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What is the purpose of this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)?

This ANPRM gives you an opportunity to send us comments and suggestions on whether and how we might revise the listings and other criteria in sections 6.00 and 106.00 for evaluating genitourinary impairments. We last published final rules revising the criteria that we use to evaluate genitourinary impairments on July 5, 2005. 70 FR 38582. We are publishing this ANPRM as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that our criteria reflect the latest advances in medicine.

On which rules are we inviting comments and suggestions?

You can find our current rules on which we are inviting comments and suggestions on the Internet at the following locations:

- Sections 6.00 and 106.00 are in the Listing of Impairments in appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of our regulations at http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/cfr20/404/404-ap10.htm or at <http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>.

Who should send us comments and suggestions?

We invite comments and suggestions from people who apply for or receive benefits from us, members of the general public, advocates and organizations who represent people who have genitourinary impairments, State agencies that make disability determinations for us, experts in the evaluation of genitourinary impairments, and researchers.

What should you comment about?

We are interested in any comments and suggestions on how we might revise sections 6.00 and 106.00 of our listings. For example, we are interested in knowing if:

- You have concerns about any of the provisions in the current genitourinary impairments listings, such as whether

you believe we should change any of our criteria or whether you believe a listing is difficult to use or to understand.

- You would like to see our genitourinary impairments listings include something that is not currently included, such as other genitourinary impairments, additional medical technologies, specific laboratory studies, or new medical criteria.

- You believe our genitourinary impairments listings should include functional criteria and what those criteria should be.

Will we respond to your comments from this notice?

We will not respond directly to the comments you send in response to this ANPRM. After we have considered all comments and suggestions, as well as information about advances in medical knowledge, treatment, and methods of evaluating genitourinary impairments, and our program experience using the current listings, we will determine whether we should revise any of the listings or other criteria in sections 6.00 or 106.00. If we decide to propose specific revisions, we will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register**, and you will have a chance to comment on the revisions we propose.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 404

Administrative practice and procedure, Blind, Disability benefits, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

Dated: September 28, 2009.

Michael J. Astrue,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Part 404

[Docket No. SSA-2009-0039]

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Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Impairments That Affect Multiple Body Systems

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: We are requesting your comments on whether and how we should revise the criteria in our Listings of Impairments (the listings) for evaluating impairments that affect

multiple body systems in adults and children. We are requesting your comments as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that our listings reflect current medical knowledge. If we propose specific revisions; we will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: To be sure that we consider your comments, we must receive them by no later than January 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—Internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA-2009-0039 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. *Internet*: We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the Internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Use the *Search* function to find docket number SSA-2009-0039. The system will issue a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each comment manually. It may take up to a week for your comment to be viewable.

2. *Fax*: Fax comments to (410) 966-2830.

3. *Mail*: Mail your comments to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 137 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401.

Comments are available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marva Franklin, Social Insurance Specialist, Office of Medical Listings Improvement, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 965-1020. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

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What is the purpose of this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)?

This ANPRM gives you an opportunity to send us comments and suggestions on whether and how we might update and revise the listings and other criteria in sections 10.00 and 110.00 for evaluating impairments that affect multiple body systems. We last published final rules revising the criteria that we use to evaluate impairments that affect multiple body systems on August 30, 2005. 70 FR 51252. We are publishing this ANPRM as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that our criteria reflect the latest advances in medicine.

On which rules are we inviting comments and suggestions?

You can find our current rules on which we are inviting comments and suggestions on the Internet at the following locations:

- Sections 10.00 and 110.00 are in the Listing of Impairments in appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of our regulations at http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/cfr20/404/404-ap10.htm or at <http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>.

Who should send us comments and suggestions?

We invite comments and suggestions from people who apply for or receive benefits from us, members of the general public, advocates and organizations who represent people who have impairments that affect multiple body systems, State agencies that make disability determinations for us, experts in the evaluation of impairments that affect multiple body systems, and researchers.

What should you comment about?

We are interested in any comments and suggestions on how we might revise sections 10.00 and 110.00 of our listings. For example, we are interested in knowing if:

- You have concerns about any of the provisions in the current impairments that affect multiple body systems listings, such as whether you believe we should change any of our criteria or whether you believe a listing is difficult to use or to understand.
- You would like to see our impairments that affect multiple body systems listings include something that

is not currently included, such as other impairments, additional medical technologies, specific laboratory studies, or new medical criteria.

- You believe our impairments that affect multiple body systems listings should include functional criteria and what those criteria should be.

Will we respond to your comments from this notice?

We will not respond directly to the comments you send in response to this ANPRM. After we have considered all comments and suggestions, as well as information about advances in medical knowledge, treatment, and methods of evaluating impairments that affect multiple body systems, and our program experience using the current listings, we will determine whether we should revise any of the listings or other criteria in sections 10.00 or 110.00. If we decide to propose specific revisions, we will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register** and you will have a chance to comment on the revisions we propose.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 404

Administrative practice and procedure, Blind, Disability benefits, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

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Michael J. Astrue,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 20 CFR Part 404

[Docket No. SSA 2009-0057]

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Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Skin Disorders

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: We are requesting your comments on whether and how we should revise the criteria in our Listing of Impairments (the listings) for evaluating skin disorders in adults and children. We are requesting your comments as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that our listings reflect current medical knowledge. If we propose specific revisions, we will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: To be sure that we consider your comments, we must receive them by no later than January 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—Internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA-2009-0057 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. *Internet:* We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the Internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Use the *Search* function to find docket number SSA-2009-0057. The system will issue a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each comment manually. It may take up to a week for your comment to be viewable.

2. *Fax:* Fax comments to (410) 966-2830.

3. *Mail:* Mail your comments to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 137 Altmeier Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401.

Comments are available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

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