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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

28 CFR Part 522

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Admission and Orientation Program: Removal From Rules

AGENCY: Bureau of Prisons, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) removes its rules on the Admission and Orientation Program from the CFR. We intend this amendment to streamline our regulations by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation.

DATES: This rule is effective July 19, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) removes its rules on the Admission and Orientation Program by reserving 28 CFR Subpart E. Although we are removing these rules from the CFR, they will remain in Bureau policy statements on the Admission and Orientation Program. We published this rule change as an interim final rule on February 4, 2003 (68 FR 5563). We received no comments on this interim final rule, and therefore adopt the interim final rule as final without change.

Purpose of the Rule

This document streamlines our regulations by removing internal agency management procedures that need not be stated in regulation. In doing this, we will be able to adjust our Admission and Orientation program, through policy instead of rules, to allow us to provide more current information more quickly to new inmates. Bureau policy is a more

appropriate vehicle through which to provide instruction and guidance to staff.

Admission and Orientation Program Rules

The three rules in 28 CFR subpart E, §§ 522.40, 522.41, and 522.43 contained descriptions of the Bureau's Admission and Orientation Program. Although we are removing these rules from the CFR, we retain the language of these rules in our Admission and Orientation policy, which is an instructional document for Bureau employees and institutional staff.

Section 522.40 required institutions and staff to "offer each newly committed inmate an orientation to the institution" which includes information on the inmate's rights, responsibilities, obligations, and the institution's programs and disciplinary system.

Section 522.41 delineated Warden and staff responsibility for conducting the Admission and Orientation (A&O) program. This section required staff involved in the A&O program to develop an outline of information to present during A&O and develop written orientation materials. This section also instructed staff to monitor inmates with significant emotional stress during A&O, so that the institution could provide them with appropriate assistance.

Section 522.42 contained guidelines for institutions' A&O programs, including such details as location, activities, and length of the program.

All of these rules consist of our instruction and guidance to Bureau staff. These rules relate solely to internal agency management and practice, and do not impose obligations or confer any benefits upon our regulated entities (the inmates) or the public.

Executive Order 12866

This rule falls within a category of actions that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined not to constitute "significant regulatory actions" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and, accordingly, was not reviewed by OMB.

Executive Order 13132

This regulation will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, under Executive Order 13132, we determine that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Director of the Bureau of Prisons, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), reviewed this regulation and by approving it certifies that it will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: This rule pertains to the correctional management of offenders committed to the custody of the Attorney General or the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and its economic impact is limited to the Bureau's appropriated funds.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

This rule is not a major rule as defined by § 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 522

Prisoners.

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Director, Bureau of Prisons.

Under the rulemaking authority vested in the Attorney General in 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and delegated to the Director, Bureau of Prisons, we adopt, as final without change, the interim final rule amending 28 CFR part 522 published on February 4, 2003 (68 FR 5563).

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