

0302, FMCSA–2014–0304, FMCSA–2014–0305, FMCSA–2015–0048, FMCSA–2015–0049, FMCSA–2015–0052, FMCSA–2015–0053, FMCSA–2015–0055, FMCSA–2015–0072, FMCSA–2016–0030, FMCSA–2016–0033, FMCSA–2016–0206, FMCSA–2016–0208, FMCSA–2016–0212, FMCSA–2016–0213, FMCSA–2016–0214, FMCSA–2017–0014, FMCSA–2017–0017, FMCSA–2017–0019, FMCSA–2017–0020, FMCSA–2018–0017, FMCSA–2019–0005, FMCSA–2019–0009, and FMCSA–2019–0011. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 6, 2021 and will expire on September 6, 2023.

As of September 7, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (76 FR 37169, 76 FR 50318, 78 FR 78477, 80 FR 50915, 83 FR 4537, 84 FR 47038): Charles E. Carter (MI)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2011–0140. The exemption is applicable as of September 7, 2021 and will expire on September 7, 2023.

As of September 13, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (72 FR 39879, 72 FR 52419, 74 FR 41971, 76 FR 54530, 78 FR 78477, 80 FR 48402, 83 FR 4537, 84 FR 47038):

Ray C. Johnson (AR); and Joshua R. Perkins (ID)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2007–27897. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 13, 2021 and will expire on September 13, 2023.

As of September 16, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (78 FR 41975, 78 FR 56986, 80 FR 48411, 83 FR 4537, 84 FR 47038):

Carl H. Block (NY); and Vincent E. Marsee, Sr. (NC)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0030. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 16, 2021 and will expire on September 16, 2023.

As of September 22, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and

31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (74 FR 37295, 74 FR 48343, 76 FR 53708, 78 FR 78477, 80 FR 49302, 83 FR 4537, 84 FR 47038): Samuel A. Miller (IN)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2009–0154. The exemption is applicable as of September 22, 2021 and will expire on September 22, 2023.

As of September 23, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (64 FR 27027, 64 FR 51568, 66 FR 48504, 68 FR 19598, 68 FR 33570, 68 FR 54775, 70 FR 53412, 72 FR 62896, 74 FR 43221, 76 FR 53708, 78 FR 78477, 80 FR 53383, 83 FR 4537, 84 FR 47038):

Weldon R. Evans (OH); and Orasio Garcia (TX)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–1999–5578 and FMCSA–2003–14504. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 23, 2021 and will expire on September 23, 2023.

#### V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must undergo an annual physical examination (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a certified medical examiner (ME), as defined by § 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under § 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the ME at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file or keep a copy of his/her driver's qualification if he/her is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

#### VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 123 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

#### Internal Revenue Service

#### Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 and Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gilbert Martinez at 1–888–912–1227 or (737) 800–4060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Joint Committee will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2021, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm Eastern Time and Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm Eastern Time. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. For more information please contact Gilbert Martinez at 1–888–912–1227 or (737–800–4060), or write TAP Office 3651 S. IH–35, STOP 1005 AUSC, Austin, TX 78741, or post comments to the website: <http://www.improveirs.org>.

The agenda will include various committee issues for submission to the

IRS and other TAP related topics. Public input is welcomed.

Dated: July 30, 2021.

**Kevin Brown,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Cost-Based and Inter-Agency Billing Rates for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2022

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document updates the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency billing rates for medical care or services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnished in certain circumstances.

**DATES:** The rates set forth herein are effective October 1, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Debra Vatthauer, Office of Community Care, Revenue Operations, Payer

Relations and Services, Rates and Charges (13RO1), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 128 Bingham Road, Suite 1000, Asheville, NC 28806; telephone: 608-821-7346 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA's methodology for computing Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates for medical care or services provided by VA is set forth in section 17.102(h) of title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Two sets of rates are obtained by applying this methodology, Cost-Based and Inter-Agency.

Cost-Based rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by VA under 38 CFR 17.102(a), (b), (d) and (g), respectively, in the following circumstances:

- In error or based on tentative eligibility;
- In a medical emergency;
- To pensioners of allied nations; and
- For research purposes in circumstances under which the medical care appropriation shall be reimbursed from the research appropriation.

Inter-Agency rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by

VA under § 17.102(c) and (f), respectively, in the following circumstances when the care or services provided are not covered by any applicable sharing agreement in accordance with § 17.102(e):

- To beneficiaries of the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies; and
- To military retirees with chronic disability.

The calculations for the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates are the same with two exceptions. Inter-Agency rates are all-inclusive and are not broken down into three components (*i.e.*, Physician; Ancillary; and Nursing, Room and Board), and do not include standard fringe benefit costs that cover Government employee retirement, disability costs, and return on fixed assets.

The following table depicts the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates that are effective October 1, 2021 and will remain in effect until the next fiscal year **Federal Register** update. These rates supersede those established by the **Federal Register** notice published on July 28, 2020, at 85 FR 45471.

	Cost-based rates	Inter-agency rates
<b>A. Hospital Care per inpatient day</b>		
General Medicine:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	\$5,466	\$5,318
Physician .....	654	.....
Ancillary .....	1,424	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	3,388	.....
Neurology:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	5,127	4,981
Physician .....	751	.....
Ancillary .....	1,354	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	3,022	.....
Rehabilitation Medicine:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	3,963	3,846
Physician .....	450	.....
Ancillary .....	1,211	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	2,302	.....
Blind Rehabilitation:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	2,933	2,843
Physician .....	236	.....
Ancillary .....	1,457	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	1,240	.....
Spinal Cord Injury:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	3,548	3,443
Physician .....	440	.....
Ancillary .....	893	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	2,215	.....
Surgery:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	9,756	9,490
Physician .....	1,075	.....
Ancillary .....	2,959	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	5,722	.....
General Psychiatry:		
All Inclusive Rate .....	2,875	2,788
Physician .....	271	.....
Ancillary .....	453	.....
Nursing Room and Board .....	2,151	.....
Substance Abuse (Alcohol and Drug Treatment):		
All Inclusive Rate .....	2,744	2,663