

identified as “VA Medical Facility Locations V3.16 (Jan 15).”

As indicated in 38 CFR 17.101(m), when VA provides or furnishes prescription drugs not administered during treatment, “charges billed separately for such prescription drugs will consist of the amount that equals the total of the actual cost to VA for the drugs and the national average of VA administrative costs associated with dispensing the drugs for each prescription.” Section 17.101(m) includes the methodology for calculating the national average administrative cost for prescription drug charges not administered during treatment.

VA determines the amount of the national average administrative cost annually for the prior fiscal year (October through September) and then applies the charge at the start of the next calendar year. The national average administrative drug cost for calendar year 2015 is \$13.10. This change will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/payerinfo.asp> and identified as “CY 2015 Average Administrative Cost for Prescriptions.”

Consistent with § 17.101, the national average administrative cost, the updated data tables, and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted online, as indicated in this notice. This notice will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading “Federal Registers, Rules, and Notices” and identified as, “V3.16 Federal Register Notice 01/01/15 (Outpatient and Professional), and National Administrative Cost (PDF).” The national average administrative cost, updated data tables, and the supplementary tables containing the changes described will be effective until changed by a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jose D. Riojas, Chief of Staff, approved this document on December 18, 2014, for publication.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

##### Section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal Consultation.

**SUMMARY:** As required by section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Director of the Indian Health Service will jointly submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of entering into and expanding certain reimbursement agreements. VA is seeking Tribal Consultation on section 102(c).

**DATES:** Comments must be received by VA on or before January 14, 2015.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tracey Parker Warren, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations by phone at (202) 461–7400 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [Tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:Tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Tracey Parker Warren, VA

Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations by email at [Tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:Tribalgovernmentconsultation@va.gov), by fax to (202) 273–5716, or by hand-delivery to Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations (075F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that the submission is in response to “Notice of Tribal Consultation: Section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014.”

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA’s Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) is seeking Tribal Consultation on section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, Public Law (P.L.) 113–146.

Public Law 113–146, section 102(c) (as revised by section 409(b)(2) of Public Law 113–175). OTGR specifically seeks Tribal Consultation in the form of written comments concerning the feasibility and advisability of Indian Health Service and Tribal Health Programs entering into agreements with VA for reimbursement of the costs of direct care services provided to eligible Veterans who are not American Indian or Alaska Native.

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