

by the individual Participants pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act establishing the minimum increments by which equities or options are quoted on the respective markets or until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

By the Commission.

By: Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

American Healthcare Providers, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

June 15, 2000.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of American Healthcare Providers, Inc. ("American Healthcare") because of questions regarding the accuracy of assertions by American Healthcare, and by others, in press releases concerning, among other things, a contract entered into by American Healthcare.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT, on Thursday, June 15, 2000 through 11:59 p.m. EDT, on Wednesday, June 28, 2000.

By the Commission.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42915; File No. SR-Amex-00-28]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC, Relating to an Increase in Fees for Registered Options Trader and Specialist Transactions in Exchange Traded Fund Shares

June 9, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on May 25, 2000, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to revise fees for Registered Options Trader and Specialist transactions in Exchange Traded Fund Shares.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(1) Purpose

The Amex currently imposes charges for transactions in Portfolio Depositary Receipts ("PDRs"), Index Fund Shares and Trust Issued Receipts ("TIRs") executed on the Exchange. Currently, charges include fees for

Registered Options Trader and Specialist transactions in PDRs, Index Fund Shares and TIRs, including Nasdaq-100 Index Trust, SPDRs, DIAMONDS, WEBS, MidCap SPDRs, Select Sector SPDRs, and HOLDERS. The current rate for Specialist transactions in these products is \$0.006 per share (\$0.60 per 100 shares), capped at \$300 per trade (50,000 shares). The current rate for Registered Options Trader transactions is \$0.007 per share (\$0.70 per 100 shares), capped at \$350 per trade (50,000 shares). Off floor orders (*i.e.*, customer and broker-dealer) are charged \$0.006 per share (\$0.60 per 100 shares), capped at \$100 per trade (16,667 shares).

The Exchange proposes to revise fees for Registered Options Trader and Specialist transactions in PDRs, Index Fund Shares and TIRs. The Exchange will apply the revised transaction fees to all Registered Options Trader and Specialist transactions in currently traded as well as newly listed PDRs, Index Fund Shares and TIRs. The proposed revision is in the amount of \$0.03 per 100 shares for Specialist and Registered Options Trader transactions. As a result, upon implementation of the proposed fee revision, Specialist fees for transactions in PDRs, Index Fund Shares and TIRs will increase from \$0.006 per share (\$0.60 per 100 shares) to \$0.0063 per share (\$0.63 per 100 shares) and Registered Options Trader fees will increase from \$0.007 per share (\$0.70 per 100 shares) to \$0.0073 per share (\$0.73 per 100 shares).

The Exchange is undertaking the proposed revision in fees to offset increased Exchange expenses and costs associated with the continued development, listing and trading of additional PDRs, Index Fund Shares and TIRs. Because the proposed revision in fees will better enable the Exchange to further develop, list and trade new Exchange Traded Fund Shares, the Exchange believes it is appropriate and necessary to implement the revised fee schedule.

(2) Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)³ of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)⁴ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change, which establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge imposed by the Exchange, has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶ At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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 the furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C.

Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-AMEX-00-28 and should be submitted by July 10, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42916; File No. SR-CHX-00-17]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to Entry and Execution of "Immediate or Cancel" Limit Orders During the E-Session

June 9, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 1, 2000, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested person.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposal

The Exchange proposes to amend Article XXA, Rules 8 and 12 of the Exchange's rules, to permit entry and execution of "immediate or cancel" ("IOC") limit orders during the Exchange's extended trading hours session ("E-Session"). The text of the proposed rule is below. Additions are in italics.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ The Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposal on May 24, 2000, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6). 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Chicago Stock Exchange Rules Article XXA

Trading Rules and Procedures Applicable to Equity Trading During the Extended Trading Session

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Manner of Making Bids and Offers

Rule 8. The only orders eligible to be entered during the E-Session are unconditional limit orders *or immediate or cancel limit orders* for E-Session Eligible Securities. These orders shall be electronically and directly transmitted, via MAX, to the specialist's limit order book; except that Floor Brokers (1) may route limit orders via MAX to the specialist's limit order book or, where permissible, transmit them to another market; or (2) may, after receiving a limit order to buy and a limit order to sell an equivalent amount of the same security (a) execute the orders at the specialist's post pursuant to Article XX, Rule 23 or (b) route the orders via MAX to the specialist's limit order book. NASDAQ System market makers, acting in their capacities as market makers, shall have direct telephone access to the specialist post in each NASDAQ/NM Security in which that market maker is registered as market maker to transmit orders for execution on the Exchange.

Rule 9. No change in text.

Rule 10. No change in text.

Rule 11. No change in text.

Rule 12. No member or member organization may accept an order from a non-member for execution in the E-Session without first disclosing to that non-member that: (1) Orders for E-Session Eligible Securities are eligible only for a single E-Session and, if not executed during that E-Session, shall automatically be canceled; (2) unconditional limit orders *and immediate or cancel limit orders* are the only orders that are eligible for execution in the E-Session; (3) there is likely to be less liquidity during trading that occurs once normal trading hours have ended and, as a consequence, there may be greater fluctuations in securities prices; and (4) distinct systems and facilities trade securities after normal trading hours have ended and, as a consequence, at any particular time, quotations and transaction prices for a security may vary among those systems.

* * * *Interpretations and Policies*

.01 *For purposes of this article "immediate or cancel" orders are limit orders requiring the broker or specialist to purchase or sell as much of the order as can be executed as soon as the order is received, with the unexecuted balance of the order to be canceled immediately,*

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).