DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Parts 3, 14, and 20
RIN 2900–AN91

Substitution in Case of Death of Claimant

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to a request for additional time to submit comments, notice is hereby given that the comment period for the proposed rule, “Substitution in Case of Death of Claimant” (76 FR 8666), published in the Federal Register on February 15, 2011, is reopened and extended. The comment period will reopen for 30 days.

DATES: Comments must be received by VA on or before August 4, 2011.

ADRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through http://www.Regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273–9026. (This is not a toll-free number.)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

42 CFR Part 5

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas.

DATES: Meetings will be held on July 20, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and July 21, 2011, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADRESSES: Meetings will be held at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, (703) 836–4700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Watkins, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation and Pension Service, Regulation Staff (211D), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–9214. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reopening the comment period for the proposed rule, “Substitution in Case of Death of Claimant” (76 FR 8666), published in the Federal Register on February 15, 2011, in response to a request for additional time to submit comments from the National Organization of Veterans’ Advocates (NOVA). The proposed regulations would implement section 212 of the Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2008, which allows an eligible survivor to substitute for a deceased claimant in order to complete the processing of the deceased claimant’s claim. The comment period will reopen for 30 days.

Approved: June 28, 2011.

William F. Russo,
Deputy Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dated: June 27, 2011.

Reva Harris,
Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information, please contact Emily Cumberland, Office of Policy Coordination, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9–49, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443–4662, E-mail: ecumberland@hrsa.gov or visit http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/shortage/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The purpose of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas is to establish criteria and a comprehensive methodology for Designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas, using a Negotiated Rulemaking (NR) process. It is hoped that use of the NR process will yield a consensus among technical experts and stakeholders on a new rule for designation of medically underserved populations and primary care health professions shortage areas, which would be published as an Interim Final Rule in accordance with Section 5602 of the Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111–148.

Agenda: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20 and Thursday, July 21. It will include a discussion of various components of a possible methodology for identifying areas of shortage and underservice, based on the recommendations of the Committee in the previous meeting. The Thursday meeting will also include development of the agenda for the next meeting. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments during the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Requests from the public to make oral comments or to provide written comments to the Committee should be sent to Emily Cumberland at the contact address above at least 10 days prior to the first day of the meeting, July 20. The meetings will be open to the public as indicated above, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the contact person listed above at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: June 27, 2011.

Reva Harris,
Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.