parameter monitor exceedances (now defined as deviations). 2. Provision to request semiannual reporting after compliance for one year. 3. Submit report by 30th day following end of quarter or calendar half. 4. If there has not been an exceedance or excess emission (now defined as deviations), report content is a statement that there have been no deviations.	No; § 63.8693 specifies the reporting requirements.

TABLE 7 TO SUBPART LLLLL OF PART 63.—APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL PROVISIONS TO SUBPART LLLLL—Continued

Citation	Subject	Brief description	Applies to subpart LLLLL
§ 63.10(e)(3)(iv)–(v).	Excess Emissions Reports	Must submit report containing all of the information in § 63.10(c)(5)(13), § 63.8(c)(7)–(8).	No; § 63.8693 specifies the reporting requirements.
§ 63.10(e)(3)(vi)–(viii).	Excess Emissions Report and Summary Report	1. Requirements for reporting excess emissions for CMS (now called deviations). 2. Requires all of the information in § 63.10(c)(5)(13), § 63.8(c)(7)–(8).	No; § 63.8693 specifies the reporting requirements.
§ 63.10(e)(4)	Reporting COMS data	Must submit COMS data with performance test data.	Yes, if COMS used.
§ 63.10(f)	Waiver for Recordkeeping/Reporting	Procedures for Administrator to waive	Yes.
§ 63.11	Flares	Requirements for flares	Yes.
§ 63.12	Delegation	State authority to enforce standards	Yes.
§ 63.13	Addresses	Addresses where reports, notifications, and requests are sent.	Yes.
§ 63.14	Incorporation by Reference	Test methods incorporated by reference	Yes.
§ 63.15	Availability of Information	Public and confidential information	Yes.

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Electronic Signature on Applications and Petitions for Immigration and Naturalization Benefits; Interim Final Rule

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Electronic Signature on Applications and Petitions for Immigration and Naturalization Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Interim final rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 2003, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) transferred from the Department of Justice to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), pursuant to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107–296. The Service's immigration services function transferred to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) of the DHS. This rule amends the DHS regulations concerning the signature requirement for applications and petitions filed with the BCIS by specifically permitting applicants and petitioners to sign electronically. This change is necessary to allow the BCIS to begin accepting electronically filed applications and petitions as required by law. By accepting electronically filed applications and petitions, the BCIS expects to streamline its information collection processes, improve customer service, move towards fulfilling the mandates of the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), and support the feasibility study for online filing mandated by the Public Law 107–296. The BCIS requests comments on this rule and particularly on how it can best implement electronic signature and filing.

DATES: *Effective date:* This rule is effective on May 29, 2003.

Comment date: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments to the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, 425 I Street NW., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. To ensure proper handling please reference CIS No. 2224–02 on your correspondence. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the Bureau at *insregs@usdoj.gov.* When submitting comments electronically to the Bureau, you must include CIS No. 2224–02 in the subject box so that the comments can be routed to the appropriate office for review. Comments are available for public inspection at the above address by calling (202) 514–3291 to arrange an appointment.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Why Is the BCIS Amending the Regulations to Specifically Permit Electronic Signatures on Applications and Petitions?

The BCIS has embarked on a 10-year effort to modernize the immigration services program. This effort is designed to improve the efficiency, integrity, and customer service of the program. A part of this effort is to provide for electronic filing of immigration and naturalization applications and petitions to minimize the requisite reporting burden on the public. Central to the electronic filing initiative is the ability to provide for an electronic signature on the required benefit applications and petitions. Electronic filing and the acceptance of electronic signatures is authorized by the GPEA (44 U.S.C. 3504). The GPEA provides that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must ensure that no later than 5 years from October 21, 1998, executive agencies provide for the option of electronic submission of information, when practicable, as a substitute for paper. To implement the GPEA, this interim rule adopts a regulatory change to permit electronic filing and signatures. It also provides for the use and acceptance of electronic signatures, when practicable.

Moreover, section 461 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (effective January 24, 2003) provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct a study of the feasibility of online filing. Information received in reply to this publication as well as evaluation of this initial phase of the program will be used in conducting the feasibility study as mandated in the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Section 461 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 also provides that the Secretary shall establish an electronic tracking system for applications in order to provide applicants with access to the status of their applications. This system was brought online on September 28, 2002.

Accordingly, to successfully accomplish the electronic immigration benefit filing initiative the current DHS's regulations must be amended. Current regulations at 8 CFR 103.2(a)(2) require that all applications and petitions filed with the BCIS be signed. However, they do not specify the format of the required signature. The BCIS currently collects all application and petition information, including signatures, on paper, but is preparing to begin offering the electronic filing of certain immigration benefit applications in order to meet the goals of the 10-year immigration services modernization program and the obligations under GPEA. In addition, courts appear to recognize electronic signatures supported by appropriate authentication safeguards if the governing statute or rule specifically permits them. Therefore, this rule amends the regulations at 8 CFR 103.2(a)(2) to specifically permit applicants and petitioners to electronically sign their applications or petitions filed electronically with the BCIS. This change will allow the BCIS to accept electronically filed applications and petitions without diminishing the certification made under penalty of perjury by applicants and petitioners that the application or petition, and all evidence submitted with it is true and correct.

What Method of Electronic Signature Does the BCIS Intend To Implement?

When electronic filing is implemented, the electronic versions of the applications and petitions will display a statement that by selecting the ''Signature'' block, the applicant or petitioner is certifying under penalty of perjury that the application or petition is true and correct. The applicant or petitioner would then be required to select the ''Signature'' block of his or her application or petition in order to submit it to the BCIS. The applicant or petitioner would receive a confirmation number electronically to acknowledge that the BCIS has accepted the application and electronic signature. The applicant or petitioner would also be encouraged, but not required, to print, sign, and date in permanent ink the application or petition, and maintain a paper copy of the electronic submission for his or her records.

How Does the BCIS Plan To Implement Electronic Filing?

The GPEA directs agencies to offer customers the option of electronic submission of information, when practicable, as a substitute for paper. However, the BCIS does not currently have the technology necessary to support full implementation of electronic filing for all applications and petitions for immigration and

naturalization benefits. The BCIS will begin deploying such technology in fiscal year (FY) 2004. Therefore, until the technology exists to support comprehensive electronic filing, the BCIS is identifying a limited number of high volume applications and petitions that the BCIS determines to be practicable for electronic filing. This approach will allow the BCIS to minimize disruptions to current business practices while it pursues the parallel strategy of integrating modern technology necessary to support full implementation of electronic filing for immigration and naturalization benefits.

Which Forms Does the BCIS Plan to Offer for Electronic Filing?

The BCIS currently has approximately 50 forms that are applications or petitions for immigration and naturalization benefits. Twelve of these 50 forms represent 90 to 95 percent of the immigration benefit workload filed with the BCIS annually. These 12 forms are:

1. Form I–90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card;
2. Form I–129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker;
3. Form I–130, Immigrant Petition for Alien Relative;
4. Form I–131, Application for Travel Document;
5. Form I–140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker;
6. Form I–485, Application to Adjust Status;
7. Form I–539, Application to Extend/Change Status;
8. Form I–751, Petition to Remove Conditions on Residence;
9. Form I–765, Application for Employment Authorization;
10. Form I–821, Application for Temporary Protected Status;
11. Form N–400, Application for Naturalization; and
12. Form N–600/N–643, Application for Certificate of Citizenship.

Of the remaining forms, none represents more than 1 percent of the BCIS 's annual immigration benefit workload.

In recent years, the Forms I–90 and I–765 have represented approximately 30 percent of the annual immigration benefit workload. In addition, the BCIS believes these forms are good candidates for electronic filing because they:

- Are relatively short and easy to complete;
- Are applications for renewals, replacements, or authorizations based on immigration status so that the BCIS can verify against existing data;
- Require capture of biometrics (photograph, fingerprint, and signature) at an Application Support Center where the BCIS will be able to increase process integrity by verifying the identity of the applicants. Although some applicants who have not previously needed to appear at the Application Support Center will now be required to do so, they will no longer need to appear at the district office to file their application and/or will no longer be required to submit passport style photographs to the BCIS; and
- Require little or no supporting documentation that would have to be submitted in paper.

For these reasons, the BCIS is identifying the Forms I–90 and I–765 as the first forms to offer for electronic filing. By scheduling implementation of the remaining 10 high volume applications and petitions over the following 3 years, the BCIS believes it will achieve the goal of GPEA by facilitating the electronic filing of applications and petitions while continuing to accept paper applications and petitions. The BCIS invites comments from the public on choosing Forms I–90 and I–765 as applications appropriate for electronic submission and on how it intends to accept electronic signatures.

Forms I–90 and I–765 require that an alien appear before the BCIS, at which time the alien's identity is verified. The ability to file applications electronically, therefore, both improves the BCIS's ability to verify the eligibility of the alien for the benefit sought, and clear the alien through the appropriate databases, but does not increase the exposure of the immigration system to fraud.

The BCIS is planning to implement e-filing of Forms I–129, I–131, I–140, I–539 and I–821 by the end of FY 2003.

Explanation of Changes in This Rule

The DHS is amending the regulations at 8 CFR 103.2(a)(2) to specify that the signature requirement that applies to all applications and petitions filed with the BCIS can be met by either a handwritten signature for paper filings or an electronic signature for electronic filings. This change will have no effect on the signature requirements set forth in other provisions of 8 CFR that do not relate to applications or petitions for immigration and naturalization benefits filed with the BCIS.

Request for Comments

The BCIS is seeking public comments regarding this interim rule. The BCIS requests that parties interested in commenting on the provisions contained within this rule do so on or before June 30, 2003.

Good Cause Exception to the Administrative Procedure Act

The DHS's implementation of this rule as an interim rule, with provisions for post-promulgation public comments, is based on the ''good cause'' exceptions found at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Under the GPEA, agencies must offer by October 2003 the optional use and acceptance of electronic documents and signatures, and electronic recordkeeping, where practicable. This interim rule only provides for an additional avenue for the filing of certain documents by permitting electronic signatures. In implementing the GPEA, individuals affected by this rule are given greater ability to make filings, and does not limit their ability to make filings. As such, the DHS believes that there are no parties who could be aggrieved by this rule.

This rule is also an internal rule of administration in the sense that it only changes the manner in which a signature may be affixed on a document. This rule will have the effect of reducing, for some applicants, the costs of filing and will not increase the costs of filing for any applicant. Accordingly, the BCIS finds that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to publish this rule with prior notice and comment period normally required under 5 U.S.C. 553.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary of Homeland Security, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), has reviewed this regulation and, by approving it, certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule simply permits electronic signatures on applications and petitions for immigration and naturalization benefits that are submitted by individual petitioners and applicants. This rule does not have an impact on small entities as that term is defined in 5 U.S.C. 601(6).

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by state, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of $100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely effect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by section 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

Executive Order 12866

This rule is considered by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citzenship and Immigration Services, to be a ''significant regulatory action'' under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), Regulatory Planning and Review. Accordingly this rule has been submitted to the OMB for review.

Executive Order 13132

This rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with section 6 of Executive Order 13132, it is determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Executive Order 12988 Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards set forth in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule will allow the BCIS to begin accepting electronically filed applications for the Forms I–90 and I–765. By accepting electronically filed applications, the BCIS expects to streamline the information collection process for its applicants, thereby reducing the burden on the public. Accordingly, the BCIS has submitted the required Paperwork Reduction Change Worksheet (OMB–83C) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reflecting the reduction in burden hours for Forms I–90 and I–765, and the OMB has approved the changes.

List of Subjects in 8 CFR Part 103

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations (government agencies), Fees, Forms, Freedom of information, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

■ Accordingly, part 103 of chapter I of title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 103—POWERS AND DUTIES; AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 103 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 552, 552a; 8 U.S.C. 1101, 1103, 1304, 1356; 31 U.S.C. 9701; Public Law 107–296, 116 Stat. 2135 (6 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*); E.O. 12356, 47 FR 14874, 15557, 3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 166; 8 CFR part 2.

■ 2. Section 103.2 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 103.2 Applications, petitions, and other documents.

(a) * * *

(2) *Signature.* An applicant or petitioner must sign his or her application or petition. However, a parent or legal guardian may sign for a person who is less than 14 years old. A legal guardian may sign for a mentally incompetent person. By signing the application or petition, the applicant or petitioner, or parent or guardian certifies under penalty of perjury that the application or petition, and all evidence submitted with it, either at the time of filing or thereafter, is true and correct. Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, an acceptable signature on an application or petition that is being filed with the BCIS is one that is either handwritten or, for applications or petitions filed electronically as permitted by the instructions to the form, in electronic format.

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Dated: April 22, 2003.

Tom Ridge,

Secretary of Homeland Security.

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Part V

Department of Agriculture

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

7 CFR Part 3419

Matching Funds Requirement for Formula Funds for Agricultural Research and Extension Activities at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, Including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College; Proposed Rule

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

7 CFR Part 3419

RIN 0524–AA25

Matching Funds Requirement for Formula Funds for Agricultural Research and Extension Activities at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, Including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) proposes to revise part 3419 to title 7, subtitle B, chapter XXXIV of the Code of Federal Regulations, for the purpose of implementing the statutory amendments applicable to the matching requirements for Federal agricultural research and extension formula funds for 1890 land-grant institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. These matching requirements were amended by section 7212 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA).

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to CSREES–USDA; Office of Extramural Programs; Policy and Program Liaison Staff; Mail Stop 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250–2299. Comments may be hand-delivered to CSREES–USDA; Office of Extramural Programs; Policy and Program Liaison Staff; Waterfront Centre, Rm. 2242; 800 9th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20024. Comments may be mailed or sent electronically to *oep@reeusda.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Cooper, Deputy Administrator, Science and Education Resources Development; CSREES/USDA; Mail Stop 2250; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250–2250; at (202) 401–2655, (202) 720–3945 (fax) or via electronic mail at *gcooper@reeusda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is revising part 3419 of title 7, subtitle B, chapter XXXIV of the Code of Federal Regulations which implements the matching requirements provided under section 1449 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA) for agricultural research and extension formula funds authorized for the 1890 land-grant institutions including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. This revision is required due to the statutory amendments of sections 7212 and 7213 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA), Public Law 107–171. Section 7212 of FSRIA revised the matching requirements in section 1449 from 50 percent of the formula funds distributed to each eligible institution in fiscal year (FY) 2002 to 60 percent of the formula funds distributed in FY 2003; 70 percent in FY 2004; 80 percent in FY 2005; 90 percent in FY 2006; and 100 percent in FY 2007 and thereafter. In addition, this section provided the Secretary of Agriculture with a new waiver authority for the matching funds requirement above the 50 percent level for any fiscal year for an eligible institution of a State if the Secretary determines that the State will be unlikely to satisfy the matching requirement. The Secretary's prior waiver authority extended only to FY 2000 formula funds. The proposed rule also implements section 753 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, Pub. L. 107–76, to extend this regulation to West Virginia State College.

Prior to FSRIA, section 3(d) of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361c(d)) and section 3(e) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(e)) subjected the 1862 land-grant institutions in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the College of Micronesia to the same matching requirements as those applicable to an eligible institution under section 1449 of NARETPA. In implementing these Hatch Act and Smith-Lever Act requirements, CSREES promulgated the existing rule also to address the matching requirements for the insular area land-grant institutions. Section 7213 of FSRIA amended the Hatch Act and Smith-Lever Act to no longer subject the insular area land-grant institutions to the NARETPA section 1449 matching requirements. Instead, section 3(d) of the Hatch Act and section 3(e) of the Smith-Lever Act provide for the insular areas a 50 percent matching requirement of the Federal formula funds beginning in fiscal year 2003. Both Acts empower the Secretary of Agriculture to waive these matching requirements for any fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the government of the insular area is unlikely to meet the requirement for that fiscal year. Promulgation of the insular area land-grant institution matching requirements for Federal formula funds will be done at a later date and through a separate rulemaking. The proposed revised part 3419 will address only the matching requirements for the 1890 land-grant institutions.

CSREES also proposes to clarify the definition of ''Qualifying Educational Activities'' by proposing that the ''Qualifying Educational Activities'' meet the definition of ''Food and Agricultural Sciences'' under § 1404(8) of NARETPA (7 U.S.C. 3103(8)) and the definition of ''Teaching and Education'' under section 1404(15) of NARETPA (7 U.S.C. 3103(15)). In addition, CSREES is proposing that the word ''approved'' be deleted in § 3419.6 ''Use of matching funds'' as the use of this word has been misleading. CSREES does not consider and approve the types of ''Qualifying Educational Activities'' used to meet the matching requirements. It is the responsibility of the eligible institution to ensure that the ''Qualifying Education Activities'' meet the definition of ''Food and Agricultural Sciences'' and ''Teaching and Education.'' The proposed rule also will remove the outdated requirement in the current § 3419.3 for eligible institutions to submit a 1999 report. The proposed rule will revise § 3419.3 to address the Secretary's new waiver authority discussed above.

Classification

This proposed rule was reviewed under Executive Order 12866 and was determined to be nonsignificant. It will not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action planned by another agency. It will not materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlement, grants, user fees, or loan programs, or the rights and obligations of the recipients thereof. It will not raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or principles set forth in Executive Order 12866. This proposed rule will not have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Public Law No. 96–354 (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for this proposed rule.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The programs affected by this proposed rule are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under 10.205, Payments to the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College, and No. 10.500, Cooperative Extension Service.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the information collection and recordkeeping requirements that will be imposed in the implementation of this proposed rule will be submitted to OMB for approval. These requirements would not become effective prior to OMB approval.

Title: Section 1449 Matching Funds Requirements for Research and Extension Activities at Eligible Institutions.

Summary: The purpose of this information collection is to implement the requirements of section 1449 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA). This provision establishes the matching requirements for the 1890 land-grant institutions,'' including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. This information collection had previously been approved by OMB as No. 0524–0038 and expires on 04/30/2003. Section 7212 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA) amended section 1449 of NARETPA. The existing information collection needs revision to reflect the amended requirements. In order to be in compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (44 U.S.C. 3504 note), CSREES will develop and implement an electronic option for submitting this information as soon as a robust eAuthentication solution is available. CSREES is expectant that this could occur by June 2004.

Need for the Information: This information is needed by CSREES to determine if the matching requirements under section 1449 of NARETPA have been met by the 1890 land-grant institutions including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. CSREES intends to require the eligible institutions to complete Form CSREES–2103, ''Section 1449 Matching Funds Requirement for Research and Extension Activities at Eligible Institutions,'' up to three times per year for research activities and three times per year for extension activities to provide information on the projected funds, the actual funds, and any revisions to the actual funds.

Respondents: Respondents will be the eighteen 1890 land-grant institutions, including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College, which will provide information to USDA on the amount and source of non-Federal funds made available by the States to the eligible institutions for agricultural research, extension, and qualifying educational activities to meet the matching requirements of section 1449 of NARETPA.

Estimate of the Burden: The estimated burden on the respondents for Form CSREES–2103, ''Section 1449 Matching Funds Requirement for Research and Extension Activities at Eligible Institutions'' is 3.6 hours per response. This burden estimate is based on a small survey of eligible institutions who have experience completing the current Form CSREES–2103, ''Section 1449 Matching Funds Requirement for Research and Extension Activities at Eligible Institutions.''

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 108.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 388.8 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Three times a year.

Copies of this information collection can be viewed at *http://www.reeusda.gov/part/areera* or can be obtained from Ellen Danus, Policy and Program Liaison Staff, Office of Extramural Programs, CSREES, USDA, (202) 401–4325, e-mail: *edanus@reeusda.gov.*

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: CSREES–USDA; Office of Extramural Programs; Policy and Program Liaison Staff; Mail Stop 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250–2299 by July 3, 2003, or to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20502. Reference should be made to the volume, page, and date of this **Federal Register** publication.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 3419

Agricultural extension, Agricultural research, Colleges and universities.

For reasons set forth in the preamble, it is proposed to revise part 3419 of title 7, subtitle B, chapter XXXIV, of the Code of Federal Regulations to read as follows:

PART 3419—MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION FORMULA FUNDS AT 1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY AND WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE

Sec.
3419.1 Definitions.
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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301, 7 U.S.C. 3222d; sec. 753, Pub. L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681–33.

§ 3419.1 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Eligible institution means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 *et seq.*) (commonly known as the Second Morrill Act), including Tuskegee University and West Virginia State College. *Formula funds* means agricultural research funds provided to the eligible institutions under section 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), as amended, and agricultural extension funds provided to the eligible institutions under section 1444 of NARETPA.

Matching funds means cash contributions from non-Federal sources made available by the State to the eligible institutions:

(a) For programs or activities that fall within the purposes of agricultural research and cooperative extension under sections 1444 and 1445 of NARETPA; or

(b) For qualifying educational activities. *Non-Federal sources* means funds made available by the State to the eligible institution either through direct appropriation or under any authority (other than authority to charge tuition and fees paid by students) provided by a State to an eligible institution to raise revenue, such as gift acceptance authority or user fees.

Qualifying educational activities means programs that address food and agricultural sciences components of an eligible institution based on the definitions of ''Food and Agricultural Sciences'' and ''Teaching and Education'' in section 1404 of NARETPA.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture and any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

State means the government of any one of the fifty States.

§ 3419.2 Matching funds.

The distribution of formula funds shall be subject to the following matching requirements:

(a) For fiscal year 2003, matching funds shall equal not less than 60 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution;

(b) For fiscal year 2004, matching funds shall equal not less than 70 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution;

(c) For fiscal year 2005, matching funds shall equal not less than 80 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution;

(d) For fiscal year 2006, matching funds shall equal not less than 90 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution; and

(e) For fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter, the matching funds shall equal not less than 100 percent of the formula funds to be distributed to the eligible institution.

§ 3419.3 Limited waiver authority.

(a) The Secretary may waive the matching funds requirement in § 3419.2 above the 50 percent level for any fiscal year for an eligible institution of a State if the Secretary determines that the State will be unlikely to satisfy the matching requirement.

(b) The criteria to waive the matching requirement above the 50 percent level in fiscal year 2003 and thereafter may include:

(1) Natural disaster, flood, fire, tornado, hurricane, or drought;

(2) State and/or institution facing a financial crisis; or

(3) Demonstration of a good faith effort to obtain funds.

(c) Approval or disapproval of the request for a waiver will be based on the application submitted under § 3419.4.

§ 3419.4 Applications for waivers.

The president of the eligible institution must submit any request for a waiver for matching requirements. A waiver application shall include the name of the eligible institution, the type of Federal formula funds (*i.e.*, research and/or extension), appropriate fiscal year, the basis for the request (*e.g.*, one or more criteria identified in § 3419.3), supporting justification, and the amount of the request. An application for a waiver shall be submitted by July 1 of the fiscal year for which the request is made. If an application for a waiver is being made for a prior fiscal year, the eligible institution also must provide an explanation and justification as to why this application was not made in the appropriate fiscal year. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove an application for a waiver within 60 days of receipt.

§ 3419.5 Certification of matching funds.

Prior to the distribution of formula funds each fiscal year, each eligible institution must certify as to the availability of matching funds. Eligible institutions may revise their certifications of matching funds through July 1 of the fiscal year for which funds are appropriated.

§ 3419.6 Use of matching funds.

The required matching funds for the formula programs shall be used by an eligible institution for agricultural research and extension activities that have been approved in the plan of work required under sections 1444(d) and 1445(c) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 or for qualifying educational activities.

§ 3419.7 Redistribution of funds.

All formula funds not matched and reported under § 3419.5 by July 1 of each fiscal year will be reapportioned to the other eligible institutions that have satisfied their current fiscal year requirements for matching funds for the formula funds. Unmatched research and extension funds will be reapportioned in accordance with the research and extension statutory distribution formulas applicable to the 1890 land-grant institutions. Any redistribution of funds shall be subject to the same matching requirement under § 3419.2.

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of April, 2003.

Gary Cunningham,

Associate Administrator, Cooperative State, Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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The President

Memorandum of April 25, 2003—Presidential Determination on Wire Hanger Imports from the People's Republic of China

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The President

Memorandum of April 25, 2003

Presidential Determination on Wire Hanger Imports from the People's Republic of China

Memorandum for the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, and the United States Trade Representative

Pursuant to section 421 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2451), I have determined the action I will take with respect to the affirmative determination of the United States International Trade Commission (USITC Investigation TA–421–2) regarding imports of certain steel wire garment hangers from China. After considering all relevant aspects of the investigation, I have determined that providing import relief for the U.S. wire hanger industry is not in the national economic interest of the United States. In particular, I find that import relief would have an adverse impact on the United States economy clearly greater than the benefits of such action.

The facts of this case indicate that imposing additional tariffs on Chinese imports would affect domestic producers unevenly, favoring one business strategy over another. While most of the producers would likely realize some income benefits, additional tariffs would disrupt the long-term adjustment strategy of one major producer, which is based in part on distribution of imported hangers, and cause that producer to incur substantial costs.

In addition, most domestic producers, including the petitioners, have begun to pursue adjustment strategies. While these strategies have included consolidation, modernization of production facilities, and expansion into complementary products and services, domestic producers are also expanding their use of imports. Indeed, a substantial part of the surge in imports during the most recent period measured was brought in by domestic producers themselves, including the petitioners.

Moreover, after 6 years of competing with Chinese imports, domestic producers still account for over 85 percent of the U.S. wire hanger market. With this dominant share of the market, domestic producers have the opportunity to adjust to competition from Chinese imports even without import relief.

Furthermore, there is a strong possibility that if additional tariffs on Chinese wire hangers were imposed, production would simply shift to third countries, which could not be subject to section 421's China-specific restrictions. In that event, import relief would have little or no benefit for any domestic producer.

Additional tariffs would have an uneven impact on domestic distributors of wire hangers. For some distributors, the tariffs would likely lead to some income benefits. However, the tariffs would likely harm other distributors in light of their business models.

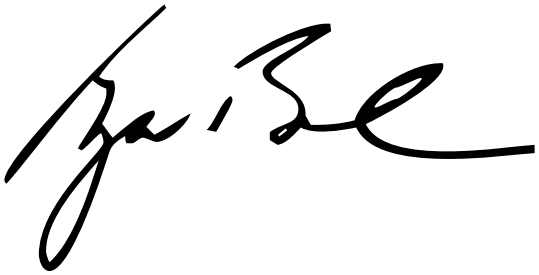
Additional tariffs would also likely have a negative effect on the thousands of small, family-owned dry-cleaning businesses across the United States that would either have to absorb the resulting increased costs or pass them on to their customers.

The circumstances of this case make clear that the U.S. national economic interest would not be served by the imposition of import relief under section 421. I remain fully committed to exercising the important authority granted

to me under section 421 when the circumstances of a particular case warrant it.

Section 421 is not the only avenue available to the petitioning domestic producers as they seek to adjust to import competition. I hereby direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor to expedite consideration of any Trade Adjustment Assistance applications received from domestic hanger producers or their workers and to provide such other requested assistance or relief as they deem appropriate, consistent with their statutory mandates.

The United States Trade Representative is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the **Federal Register**.



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