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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations are scheduled for development or review from October 1,

2001 through September 30, 2002. This agenda carries out OPM's responsibilities to publish a semiannual agenda under E.O. 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6). This publication in the **Federal Register** does not impose a binding obligation on the Office of Personnel Management with regard to any specific item on the agenda. Regulatory action in addition to the items listed is not precluded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For this edition of OPM's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the table of contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate sequence number in part II.

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3906. AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552, Freedom of Information Act

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 294

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rulemaking will make minor changes to subparts A, B, C, D, E, F and G of 5 CFR 294, Availability of Official Information. The rulemaking will provide additional information on the definition of terms used in the search and review process, update office addresses, use plain language and clarify that any written request that meets the specified marking and content requirements will be recognized as an official FOIA request. These changes are designed to benefit the public by providing updated information on where to direct FOIA

requests, and improve the wording of the regulation to fully and accurately meet the provisions of the FOIA. There will be no significant change to the existing operational procedures in place at OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG92

3907. • PRIVACY PROCEDURES FOR PERSONNEL RECORDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 297

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rulemaking will make minor changes to subparts A, B, C, D, E, F and G of 5 CFR 294, Privacy Procedures for Personnel Records. The rulemaking will provide additional information on the definition of terms used in the search and review process, update office addresses, use plain language and clarify that any written request that meets the specified marking and content requirements will be recognized as an official Privacy Act request. These changes are designed to

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benefit the public by providing updated information on where to direct Privacy Act requests, and improve the wording of the regulation to fully and accurately meet the provisions of the Privacy Act. There will be no significant change to the existing operational procedures in place at OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	05/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3908. EXCEPTED SERVICE-SCHEDULE A AUTHORITY FOR NONTEMPORARY PART-TIME OR INTERMITTENT POSITIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3307**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes to revoke the Schedule A excepted Service appointing authority for nontemporary part-time or intermittent positions for which total annual compensation does not exceed 40 percent of GS-3, step 1, because the conditions justifying the original exception no longer exist.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ06**3909. • EXCEPTED SERVICE - SCHEDULE A AUTHORITY FOR CHINESE, JAPANESE, AND HINDU INTERPRETERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes to revoke the Schedule A excepted service appointing authority for "Chinese, Japanese and Hindu Interpreters because the conditions justifying the original exception no longer exist.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ43**3910. EMPLOYMENT IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 8151; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 302**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The revised regulations will make it easier for agencies to understand how to run the excepted service employment system, so they can create better and more efficient employment procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH83**3911. CLARIFICATION OF HIRING AUTHORITIES****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 332; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 337**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Makes a number of required perfecting changes to existing regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI46**3912. AMENDMENT TO SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3328**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300

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Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Delegates to agencies' determination whether a Federal job applicant's failure to register with the Selective Service was knowing and willful. This change is authorized by an amendment to 5 U.S.C. 3328.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/29/99	64 FR 14842
NPRM Comment Period End	04/28/99	
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI52

3913. ● RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 332

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is issuing an interim regulation to allow agencies to decide how candidates are referred for competitive appointment when agencies fill multiple vacancies simultaneously. We are codifying a long-standing practice (5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302) of providing agencies with the option of either certifying a candidate for only one vacancy at a time, or certifying a candidate simultaneously for all vacancies for which that candidate expresses an interest, is eligible, and is within reach.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ52

3914. OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, INTERMITTENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 340; 5 CFR 110

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Grants agencies and employees more flexibility by clarifying agency authority to schedule part-time employees on a pay period, rather than weekly, basis; defines job sharing; modifies seasonal employment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI22

3915. ORDER OF RELEASE FROM COMPETITIVE LEVEL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing retention regulations covering the order in which agencies release competing employees from their competitive levels in a reduction in force.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI96

3916. RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3582; 5 USC 3301; PL 103-296

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 352

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Updates provisions to conform to law allowing employees assigned to international organizations under certain conditions to maintain FERS and FICA retirement coverage; current regulations only mention CSRS retirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI19

3917. TRAINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 4118

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 410

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Since the December 1996 publication of the final rules on training, subsections 5 CFR 410.309 (continued service agreements) and 5 CFR 410.404 (expenses of training and meetings) have caused confusion in agencies, the agencies have asked for clearer regulations. 5 CFR 410.309, as written, omits allowance for agency heads to delegate authority to define requirements for continued service. It also omits circumstances when the requirement for continued service can be waived, which has caused confusion

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for agencies in developing their continued service agreements. Amending 5 CFR 410.309 returns to regulation, language removed in 1996 that has had the unintended effect of limiting agency head authority in the area of continued service agreements for training. With increasing interest in academic education and service agreements, agencies have expressed concern about their legal authority with regard to these agreements.

As written, 5 CFR 410.404 does not sufficiently clarify distinctions between training and meetings. 5 U.S.C. 4109 provides agencies authority to pay the expenses of training. 5 U.S.C. 4110 provides them authority to pay the expenses of meetings. However, 5 CFR 410.404 blurs the distinctions between these two; amending it would make clear the distinctions, and clarify conditions under which a meeting may be considered training.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ19**3918. CLASSIFICATION APPEALS OF GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5112**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 511, subpart A; 5 CFR 511, subpart F; 5 CFR 511, subpart G**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The position classification appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/02	
Final Action	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH38**3919. OFFICIAL DUTY STATION DETERMINATIONS FOR PAY PURPOSES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5305; 5 USC 5304; 5 USC 5941; EO 10000; PL 101-509, sec 404**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 591**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These proposed regulations would clarify the location-based pay entitlements of Federal employees who are detailed or temporarily assigned to work at a new location, including telework situations. Location-based pay entitlements include locality payments, special salary rates, and nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/09/97	62 FR 25423
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	07/08/97	
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	05/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH84**3920. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; DEFINITION OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA TO A NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Because of the construction of a new Army and Air Force Exchange service distribution depot at the Sharpe Army Depot in San Joaquin County, California, the Office of Personnel Management will establish a new nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area for San Joaquin County. Pay for Federal blue-collar workers who are paid from nonappropriated funds in the new San Joaquin wage area will be based on local wage surveys ordered to begin in February of each year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ35**3921. JOB GRADING REVIEWS AND APPEALS OF FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5346**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532, subpart G**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The job grading reviews and appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/02	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI14**3922. • PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS JUDGE POSITIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5372b**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 534, subpart F**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These interim regulations implement a new pay system for administrative appeals judge positions. The administrative appeals judge pay system was recently authorized to cover positions that are not classifiable above GS-15 and for which the duties primarily involve reviewing decisions of administrative law judges. OPM is issuing interim regulations to ensure that agencies implement and administer the new administrative appeals judge pay system in a consistent and equitable manner.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ44**3923. REEMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RETIREES TO MEET EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8344; 5 USC 8468**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 553**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Establishes new criteria for granting exceptions for key positions in temporary organizations established by law or Executive order. This rule will also expand and clarify the criteria used in exercising this authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI32**3924. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); REVISED COLA REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5941**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 591**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: As a result of a court-approved settlement of Caraballo, et al. v. United States, No. 1997-0027 (D.V. I.), the Office of Personnel Management will publish revised regulations, pursuant to the terms of the settlement, to implement changes in the methodology used to compute nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ27

3925. MISCELLANEOUS LEAVE REGULATIONS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 6311**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing miscellaneous changes in the leave regulations in 5 CFR part 630. The proposed changes will include clarifying provisions on the Federal leave sharing program, home leave, transfer of leave from the U.S. Postal Service, and leave entitlements for employees under 90-day appointments or under part-time or intermittent work schedules. The proposed regulations also will include changes to comply with new legislation requiring lump-sum payment for annual leave for employees transferring from a Department of Defense base that is closing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI44**3926. RETIREMENT; CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); 38 USC 4331

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Proposed Rule Stage

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 8347(a); 5 CFR 8461(g); 5 CFR 842.306; 5 CFR 842.307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement changes in the treatment of certain military service under CSRS and FERS required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	05/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG58

3927. RETIREMENT; SERVICE CREDIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would provide that no retirement credit could be granted for periods of service for which retirement deductions were refunded and not repaid even when the refund was paid based on an erroneous separation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH37

3928. RETIREMENT; DEBT COLLECTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 835(e)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will amend the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations by consolidating and updating existing regulations in three different subparts of the CSRS regulations and 5 CFR 845 in the FERS regulations to eliminate duplication of the provisions governing debt collection. This item is for subpart E of the new part 835, which will address collections of Government claims from payments made by OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/05/92	57 FR 45753
Second NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	06/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AE72

3929. RETIREMENT; COURT ORDERS AWARDING SURVIVOR ANNUITIES; CORRECTING OR SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRST ORDER DIVIDING MARITAL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 838

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish standards for determining which supplemental or correcting court orders are not "modifications" and the procedures applicable to such orders. They also provide for the continuation of the former spouse's survivor coverage and the reduction in the retiree's annuity until the State court decides the extent of the former spouse's rights to retirement benefits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/02	
Final Action	08/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG28

3930. RETIREMENT; FERS ELECTIONS OF COVERAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8461(g); PL 99-335, sec 301(d)(3)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 846

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement title III of the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986, as amended, dealing with the election of FERS coverage by employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and certain other employees. The regulations contain regulatory and interpretative rules concerning employees' eligibility to elect FERS coverage, procedures for electing FERS coverage, and basic benefits based on the service for employees who elect FERS coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/21/87	52 FR 19235
Interim Final Rule	09/13/93	58 FR 47821
Interim Final Rule	06/18/98	63 FR 33231
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	02/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3931. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: CONTINUING FEHB COVERAGE INTO RETIREMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This proposed regulation would increase OPM's ability to waive requirements for continuing health benefits coverage into retirement when it is to the advantage of the Government to do so.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/02	
Final Action	09/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Barbara Myers, Retirement and Insurance Service, Insurance Policy and Information Division, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Insurance Programs, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
Phone: 202 606-0004**RIN:** 3206-AI62**3932. ● IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 FOR THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 104-191**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The administrative simplification provisions on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires covered entities (providers, health plans and clearinghouses) to ensure the privacy of individually identifiable personal health information. The Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program has been deemed a health plan, and as such must comply with the security, privacy, and transaction standards that are part of the administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Abby L. Block, Assistant Director, Office of Insurance Programs, Office of Personnel Management, Retirement and Insurance Group Room 3425, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
Phone: 202 606-0770**RIN:** 3206-AJ45**3933. DEBARMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8902a**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890, subpart J**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** These regulations will implement section 2 of Public Law 105-266, which amends 5 U.S.C. section 8902a authorizing OPM to debar health care providers who have committed certain types of legal offenses or program-related violations from participation in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), and to levy monetary penalties and assessments against individuals who have improperly obtained payments of FEHBP funds. This legislation removes unnecessary administrative constraints on the agency, provides more flexible and less time consuming procedures, and will improve OPM's administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/30/89	54 FR 43939
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** J. David Cope, Debarring Official, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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RIN: 3206-AD76**3934. ● FINANCIAL SANCTIONS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8902a**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890, subpart J**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** These regulations will implement the financial sanctions provisions of the Federal Employees' Health Care Protection Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-266). In cases where a health care provider had knowingly: (1) submitted false, fraudulent, or misleading claims; (2) failed to provide claims-related information requested by OPM or a FEHBP carrier; or (3) submitted claims while debarred, the statute authorizes OPM to effectuate civil monetary penalties of not more than \$10,000 per item or service involved and to assess damages of not more than twice the amount claimed for each item or service. These financial sanctions may be imposed in addition to suspension or debarment; the other forms of sanctions authorized by the statute. The regulatory provisions for suspension and debarment are being implemented in an earlier amendment to 5 CFR 890, subpart J.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** J. David Cope, Debarring Official, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Email: jdcope@opm.gov**RIN:** 3206-AJ42**3935. ● GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** EO 12549

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CFR Citation: 5 CFR 970

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This is the OPM portion of the OMB-sponsored Governmentwide common rule revision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ31

3936. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716; 40 USC 486(C)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1.301

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would revise the existing Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Federal Acquisition Regulation (LIFAR) by updating and revising policy regulation with respect to the acquisition and administration of life insurance contract(s) for Federal employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	
Final Action	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 3206-AI65

3937. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS ACQUISITION REGULATION: LARGE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS, SUBCONTRACTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c); 48 CFR 1.301

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1602; 48 CFR 1604; 48 CFR 1615

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing a new policy that establishes notification and information requirements, including audit, for Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) experience-rated carrier large provider agreements. The proposed regulation also revises the threshold for advance approval of carrier subcontracts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no

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3938. IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL COST PRINCIPLES IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913; 40 USC 486(c); 48 CFR 1.301

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1630; 48 CFR 1631; 48 CFR 1652

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing a regulation that would inform experience-rated carriers in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program how it intends to implement additional cost principles.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3939. EXCEPTED SERVICE PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; PL 105-339**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213; 5 CFR 335**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management will issue final regulations implementing the provisions of the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/03/98	63 FR 66705
Final Action	02/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Raleigh M. Neville, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AI51**3940. EXCEPTED SERVICE; CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** EO 13162**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213; 5 CFR 315**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** These regulations implement Executive Order 13162, which establishes the Federal Career Intern Program. This program will be used to attract exceptional men and women to the Federal workforce who have diverse professional experiences, academic training, or competencies and prepare them for careers in analyzing and implementing public programs.

This regulation supports the Administration's effort to recruit the highest caliber people to the Federal Government, develop their professional abilities, and retain them in Federal departments and agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/14/00	65 FR 78077

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	12/14/00	
Final Action	06/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Karen Jacobs, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AJ28**3941. TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRICTIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; EO 10577**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 300**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Eliminates requirement that employees serve one year in-grade to be eligible for promotion above the GS-5 level. This is separate from the qualifications requirement for one year's experience at the next lowest grade or equivalent for promotion.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/94	59 FR 30717
NPRM Comment Period End	01/10/95	60 FR 2546
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tina Vay, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0390**RIN:** 3206-AG06**3942. PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT; ACCELERATED QUALIFICATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335; 5 CFR 338**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OPM will issue final regulations on Accelerated Qualifications only to authorize agencies to establish intensive training programs for acquiring qualifications at an accelerated rate.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/20/96	61 FR 6324
Final Action	03/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Karen Jacobs, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-0023**RIN:** 3206-AG19**3943. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 105-33**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Requires agencies to accord priority consideration to displaced District of Columbia, Department of Corrections employees separated as a result of the closure of the Lorton Correctional complex.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/04/98	63 FR 41387
Interim Final Rule	01/22/01	66 FR 6427
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/22/01	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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3944. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION LANGUAGE FOR VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304(f); 5 USC 3327; ...**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 302; 5 CFR 317; 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 335**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management is publishing interim regulations requiring a reasonable accommodation statement in agency vacancy announcements.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Linda Watson, Employment Service, Examining and Qualification Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415
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Email: lmwatson@opm.gov**RIN:** 3206-AJ11**3945. PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AND REDUCTION IN FORCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3502**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Interim regulations that delete references to the repealed Job Training Partnership Act and replace it with references to the new Workforce Investment Act of 1998.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/29/00	65 FR 64133
Interim Final Rule Effective	11/27/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Pam Galemore, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, Workforce Restructuring Policy Division, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415

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RIN: 3206-AJ18**3946. CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FOR SURPLUS AND DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 8337(h); 5 USC 8457(b); EO 10577; 3 CFR 1954-58, Comp, p. 218**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330, subpart F; 5 CFR 330, subpart G**Legal Deadline:** Final, Statutory, September 30, 2001, Career Transition Programs.**Abstract:** To make permanent, the current career transition programs assisting Federal employees displaced from their jobs by downsizing. The regulations remove the September 30, 2001 sunset date and reporting requirements for these programs.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/04/01	66 FR 29895
Interim Final Rule Effective	06/04/01	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jacqueline Yeatman, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-2329**RIN:** 3206-AJ32**3947. REDUCTION IN FORCE RETREAT RIGHTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3502; 5 USC 3503**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 351**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Interim regulations that clarify a released employee's right to retreat to another position in a reduction in force.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/20/00	65 FR 62991
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/20/00	
Final Action	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Thomas A. Glennon, Employment Service, Staffing and Restructuring Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415
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Fax: 202 606-2329**RIN:** 3206-AJ14**3948. LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 531, subpart F**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations to clarify and redefine the limitations on locality rates of pay for categories of non-General Schedule employees approved by the President's Pay Agent to receive locality pay. This change was prompted by a recent Executive order that delegated the President's authority to determine such limitations to the President's Pay Agent. The final regulations will ensure that all employees receiving locality pay are treated consistently.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/00	65 FR 15875
NPRM Comment Period End	05/23/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jeanne D. Jacobson, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Compensation Administration, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415
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3949. HOLIDAYS AND PREMIUM PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 6133; 29 USC 204(f)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 610

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These final regulations implement changes in law that provide (1) authority for compensatory time off for prevailing rate (wage) employees in lieu of overtime pay and (2) agency flexibility in determining the "in lieu of" holiday for employees on compressed work schedules when the actual holiday for the employee is on a nonworkday. A current regulation is also corrected to comply with a provision of law authorizing use of alternative work schedules for civilian nonappropriated fund employees of the armed services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/23/97	62 FR 28305
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3950. • PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; CHANGE IN THE SURVEY CYCLE FOR THE PENNINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To improve administration of local wage surveys for nonappropriated fund Federal blue-collar workers in

Pennington County, South Dakota, the Office of Personnel Management will change the dates of annual local wage surveys in the Pennington, SD, nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System area from January to June.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/19/00	65 FR 79320
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3951. • MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES IN PAY AND LEAVE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5307; 5 USC 5514; 5 USC 5527; 5 USC 5334; 5 USC 5338; 5 USC 5542(c); 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 6311; 5 USC 4301 et seq; Sec 4(f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1939 as amended

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 353; 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations will correct or clarify several provisions dealing with the pay and leave of Federal employees. The changes are needed to make regulations consistent with law and current practice and to eliminate unnecessary agency reports to OPM. Questions and comments from users of the regulations prompted the changes. The interim regulations will assist agencies in administering pay and leave programs in a consistent manner and in accordance with applicable law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3952. • BASIC PAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEMPORARY ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3161(d)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 534

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations on setting the rate of basic pay for employees of temporary organizations, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 3161(a).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ47

3953. GRADE AND PAY RETENTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5361; 5 USC 5366

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 536

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations giving agencies discretionary authority to grant pay retention to certain employees moving to positions under pay systems other than the General Schedule or the Federal Wage System.

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This new flexibility will allow agencies to prevent eligible employees from suffering a reduction in pay that would otherwise result from a management action.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/25/00	65 FR 33785
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI88**3954. FIREFIGHTER PAY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5545b**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 410; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 591; 5 CFR 630; 5 CFR 870**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These final regulations implement a 1998 law that changed the pay computation rules for GS-081 firefighters with regular tours of duty averaging at least 53 hours per week.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/23/98	63 FR 64589
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	01/22/99	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI50**3955. • PAY ADMINISTRATION; AVAILABILITY PAY FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5545(h); 5 USC 5548**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These final regulations will clarify a number of issues relating to the administration of availability pay, a form of premium pay for criminal investigators who are required to work, or be available to work, substantial amounts of unscheduled overtime duty based on the needs of the employing agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/23/94	59 FR 66149
Second Interim Final Rule	01/29/99	64 FR 4517
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ49**3956. REPEAL OF DUAL COMPENSATION REDUCTION FOR MILITARY RETIREES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8344; 5 USC 8468**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 553**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is publishing final regulations to implement the repeal of reduction in military retired or retainer pay required of some military retirees in civilian positions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/12/00	65 FR 19643
Interim Final Rule Effective	04/12/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI92**3957. • RETENTION ALLOWANCES**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 150 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 3206-AJ48**3958. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE REPAYMENT WAIVERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 103-226**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 576**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Public Law 103-226 authorized OPM to waive repayment of a voluntary separation incentive payment under certain circumstances if a former employee, who accepted the incentive payment, is reemployed by an executive agency of the United States within five years of separation. Later Public Laws, written for specific agencies, usually contain a waiver of repayment provision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/09/94	59 FR 55808
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AG20**3959. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); INTERIM COLA RATE INCREASES PURSUANT TO SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5941

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CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: As a result of the court-approved settlement of Caraballo, et al. v. United States, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published regulations to increase on an interim basis the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rate paid to certain Federal employees in Hawaii County, HI; Kauai County, HI; Maui County, HI; Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The increase became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after October 1, 2000. OPM will adopt the interim regulations as final in a future rulemaking.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/03/00	65 FR 58901
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: RIN 3206-AJ15 was withdrawn and merged with this RIN 3206-AJ26.

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RIN: 3206-AJ26

3960. • COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); COMMISSARY/EXCHANGE RATES; SURVEY FREQUENCY; GRADUAL REDUCTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing regulations to implement recent amendments to Executive Order 10000 regarding nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLAs). These regulations eliminate the separate COLA rate paid

to Federal employees with commissary and exchange privileges; allow OPM to conduct COLA surveys less frequently; and permit OPM to reduce COLA rates gradually regardless of the cause of the reduction. These changes will accomplish several of the provisions agreed upon under a recent settlement of litigation concerning nonforeign area COLAs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3961. • ABSENCE AND LEAVE: USE OF RESTORED ANNUAL LEAVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 6311

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to aid agencies and employees responding to the "National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks" on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/02/01	66 FR 55557
Interim Final Rule Effective	11/02/01	
Final Action	04/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3962. RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARD EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 104-8

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. They establish standards by which some former Federal employees may carry civil service retirement coverage to employment with the District of Columbia Financial Control Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/15/96	61 FR 58457
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG78

3963. RETIREMENT; COVERAGE-NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 841 to 844; 5 CFR 847

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, August 9, 1996.

Abstract: These regulations implement the provisions of Public Law 104-106,

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which allows certain employees, who have been employed by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities under the jurisdiction of the armed forces, to obtain retirement credit under limited circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/09/96	61 FR 41714
Final Action	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH57

3964. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8361(g); PL 105-33, sec 11202(f), 11232(e), 11246(b); PL 106-522, sec 145

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement provisions of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, which requires that nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia Courts, and under certain conditions, the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Probation and Offender Supervision Trustee and their respective employees be considered Federal employees for purposes of Federal retirement, health, and life insurance coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/97	62 FR 50995
Interim Final Rule	12/01/97	
Comment Period End		
Final Action	05/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI02

3965. RETIREMENT, HEALTH, AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND JUSTICE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1998

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-274

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations implement the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998. The effect of these regulations is to extend Federal retirement, health insurance, and life insurance coverage to employees of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia under section 7 of the Act, and to exclude certain former employees of the District of Columbia, who are hired by the Department of Justice or by the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, from Federal retirement coverage if they elect, under section 3 of the Act, to continue their coverage under a retirement system for employees of the District of Columbia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/31/99	64 FR 15286
Interim Final Rule	06/29/99	
Comment Period End		
Final Action	05/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI55

3966. • LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim rules that permit certain police officers with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to elect coverage under the special retirement provisions for law enforcement officers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/25/01	66 FR 38523
Interim Final Rule	07/25/01	
Effective		
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ39

3967. RETIREMENT; STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8345; 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461; 5 USC 8469

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart S; 5 CFR 841, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations modify existing regulations to reflect changes designed to expand and streamline the process of withholding State income tax from CSRS and FERS annuities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/99	64 FR 33429
Final Action	12/00/01	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AH62**3968. CORRECTION OF RETIREMENT COVERAGE ERRORS UNDER THE FEDERAL ERRONEOUS RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTION ACT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 106-265**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 839**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is amending its regulations to include new rules for correcting certain retirement coverage errors. We are amending the regulations to implement the provisions of the Federal Erroneous Retirement Coverage Corrections Act (the FERCCA), title II of Public Law 106-265. The regulations will allow agencies to correct affected coverage errors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/19/01	66 FR 15605
Interim Final Rule Effective	03/19/01	
Final Action	06/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ38**3969. RETIREMENT; GENERAL ADMINISTRATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 841**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations would allow an agency to retain the individual retirement record when an employee transfers within the same agency even though the employee would be serviced by another intra-agency payroll.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/20/00	65 FR 21119
Interim Final Rule Effective	04/20/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI83**3970. RETIREMENT; FERS BASIC ANNUITY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8461**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 842, subparts B to G**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These final regulations will amend FERS Basic Annuity regulations governing Eligibility (subpart B), Credit for Service (subpart C), Computations (subpart F), and Alternative Forms of Annuity (subpart G). These regulations have been published at various times in interim final form, and have been affected by statutory changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2061
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2067
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4473
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4479
Interim Final Rule	05/14/87	52 FR 18193
Interim Final Rule	04/08/88	53 FR 11635
Interim Final Rule	02/09/90	55 FR 4598
Final Rule	12/27/90	55 FR 53136
Interim Final Rule	02/19/91	56 FR 6549
Final Action	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AE73**3971. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS AND PLAIN LANGUAGE REWRITE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8716**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 870**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: These regulations include changes to FEGLI regulations that clarify procedures for signing and witnessing designations of beneficiary, accepting designations of beneficiary by facsimile, accepting DNA evidence to establish paternity, etc. We are also rewriting part 870 under the plain language initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/27/00	65 FR 64530
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Additional Information: RIN 3206-AI64 was withdrawn and merged with this RIN.

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RIN: 3206-AG63**3972. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE: PREMIUM CHANGES AND CHANGE IN TIME FRAMES FOR ELECTING INSURANCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8716; PL 106-398**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 870**Legal Deadline:** None

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Abstract: Public Law 105-311 allowed retiring employees to elect to continue their option B and/or option C coverage on an unreduced basis. Since this means that more people over age 65 will have these coverages and will continue to pay premiums, the previous age band structure (with the top age band being 60 and over) needed to be expanded. OPM previously added additional age bands to option C; we now need to expand these further and to add age bands to option B. In addition, the actuaries have determined that changes in mortality rates warrant further changes to the FEGLI premiums. We are also changing the time frame for electing optional insurance when an employee is first eligible from 31 days to 60 days and adding information relating to Basic insurance for certain Department of Defense employees under Public Law 106-398.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/00/02	
Final Action	07/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3973. IMPLEMENTATION OF PREMIUM CONVERSION FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) PROGRAM

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.**Legal Authority:** 26 USC 125**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: At the President's direction, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued regulations under the Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program to enable employees of all executive branch agencies to pay their share of FEHB premiums with pre-tax dollars in accordance with

section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. OPM simultaneously amended salary allotment regulations at 5 CFR 550, because employees participating in premium conversion must allot a portion of salary to their employing agency that agencies then use to pay the employee share of FEHB premiums. The regulations establish the basic rules under which premium conversion will operate beginning in October 2000.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/19/00	65 FR 44644
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/18/00	
Final Action	12/00/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3974. ● FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS CHILDREN'S EQUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 106-394**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890; 5 CFR 892**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Public Law 106-394 requires mandatory self and family coverage for FEHB-eligible employees who do not comply with a court or administrative order to provide health benefits for their children. This regulation requires that employees subject to such an order be enrolled in self and family coverage in a plan that provides full benefits to his/her child(ren) in the area where they live or provide documentation to his/her employing office that he/she has other health coverage for the children. If the employee does not enroll in an appropriate health plan or provide documentation of other coverage for the children, the employing office will enroll the employee for self and family coverage in the option of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan that provides the lower level of coverage.

This type of mandatory coverage has been in effect for several years in the private sector. This regulation defines how this requirement will be implemented in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/01	
Final Action	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3975. ● SUSPENSION OF ENROLLMENT IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM TO ENROLL IN THE TRICARE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8913**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The National Defense Authorization Act for 2001 (Act) contains provisions that extend Tricare pharmacy coverage to Uniformed Services Medicare eligible retirees, spouses, and survivors effective April 1, 2001. This will allow Uniformed Services beneficiaries to get prescriptions through Tricare's retail, mail order, or military treatment facility pharmacies. The Act also allows these beneficiaries to regain eligibility for Tricare medical benefits effective October 1, 2001. Some enrollees in the FEHB Program served in the Uniformed Services prior to their civilian employment with the Federal Government. In certain cases, having served in both the Uniformed Services and as a civilian Federal employee entitles an individual to retirement benefits under both the Uniform Services and the civil service retirement systems. The purpose of this proposed regulation is to allow FEHB Program annuitants to suspend their enrollment so they can use their Tricare

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benefits instead of their FEHB benefits. This regulation will also allow these individuals to voluntarily reenroll in the FEHB Program during the next Open Season if they no longer want to solely use the Tricare program to meet their health care needs. If an eligible individual is involuntarily disenrolled from the Tricare program, this proposed regulation would give the individual the right to immediately reenroll in the FEHB Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/26/01	66 FR 49081
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/26/01	
Final Action	01/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3976. PROBATION ON INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO A COMPETITIVE POSITION**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3321**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 315, subpart H**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This regulation will permit agencies to use a competitive service probationary period of up to three years, when the work of the position cannot be properly evaluated in only one year. It will also establish one year as the minimum probationary period.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3977. MERIT PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: In an effort to streamline selection procedures and provide

agencies with greater flexibility, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to revise the regulations covering merit promotion and internal placement. These regulations will provide a framework within which agencies may develop merit-based programs for internal selections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3978. REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY LIST**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1315; 5 USC 8151**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330, subpart B**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is proposing regulations covering the operation and administration of the Reemployment Priority List (RPL). The RPL provides competitive service employees, separated by reduction in force, with the first opportunity for reemployment in their former agency over candidates who do not work for the agency. The

RPL also provides the same priority to former employees who were separated or downgraded because of a compensable injury or disability and have fully recovered more than one year after compensation began. These proposed regulations would update RPL procedures in order to assist agencies in providing displaced employees with maximum reemployment opportunities.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3979. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM INITIATIVES**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 43; 5 USC 45**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 430; 5 CFR 451**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulatory changes to comply with a legislative initiative focused on aligning employee performance with organizational goals and maintaining individual accountability.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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3980. SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5333

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 531

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises regulations concerning the appointment of superior candidates above the minimum rate of pay for General Schedule positions. Clarifies and modifies what agencies should consider when making these superior qualifications appointments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3981. PERSONNEL SECURITY AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7312; 50 USC 403; EO 10450; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 732

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in

the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we see no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Interim Final Rule	10/17/94	
Effective Date		
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3982. INVESTIGATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 93-579; 5 USC 552a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 736

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Begin Review	10/01/93	
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3983. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PERIODS OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OR INSUFFICIENT PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations that establish a requirement that Federal agencies counsel employees entering nonpay status, or whose pay is insufficient to cover their FEHB premium payments, of the options of continuing or terminating their FEHB coverage, and if continuing, of paying premiums directly on a current basis or incurring a debt to be withheld from future salary. These regulations are intended to ensure employees are fully aware of these alternatives. We have received comments on the interim rules, which are under review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/22/96	61 FR 37807
Second Interim Final Rule	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3984. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE DATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

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Long-Term Actions

Abstract: This proposed regulation would adopt January 1 as the effective date for all open season enrollment changes and new enrollment in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/31/98	63 FR 46180

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/98	
Final Action	01/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Completed Actions

3985. CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT UNDER SPECIAL AUTHORITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/21/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3988. INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 351; 5 CFR 332

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/04/01	66 FR 29895
Final Action Effective	06/04/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3990. PRETAX ALLOTMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart C

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/26/01	66 FR 49085
Final Action Effective	10/26/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3986. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS OF CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315; 5 CFR 316

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/21/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3989. REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 537

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/31/01	66 FR 39405
Final Action Effective	08/30/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AJ33

3991. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 551, subpart A; 5 CFR 551, subpart B; 5 CFR 551, subpart C

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3987. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PEACE CORPS AND VISTA VOLUNTEERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/21/01	

3992. RECRUITMENT AND RELOCATION BONUSES AND RETENTION ALLOWANCES

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 575

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Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/20/01	66 FR 37883
Final Action Effective	07/20/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ08**3993. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES (NONFOREIGN AREAS); GUAM AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 591**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With 3206-AJ26	09/07/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AJ15**3994. RETIREMENT; LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831, subpart I; 5 CFR 842, subpart H**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/07/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI41**3995. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: LIFE INSURANCE IMPROVEMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 870**Completed:**

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Withdrawn	09/07/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3206-AI64**3996. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS ACQUISITION REGULATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 1601; 5 CFR 1652**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/02/01	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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