Under our prior listings 11.02 and 11.03, and SSR 87–6, we evaluated epilepsy according to the type, frequency, duration, and sequelae of seizures. If the claimant was following prescribed treatment and his or her epilepsy did not meet or medically equal the requirements of the listings, we would assess his or her residual functional capacity and evaluate the claimant’s impairments under the remaining steps of the sequential evaluation process.

SSR 87–6 provided guidance to adjudicators on the role of prescribed treatment in the evaluation of epilepsy. The SSR stated the file must contain adequate information regarding the history of the treatment regimen and the claimant’s response to it, and a satisfactory description of the treatment regimen by the treating physician. The SSR also required a record of anticonvulsant blood levels before we could allow a claim. Under SSR 87–6, without an ongoing treating relationship, we could not find the claimant’s impairment to meet or medically equal the listing for epilepsy. When anticonvulsant blood levels were low, information obtained from the treating physician should explain why the levels were low and include the results of any relevant diagnostic studies.

On July 1, 2016, we published in the Federal Register a final rule, Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Neurological Disorders, in which we incorporated the portions of SSR 87–6 that continue to be relevant to the treatment of epilepsy. 81 FR 43048, 43049 (2016). The final rule became effective September 29, 2016. Id., at 43048. Consequently, we are rescinding SSR 87–6 as obsolete.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006—Supplemental Security Income)


Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9908]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation—Notice of Cancellation of Previously Scheduled Open Meeting for 2017

Summary: The meeting of the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation originally scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2017, in Washington, DC at the State Department, 2300 E Street NW., has been canceled. It is expected that the next Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting will be held at the State Department in May.

Further questions can be directed to Julie Fort (FortJL@state.gov) Designated Federal Officer for the HAC.

Julie L. Fort, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation.

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Shipping Coordinating Committee Notice of Renewal of Charter

Summary: The Department of State has renewed the Charter for the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) without significant substantive change. Through this Committee, the Department of State will continue to obtain the views and advice of the general public, industry, non-governmental organizations, and interested government agencies in the maritime and related fields, on issues related to maritime security, safety of life at sea, and protection of the marine environment considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and other matters relating to international maritime shipping. The Under Secretary for Management has determined the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee follows the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) that a meeting or portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be published in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting, unless there are extraordinary circumstances that require shorter notice.

For further information, please contact: Lieutenant Commander Jonathan W. Burby, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, at burbyjw@state.gov or by telephone at 202–647–3946. A copy of the Committee charter may also be obtained by accessing the FACA database maintained by the General Services Administration: http://facadatabase.gov/.

Jonathan W. Burby, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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