FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 310

Notice of 30-Day Extension in Comment Period in the Review of the Telemarketing Sales Rule

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Rule review, notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (''the Commission'' or ''FTC'') has extended the comment period by which comments must be submitted concerning the review of its Telemarketing Sales Rule (''the Rule'' or ''TSR''). This document informs prospective commenters of the change and sets a new date of May 30, 2000, for the end of the comment period.

DATES: Written comments will be received until the close of business on May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Six paper copies of each paper and/or written comment should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If possible, comments should also be submitted in electronic form. To encourage prompt and efficient review and dissemination of the comments to the public, all comments should also be submitted, if possible, in electronic form, on either a 5¼ or a 3½ inch computer disk, with a label on the disk stating the name of the commenter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. (Programs based on DOS are preferred. Files from other operating systems should be submitted in ASCII text format to be accepted.) Individual members of the public filing comments need not submit multiple copies or comments in electronic form. Alternatively, the Commission will accept papers and comments submitted to the following email address: tsr@ftc.gov, provided the content of any papers or comments submitted by email is organized in sequentially numbered paragraphs. All submissions should be identified as ''Telemarketing Review—Comment. FTC File No. P994414.''

Papers and written comments will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and Commission regulations, 16 CFR 4.9, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. The Commission will make this notice and, to the extent possible, all papers or comments received in response to this notice available to the public through the Internet at the following address: *www.ftc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Harrington-McBride (202) 326–2452, email cmcbride@ftc.gov; Karen Leonard (202) 326–3597, email kleonard@ftc.gov; or Carole Danielson (202) 326–3115, email cdanielson@ftc.gov, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Products, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 28, 2000, the Commission published a request for comment on its Telemarketing Sales Rule.[1] The Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (''the Telemarketing Act'' or ''the Act'') directed the Commission to promulgate rules to protect consumers from deceptive telemarketing practices and other abusive telemarketing activities. In response to this directive, the Commission adopted the TSR, which requires telemarketers to make specific disclosures of material information; prohibits misrepresentations; sets limits on the times telemarketers may call consumers; prohibits calls to a consumer who has asked not be called again; and sets payment restrictions for the sale of certain goods and services. The comment period is currently scheduled to close on April 27, 2000.

Several stakeholders that participated in the original rulemaking proceeding and in the recent public forum focusing on the Rule's do-not-call provision have expressed concern that there will not be sufficient time before April 27 to complete their responses to the Commission's Request for Comment. They have asked that the comment period be extended to complete their data collection. The Commission is mindful of the need to deal with this matter expeditiously. However, the Commission also is aware that the issues raised are complex and believes that the enhancement of the record that will be achieved by extending the comment period far outweighs any harm that might be caused by the delay.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to extend the comment period to May 30, 2000. This extension will provide sufficient time for commenters to prepare useful comments. This extension will not affect the date of the public forum to discuss the TSR's provisions nor the date by which applications to participate in the forum must be received. The public forum will continue to be held on July 27–28, 2000, and notification of interest in participating in the forum must be submitted in writing on or before June 16, 2000, to Carole I. Danielson, Division of Marketing Practices, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580.

[1] 65 FR 10428 (February 28, 2000).

List of Subjects in 16 CFR 310

Telemarketing, Trade practices.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1601–1608.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 335

RIN 3220–AB44

Sickness Benefits

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby proposes to amend its regulations under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) to permit a ''nurse practitioner'' to execute a statement of sickness in support of payments of sickness benefits under the RUIA. The Board does not currently accept statements executed by a nurse practitioner, which in some cases may delay payment of benefits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael C. Litt, General Attorney, (312) 751–4929, TDD (312) 751–4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 335.2(a)(2) of the Board's regulations provides that in order to be entitled to sickness benefits under the RUIA, a claimant must provide a ''statement of sickness''. Section 335.3(a) of this part lists the individuals from whom the Board will accept a statement of sickness. That list does not currently include nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners offer health care to people throughout the United States. Their practice emphasizes health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, and the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic diseases. Nurse

practitioners are registered nurses with advanced education and clinical expertise that qualifies them to diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries. Under current regulations, the Board does not accept a statement of sickness or supplemental statement of sickness from a nurse practitioner. A claimant who submits a statement of sickness signed by a nurse practitioner is informed that the statement may not be accepted and is required to get a new one signed by an individual listed in § 335.3(a). This is administratively costly and delays the payment of sickness benefits. Thus, the Board proposes to add ''nurse practitioner'' to the list of individuals from whom it will accept a statement of sickness.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory analysis is required. The information collections contemplated by this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 3220–0039.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 335

Railroad employees, Railroad unemployment insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Railroad Retirement Board proposes to amend title 20, chapter II of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 335—SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. The authority citation for part 335 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 362(i) and 362(l).

2. Section 335.3 is amended as follows: remove ''or'' at the end of paragraph (a)(9), remove the period and add ''; or'' at the end of paragraph (a)(10), and add a new paragraph (a)(11) to read as follows:

§ 335.3 Execution of statement of sickness and supplemental doctor's statement.

(a) * * *

(11) A nurse practitioner.

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Dated: April 28, 2000.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Parts 16 and 900

[Docket No. 99N–4578]

RIN 0910–AB98

State Certification of Mammography Facilities; Correction

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a proposed rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of March 30, 2000 (65 FR 16847). The document proposes to implement the ''States as certifiers provisions'' of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (the MQSA). In the March 30, 2000, proposed rule, there were two incorrect references to the provisions of the MQSA being implemented. This document corrects those errors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Fischer, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ–240), Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–594–3332, FAX 301–594–3306.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 00–7653, appearing on page 16847 in the **Federal Register** of March 30, 2000, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 16847, in the first column, under the **SUMMARY**, in line 3, ''patient notification'' is corrected to read ''States as certifiers''.

2. On page 16848, in the first column, the heading in section D, ''*The Patient Notification Provisions*'' is corrected to read ''*The States as Certifiers Provisions*''.

Dated: April 15, 2000.

Linda S. Kahan,

Deputy Director for Regulations Policy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 202

[Docket No. RM 95–7B]

Registration of Claims to Copyright, Group Registration of Photographs

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Proposed regulations with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is proposing regulations to facilitate group registration of published photographs. These proposed regulations differ significantly from regulations proposed earlier in this rulemaking proceeding, as they require the deposit of the actual photographic images, rather than merely written identifying descriptions, for registration purposes and as they pertain only to published photographs. This option for group registration of photographs is available only for registration of works by an individual photographer which are published within one calendar year. In addition, the Office also proposes to liberalize the deposit requirements for groups of unpublished photographs registered as unpublished collections. The Office is seeking comments only on these proposals.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed regulations should be received on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: If sent BY MAIL, an original and 15 copies of written comments should be addressed to David O. Carson, General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If delivered by hand, an original and 15 copies should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM–403, 101 Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20559.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Carson, General Counsel, or Patricia L. Sinn, Senior Attorney Advisor, Telephone: (202) 707–8380. Fax: (202) 707–8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Registration of a copyright can be made at any time during the term of statutory protection; however, with the exception of a three-month grace period dating from first publication, the law prohibits the award of statutory damages or attorney's fees where a work has not been registered before infringement occurs. 17 U.S.C. 412.

Under the 1976 Copyright Act, as amended, an applicant may register a claim in an original work of authorship with the Copyright Office by submitting a completed application, a fee, and a deposit of copies of the work to be registered. The nature of the copy to be deposited is set out in the statute in general terms, *e.g.*, one complete copy or phonorecord of an unpublished work,