

as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act ¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁵

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) ¹⁶ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹⁷ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. FINRA has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become operative upon filing. As outlined above, FINRA states that it plans to reach out to all impacted individuals and inform them of the new CE completion period established by this rule change. FINRA has indicated that the immediate operation of the proposed rule change is appropriate so that FINRA can communicate the rule change to impacted individuals promptly. FINRA also believes that immediate operation of the proposed rule change is appropriate because it would provide clarity to impacted individuals without unnecessary delay. For these reasons, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹⁸

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and

arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2024-006 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2024-006. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2024-006 and should be submitted on or before May 31, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Investor Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. (ET) and will be open to the public.

PLACE: The meeting will be conducted by remote means. Members of the public may watch the webcast of the meeting on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

STATUS: This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is invited to submit written statements to the Committee. Written statements should be received on or before June 5, 2024.

Written statements may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

- Use the Commission's internet submission form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or
- Send an email message to rules-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. 265-28 on the subject line; or

Paper Statements

- Send paper statements to Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File No. 265-28. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your statement more efficiently, please use only one method.

The Commission will post all statements on the Commission's website. Statements also will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Room 1503, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Operating conditions may limit access to the

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. FINRA has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁸ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Commission's Public Reference Room. Do not include personal information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda for the meeting includes: welcome and opening remarks; approval of previous meeting minutes; a panel discussion examining the new frontier for investment advice; a panel discussion regarding AI regulation: embracing the future; a discussion of a recommendation regarding the protection of self-directed investors when trading complex products and utilizing complex strategies; a discussion of a recommendation on financial literacy and investor education; subcommittee and working group reports; and a non-public administrative session.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400. Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: May 8, 2024.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20303 and #20304;
OKLAHOMA Disaster Number OK-20001]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Oklahoma

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA-4776-DR), dated 04/30/2024.

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding.
Incident Period: 04/25/2024 and continuing.

DATES: Issued on 05/03/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/01/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 01/30/2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small

Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma, dated 04/30/2024, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Carter.
Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Oklahoma: Stephens

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2024-0009]

Maximum Dollar Limit in the Fee Agreement Process

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are increasing the maximum dollar amount limit for fee agreements approved under the Social Security Act (the Act) to \$9,200. Effective November 30, 2024, we may approve fee agreements up to the new dollar limit, provided that the fee agreement otherwise meets the statutory conditions of the agreement process.

DATES: We will apply this notice beginning on November 30, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Quatroche, Office of Vocational, Evaluation, and Process Policy in the Office of Disability Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 966-4794.

For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call the Social Security Administration's (SSA) national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit SSA's internet site, Social Security Online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act provides a streamlined process for a representative to obtain approval of the fee the representative wishes to charge for representing a claimant before us.¹ To use that fee agreement process, the

representative(s) and the claimant must agree, in a signed writing, to a fee that does not exceed the limit set by the statute, which is the lesser of 25 percent of past due benefits or a prescribed dollar amount. Section 5106 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990, Public Law 101-508, set the initial fee amount at \$4,000 and gave the Commissioner the authority to increase it periodically, provided that the cumulative rate of increase did not at any time exceed the rate of increase in the primary insurance amount (PIA) since January 1, 1991. The law further provided that notice of any increased amount shall be published in the **Federal Register**. On June 30, 2022, we published a notice raising the maximum fee to \$7,200, effective November 30, 2022, which is the current maximum dollar amount for fee agreements.²

With this notice, we announce that the maximum dollar amount under the fee agreement process, will increase to \$9,200, effective November 30, 2024. This increase does not exceed the rate of increase provided in the OBRA of 1990. We expect that this increase will compensate representatives for their services while ensuring claimants are protected from excessive fees. In setting the new cap, we considered a number of factors, including: data about fees authorized under the current fee cap, data about case backlogs, COLA, PIAs, feedback we received about the current fee cap, increases in disability benefits, and the effects on our claimants.

Beginning November 30, 2024, decision makers may approve a fee agreement up to the new dollar limit if the fee agreement meets the statutory conditions for approval, no exceptions to the fee agreement process exist, and the favorable determination or decision is issued on or after this date. We are setting this date to ensure that there is adequate time to provide training and guidance to our employees and to make the necessary changes in our information technology infrastructure.

Starting in January 2026, along with our announcements of other cost of living adjustments (COLA) (e.g., for title II benefits, title XVI payments, or the appointed representative fee assessment), we will annually address the maximum dollar amount for fee agreements and provide a rationale for either increasing or not increasing the maximum dollar amount based upon the annual COLA for the prior year. Future increases will not exceed the rate of increase provided in the OBRA of 1990. We expect that future increases will compensate representatives for

¹ 42 U.S.C. 406(a) and 1383(d)(2)(A).

² 87 FR 39157 (2022).