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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of March 18, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) issued a final rule establishing new cigarette health warnings for cigarette packages and advertisements. The final rule implements a provision of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act) (Pub. L. 111-31) that requires FDA to issue regulations requiring color graphics depicting the negative health consequences of smoking to accompany new textual warning label statements. The Tobacco Control Act amends the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 89-92) to require each cigarette package and advertisement to bear one of the new required warnings. The final rule specifies the 11 new textual warning label statements and accompanying color graphics. Pursuant to section 201(b) of the Tobacco Control Act, the rule was published with an effective date of June 18, 2021, 15 months after the date of publication of the final rule.

On April 3, 2020, the final rule was challenged in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.¹ On May 8, 2020, the court granted a joint motion to govern proceedings in that case and postpone the effective date of the final rule by 120 days.² On December 2, 2020, the court granted a new motion by the plaintiffs to postpone the effective date of the final rule by an additional 90 days.³ On March 2, 2021, the court granted another motion by the plaintiffs to postpone the effective date of the final rule by an additional 90 days.⁴ On May 21, 2021, the court granted another motion by the plaintiffs to postpone the effective date of the final rule by an additional 90 days.⁵ On August 18, 2021, the court issued an order to postpone the effective date of the final rule by an additional 90 days.⁶ The

court ordered that the new effective date of the final rule is October 11, 2022. Pursuant to the court order, any obligation to comply with a deadline tied to the effective date is similarly postponed, and those obligations and deadlines are now tied to the postponed effective date.

To the extent that 5 U.S.C. 553 applies to this action, the Agency's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exception in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Seeking public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. The 90-day postponement of the effective date, until October 11, 2022, is required by court order in accordance with the court's authority to postpone a rule's effective date pending judicial review (5 U.S.C. 705). Seeking prior public comment on this postponement would have been impracticable, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly issuance and implementation of regulations.

Dated: September 3, 2021.

Lauren K. Roth,

Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

29 CFR Part 1402

RIN 3076-AA16

Notice to Mediation Agency

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), issues a final rule amending its existing regulations to modify the submission method of information collection request, Notice to Mediation Agency, (Agency Form F-7) and remove the form titled "Notice to Mediation Agencies."

DATES: This final rule is effective September 13, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Pearlstein, Director, Arbitration, Notice Processing, Shared Neutrals, apearlstein@fmcs.gov, 202-606-8103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Parties to private-sector collective bargaining agreements must file certain notices with the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 158(d)(3). This modification changes the submission process of information collection request, Notice to Mediation Agency (Agency Form F-7), from mail-in to electronic submission. This revision is necessary to increase efficiency of FMCS both by allowing FMCS to receive Agency Form F-7's more quickly, but also to reduce processing time. This will allow the Service to provide its services to the parties more quickly. This modification removes the language which includes the verbiage of the Form-F7, to allow for FMCS to modify the form, if necessary, without necessitating additional rule change.

II. Authority for This Rulemaking

FMCS' authority to issue rules is found in 29 U.S.C. 172 of Taft-Hartley Act of 1947. This regulation is within the scope of that authority.

III. Public Comment Period

The public comment period on the proposed rule opened on July 22, 2021, the date of its publication in the **Federal Register**, and closed on August 23, 2021. During this period, FMCS did not receive any comments on our proposed action.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1402

Administrative practice and procedure, Information collection requests, Labor management relations.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, and under the authority 29 U.S.C. 172 of the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, FMCS amends 29 CFR part 1402 as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1402 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 202, 61 Stat. 153, sec. 3, 80 Stat. 250, sec. 203, 61 Stat. 153; 5 U.S.C. 552, 29 U.S.C. 172, 173.

■ 2. Revise § 1402.1 to read as follows:

§ 1402.1 Notice of dispute.

The notice of dispute filed with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service pursuant to the provisions of section 8(d)(3), of the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, as amended, shall be submitted electronically via a platform provided by FMCS. If electronic submission creates an undue hardship, the filer may contact the FMCS Notice Processing office to explain the circumstances and receive assistance. The Form F-7, for use by the parties in filing a notice of

¹ *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. et al. v. United States Food and Drug Administration et al.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. filed April 3, 2020).

² *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. May 8, 2020) (order granting joint motion and establishing schedule), Doc. No. 33.

³ *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. December 2, 2020) (order granting Plaintiffs' motion and postponing effective date), Doc. No. 80.

⁴ *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. March 2, 2021) (order granting Plaintiffs' motion and postponing effective date), Doc. No. 89.

⁵ *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. May 21, 2021) (order granting Plaintiffs' motion and postponing effective date), Doc. No. 91.

⁶ *R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, No. 6:20-cv-00176 (E.D. Tex. August 18, 2021) (order postponing effective date), Doc. No. 92.

dispute, has been prepared by the Service.

Dated: September 7, 2021.

Sarah Cudahy,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG–2021–0612]

Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector St. Petersburg

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals on September 26, 2021, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for recurring marine events within Sector St. Petersburg identifies the regulated area for this event in Clearwater, FL. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, will be enforced from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., on September 26, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Marine Science Technician First Class Michael Shackelford, Sector St. Petersburg Prevention Department, Coast Guard; telephone (813) 228–2191, email Michael.d.shackelford@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals regulated area from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on September 26, 2021. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for recurring marine events, Sector St. Petersburg, § 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals which encompasses portions of the Gulf of Mexico near Clearwater beach. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in

§ 100.703(c), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and/or marine information broadcasts.

Dated: August 31, 2021.

Matthew A. Thompson,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port St. Petersburg.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AQ45

Veterans Care Agreements

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adopts as final, with no substantive changes, an interim final rule revising its medical regulations to implement VA's authority under section 102 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which authorizes VA to enter into agreements to furnish required hospital care, medical services, and extended care services in the community when such care and services are not feasibly available to certain individuals through a VA facility, a contract, or a sharing agreement. As specified in section 1703A and this implementing rule, these agreements are called Veterans Care Agreements (VCA).

DATES: This rule is effective on October 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Duran, Office of Community Care (10D), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Ptarmigan at Cherry Creek, Denver, CO 80209; (303) 372–4629. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2018, the President signed into law the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018, Public Law 115–182, 132 Stat. 1393 (2018) (codified as amended in

scattered sections of 38 U.S.C.) (MISSION Act). This rule adopts as final, with no substantive changes, an interim final rule revising VA medical regulations to implement section 102 of the MISSION Act (codified as amended at 38 U.S.C. 1703A), which authorizes VA to enter into agreements to furnish required hospital care, medical services, and extended care services in the community when such care and services are not feasibly available to certain individuals through a VA facility, a contract, or a sharing agreement. As specified in section 1703A and this implementing rule, these agreements are called Veterans Care Agreements (VCA).

On May 14, 2019, VA published an interim final rule to establish the parameters of VCAs authorized under section 1703A, to include: Establishing a certification process for entities and providers that will seek to enter into a VCA and furnish care or services pursuant to that agreement; establishing certain parameters governing the payment rates that will be set forth in the terms of each VCA; and establishing an administrative process for adjudicating disputes arising under or related to VCAs, including those pertaining to claims for payment for care or services provided under a VCA. 84 FR 21668. VA received input from eight commenters in response to this interim final rule, only three of which raised issues relevant to the rule. VA's responses to those three commenters are summarized below.

One commenter that represents a membership consisting of long term and post-acute care providers offered four comments that relate to VA's implementation and use of VCAs. The comments do not expressly or impliedly request any changes to the interim final rule, nor do they raise any issues that would necessitate or merit any such changes.

First, the commenter noted that it wants to ensure its members obtain access to information “available at both the regional and national levels” within VA regarding VA's implementation and use of VCAs. Relatedly, the commenter also indicated that it has heard from some of its members that they would like VA to establish one or more points of contact at the “national” level that providers could communicate with directly when they have questions that “regional” VA offices are unable to answer regarding VA's implementation and use of VCAs. We interpret the commenter's references to information made available and points of contact established at the “national” and “regional” levels to constitute references to when such information