

and for purposes of enrollment into the VA healthcare system.

Description of likely respondents:

Veterans who are eligible to receive health care from VA including Filipino veterans eligible under this rule.

Estimated number of respondents:

1,900,000 revised to 1,904,940.

Estimated frequency of responses: 1.

Estimated annual burden per

collection: 45 minutes for the 10–10EZ, 20 minutes for the 10–10EZR.

Estimated total annual reporting and record keeping burden: 1,005,000 current revised to 1,008,180 hours.

The Department considers comments by the public on proposed collections of information in—

- Evaluating whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluating the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhancing the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimizing the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including responses through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Executive Order 12866

This document has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this proposed regulatory amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612. This proposed amendment would not directly affect any small entities. Only individuals could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this proposed amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers for the programs affected by this document are 64.005,

64.007, 64.008, 64.009, 64.010, 64.011, 64.012, 64.013, 64.014, 64.015, 64.016, 64.018, 64.019, 64.022, and 64.025.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Claims, Day care, Dental health, Drug abuse, Foreign relations, Government contracts, Grant programs—health, Grant programs—veterans, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Medical and dental schools, Medical devices, Medical research, Mental health programs, Nursing homes, Philippines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

Approved: October 7, 2004.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, we propose to amend 38 CFR part 17, as set forth below:

PART 17—MEDICAL

1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1721, unless otherwise noted.

2. Revise § 17.39 to read as follows:

§ 17.39 Certain Filipino veterans.

(a) Any Filipino Commonwealth Army veteran, including one who was recognized by authority of the U.S. Army as belonging to organized Filipino guerilla forces, or any new Philippine Scout is eligible for hospital care, nursing home care, and outpatient medical services within the United States in the same manner and subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to U.S. veterans, if such veteran or scout resides in the United States and is a citizen or lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. For purposes of these VA health care benefits, the standards described in 38 CFR 3.42(c) will be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residence.

(b) Commonwealth Army Veterans, including those who were recognized by authority of the U.S. Army as belonging to organized Filipino guerilla forces, and new Philippine Scouts are not eligible for VA health care benefits if they do not meet the residency and citizenship requirements described in § 3.42(c).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL–7857–7]

New York: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: New York has applied to EPA for Final authorization of changes to its hazardous waste program under Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to New York for these changes which are described in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**. In that section, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we get comments that oppose this action, we will either withdraw the immediate final rule, or the portion of the immediate final rule that is the subject of the comments. Only the remaining portion of the rule will take effect. We will then respond to those public comments opposing this authorization in a second final authorization notice. This second final notice may or may not include changes based on comments received during the public notice comment period. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send your written comments by February 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by FRL–7857–7 by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: infurna.michael@epamail.epa.gov.

- Fax: (212) 637–4437.

- Mail: Send written comments to Michael Infurna, Division of

Environmental Planning and Protection, EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10007.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Deliver your comments to Michael Infurna, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10007. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The public is advised to call in advance to verify the business hours. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

You can view and copy New York's application during business hours at the following addresses: EPA Region 2 Library, 290 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10007, Phone number: (212) 637-3185; or New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7250, Phone number: (518) 402-8730. The public is advised to call in advance to verify the business hours of the above locations.

Instructions: Direct your comments to FRL-7857-7. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through regulations.gov, or e-mail. The Federal regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties, and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Infurna, Division of

Environmental Planning and Protection, EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 22nd floor, New York, NY 10007; telephone number (212) 637-4177; fax number: (212) 637-4377; e-mail address: infurna.michael@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 23, 2004.

Kathleen C. Callahan,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

42 CFR Part 9

RIN 0925-AA31

Standards of Care for Chimpanzees Held in the Federally Supported Chimpanzee Sanctuary System

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposes to issue standards to implement provisions of the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act (CHIMP Act) authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop and publish standards of care for chimpanzees held in the Sanctuary system supported by Federal funds authorized under the CHIMP Act. These regulations will apply to only those facilities receiving Federal funds as a part of the federally funded chimpanzee Sanctuary system.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005 in order to assure that NIH will be able to consider comments in preparing the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN number 0925-AA31, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: jm40z@nih.gov. Indicate RIN number 0925-AA31 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: 301-402-0169.

- Mail: Jerry Moore, NIH Regulations Officer, Office of Management Assessment, National Institutes of

Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 601, MSC 7669, Rockville, Maryland 20892.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 601, MSC 7669, Rockville, Maryland 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Moore at the address given in the **ADDRESSES** section, or telephone 301-496-4607 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 2000, the United States Congress enacted the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-551). Section 1 of this law amended the Public Health Service (PHS) Act by adding a new section 481C (42 U.S.C. 287a-3a). Section 481C authorizes the Secretary to provide for the establishment and operation of a sanctuary system to provide for the lifetime care of chimpanzees that have been used, or were bred or purchased for use, in research conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Disease Control and Prevention, or other agencies of the Federal Government, and with respect to which it has been determined by the Secretary that the chimpanzees are not needed for such research (*i.e.*, surplus chimpanzees). Section 481C (d) directs the Secretary to establish by regulation standards of care for operating the Sanctuary system to provide for the permanent retirement of surplus chimpanzees. These standards of care for chimpanzees must ensure the well-being of animals and the health and safety of the animals and the people caring for them. On April 5, 2001, the Secretary delegated to the Director, NIH, the authorities to establish and operate the sanctuary system. Subsequently, the Director, NIH, delegated the authorities to the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). Consequently, NCRR has the lead responsibility for coordinating all efforts on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) concerning the Sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees from both Federal and non-Federal sources. Section 481C (e) authorizes the Secretary to make an award of a contract to a nonprofit private entity (*i.e.*, Sanctuary Contractor) under which the entity has the responsibility of operating (and establishing, as applicable) the Sanctuary system and awarding subcontracts to individual Sanctuary facilities that meet established standards. NCRR/NIH must approve both contractor and subcontractor awards and NCRR/NIH will verify