claim filing deadline will be reviewed individually and considered on its own merit. VA may grant exceptions to the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section if it determines that there was good cause for missing the filing deadline. For example, when dual coverage exists, CHAMPVA payment, if any, cannot be determined until after the primary insurance carrier has adjudicated the claim. In such circumstances an exception may be granted provided that the delay on the part of the primary insurance carrier is not attributable to the beneficiary. Delays due to provider billing procedures do not constitute a valid basis for an exception.

(c) Claims for CHAMPVA-covered services and supplies provided before the date of the event that qualifies an individual under § 17.271 are not reimbursable.

(d) CHAMPVA is the last payer to OHI, as that term is defined in § 17.270(b). CHAMPVA benefits will generally not be paid until the claim has been filed with the OHI and the OHI has issued a final payment determination or explanation of benefits. CHAMPVA is secondary payer to Medicare per the terms of § 17.271(b).

10. Revise newly redesignated § 17.277 to read as follows:

§ 17.277 Appeals.

Notice of the initial determination regarding payment of CHAMPVA benefits will be provided to the CHAMPVA beneficiary on a CHAMPVA Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form. The EOB form is generated by the CHAMPVA automated payment processing system. If a CHAMPVA beneficiary or provider disagrees with the determination concerning CHAMPVA-covered services and supplies or calculation of benefits, he or she may request reconsideration. Such requests must be submitted to VA in writing within one year of the date of the initial determination. The request must state why the CHAMPVA claimant believes the decision is in error and must include any new and relevant information not previously considered. Any request for reconsideration that does not identify the reason for dispute will be returned to the claimant without further consideration. After reviewing the claim and any relevant supporting documentation, VA will issue a written determination to the claimant that affirms, reverses, or modifies the previous decision. The decision of VA with respect to benefit coverage and computation of benefits is final. When a CHAMPVA beneficiary has other health insurance (OHI), an appeal must first be filed with the OHI, and a determination made, before submitting the appeal to CHAMPVA with limited exceptions such as if the OHI deems the issue non-appealable. Denial of CHAMPVA benefits based on legal eligibility requirements may be appealed to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals in accordance with 38 CFR part 20. Medical determinations are not appealable to the Board. 38 CFR 20.101.

11. Revise newly redesignated § 17.278 to read as follows:

§ 17.278 Medical care cost recovery.

VA will actively pursue medical care cost recovery in accordance with applicable law.


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 17–310; FCC 17–164]

Promoting Telehealth in Rural America; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) published a document in the Federal Register of January 3, 2018 seeking comment on how to strengthen the Rural Health Care Program and improve access to telehealth in rural America. The document contained an incorrect reply comment date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Radhika Karmarkar, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418–7400 or TTY: (202) 418–0484.

Correction

In the Federal Register of January 3, 2018, in FR Doc. 2017–28298, on page 303, in the first column, correct the DATES caption to read:

DATES: Comments are due on or before February 2, 2018, and reply comments are due on or before March 5, 2018. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this document, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson, Federal Register Liaison Officer. 

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 161228999–7867–01]

RIN 0648–BG51

Commerce Trusted Trader Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service is proposing this Commerce Trusted Trader Program (CTTP) as part of an effective seafood traceability process to combat illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and seafood fraud. The voluntary CTTP supplements the Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP), recently implemented under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Qualified importers who choose to participate in the CTTP would benefit from reduced reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and streamlined entry into U.S. commerce for seafood imports subject to the SIMP.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action, identified by NOAA-NMFS–2016–0165, may be submitted by either of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0165, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

• Mail: Melissa Beaudry, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.