

by a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC ; or

(ii) Received by the reporting committee from the contributor or contributors, and that is credited by the committee, individual holding a Federal office or candidate involved to a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC through records, designations, or other means of recognizing that a certain amount of money has been raised by the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC , except that

(iii) Bundled contributions do not include contributions from the personal funds of the lobbyist/registrant who forwards or is credited with raising the contributions or that person's spouse.

(5) *The committee or candidate involved* means: The reporting committee; the candidate by whom the authorized committee is authorized; or the candidate or individual holding Federal office who directly or indirectly established, finances, maintains or controls the leadership PAC.

(6) A designation or other means of recognizing bundled contributions includes titles based on levels of fundraising, access to reporting committee events reserved exclusively for those who generate a certain level of contributions, and events provided by a reporting committee as a reward for successful fundraising.

**(b) Reporting requirement.**

(1) Each reporting committee must file a form listing each person reasonably known by the committee to be a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC that provides two or more bundled contributions (*see* 11 CFR 104.22(a)(4)) to the reporting committee aggregating in excess of \$15,000 during the covered period. Each form shall set forth:

(i) The name of the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC;

(ii) The address of the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC;

(iii) The employer of the lobbyist/registrant; and

(iv) The aggregate amount of bundled contributions provided by the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC to the reporting committee during the covered period.

(2) In order to comply with paragraph (b)(1) of this section, a reporting committee must consult the Web sites maintained by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Federal Election Commission to determine whether, at the time a contribution was forwarded to, or received by, the reporting committee:

(i) The person was listed as a current registrant under Section 4(a) of the

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603(a)), or

(ii) The person was an individual listed on a current registration filed under Section 4(b)(6) or a current report filed under Section 5(b)(2)(C) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1603 or 1604); or

(iii) The person identified itself as a lobbyist/registrant PAC on its Statement of Organization, FEC Form 1, filed with the Commission; or

(iv) The person was listed as a political committee established or controlled by a lobbyist or registrant on a report filed under Sec. 203 (a) of the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, amending the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604).

(c) *Where to file.* Reporting committees shall file either with the Secretary of the Senate or with the Federal Election Commission in accordance with 11 CFR Part 105.

(d) *When to file.* Reporting committees must file the forms required under this section with the first report required under 11 CFR 104.5 following the end of each covered period.

(e) *Recordkeeping.* In addition to any requirements to maintain records and accounts under 11 CFR 102.8, 102.9 and 110.6, each reporting committee must maintain for three years after the filing of the report to which the information relates a record of any bundled contributions (*see* 11 CFR 104.22(a)(4)) provided by a lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC that aggregate in excess of \$15,000 for any covered period. The information required to be maintained is:

(1) The name and address of the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC;

(2) The employer of the lobbyist/registrant; and

(3) The amount of bundled contributions provided by the lobbyist/registrant or lobbyist/registrant PAC for each covered period.

**(f) Price index increase.**

(1) The threshold for reporting bundled contributions established in paragraph (d)(1) of this section shall be increased by the percent difference between the price index as defined at 11 CFR 110.17(d), as certified to the Commission by the Secretary of Labor, for the 12 months preceding the beginning of the calendar year and the price index base period.

(2) Each bundling threshold so increased shall be the threshold in effect for that calendar year.

(3) For purposes of this paragraph (e), the term base period means calendar year 2006.

(4) Rounding of price index increases. If any amount after the increases under this paragraph (e) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.

Dated: October 30, 2007.

**Robert D. Lenhard,**

*Chairman, Federal Election Commission.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### 20 CFR Parts 404, 405, and 416

[Docket No. SSA-2007-0053]

#### Compassionate Allowances for Rare Diseases; Office of the Commissioner, Hearing

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Announcement of Public Hearing and Limited Reopening of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** We are considering ways to quickly identify diseases and other serious medical conditions that obviously meet the definition of disability under the Social Security Act (the Act) and can be identified with minimal objective medical information. At present, we are calling this method "Compassionate Allowances." We plan to hold four public hearings over the next year. The purpose of this first hearing is to obtain your views about the advisability and possible methods of identifying and implementing compassionate allowances for children and adults with rare diseases. We will address other kinds of medical conditions in later hearings.

**DATES:** Dates and location: We must receive written comments by December 21, 2007. Comments made at the hearings will be considered in preparation of a final rule. The first hearing will be held on December 4 and December 5, 2007, between 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), in Washington, DC. The hearings will be held at 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, in the main hearing room of the International Trade Commission. Space limitations and time constraints require hearing attendance to be by invitation only. However, you may listen to the proceedings by calling 1-888-456-0278, at 9 a.m., EST, the mornings of December 4 and 5. If you plan to listen in, please send an e-mail to [Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov](mailto:Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov) by November 21, 2007. Your e-mail will help ensure that we have enough

telephone lines for everyone interested in listening to the proceedings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit up to two pages of written comments about the compassionate allowances initiative with respect to children and adults with rare diseases, as well as topics covered at the hearing by: (1) Internet through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (2) e-mail addressed to

[Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov](mailto:Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov) or (3) mail to Diane Braunstein, Director, Office of Compassionate Allowances and Listings Improvement, ODP, ODISP, Social Security Administration, 4535 Annex, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov](mailto:Compassionate.Allowances@ssa.gov). You may also mail inquiries about this meeting to Diane Braunstein, Director, Office of Compassionate Allowances and Listings Improvement, ODP, ODISP, Social Security Administration, 4535 Annex, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. 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>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under titles II and XVI of the Act, we pay benefits to individuals who meet our rules for entitlement and have medically determinable physical or mental impairments that are severe enough to meet the definition of disability in the Act. The rules for determining disability can be very complicated, but some individuals have such serious medical conditions that their conditions obviously meet our disability standards. To better address the needs of these individuals, we are looking into ways to allow benefits as quickly as possible.

On July 31, 2007, we published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the **Federal Register** to solicit the public's views on what standards we should use for making compassionate allowances, methods we might use to identify compassionate allowances and suggestions for how to implement those standards and methods. (See 72 FR 41649.) You may read the ANPRM at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov> where you may also read the public comments we received. The 60-day comment period on the overall compassionate allowances initiative ended on October

1, 2007. This notice constitutes a limited reopening of the comment period with respect to children and adults with rare diseases, as well as topics covered at the hearing on December 4 and 5, 2007.

#### Will We Respond to Your Comments?

We will carefully consider your comments, although we will not respond directly to comments sent in response to this notice or the hearing. Thereafter, we will decide whether to implement the compassionate allowances initiative and, if so, how the initiative will be implemented. If we decide to issue regulations addressing compassionate allowances, we will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with the usual rulemaking procedures we follow, you will have a chance to comment on the revisions we propose in the NPRM, and we will summarize and respond to the significant comments in the preamble to any final rules.

#### Additional Hearings

We plan to hold additional hearings on cancers, chronic conditions, and traumatic injuries, and will announce those hearings later with notices in the **Federal Register**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.006, Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: October 31, 2007.

**Michael J. Astrue,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[REG-143397-05]

RIN 1545-BE99

#### Partner's Distributive Share; Correction

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Correction to notice of proposed regulations.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the notice of proposed regulations (REG-143397-05) that was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 (72 FR 46932) concerning the application of sections 704(c)(1)(B) and 737 to

distributions of property after two partnerships engage in an assets-over merger. The proposed regulations affect partnerships and their partners.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Smyczek or Laura Fields at (202) 622-3050 (not toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-143397-05) that is the subject of these corrections is under sections 704(c) and 737 of the Internal Revenue Code.

##### Need for Correction

As published, this notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-143397-05) contains errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

##### Correction for Publication

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-143397-05) that was the subject of FR Doc. E7-16189 is corrected as follows:

1. On page 46932, column 1, the heading, the subject "Partner's Distributive Share" is corrected to read "Rules for Contribution and Subsequent Distribution of Section 704(c) Property in Connection with Partnership Mergers".

2. On page 46932, column 3, in the preamble under the paragraph heading **Background**, first full paragraph in the column, line 6, the language "described in § 1.708-1(c)(3). Rev. Rul." is corrected to read "described in § 1.708-1(c)(3)(i). Rev. Rul.".

3. On page 46933, column 3, in the preamble under the paragraph heading "A. Assets-Over Partnership Mergers", first full paragraph in the column, line 2, the language "3(c)(4)(iii) provide that taxpayers may" is corrected to read "3(a)(9) provide that taxpayers may".

##### § 1.704-3 [Corrected]

4. On page 46934, column 2, § 1.704-3(a)(9), line 6, the language "§ 1.708-1(c)(3) (the transferor)" is corrected to read "§ 1.708-1(c)(3)(i) (the transferor)".

##### § 1.704-4 [Corrected]

5. On page 46935, column 1, § 1.704-4(c)(4), line 3 from the top of the column, the language "§ 1.708-1(c)(3) by a partnership (the)" is corrected to read "§ 1.708-1(c)(3)(i) by a partnership (the)".

6. On page 46935, column 2, § 1.704-4(c)(4)(ii)(B), second line from the bottom of the paragraph is corrected to read "See § 1.737-2(b)(1)(ii)(B) for a similar rule in".

7. On page 46935, column 3, § 1.704-4(c)(4)(ii)(E) is corrected by adding a