consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA.

Dated: November 7, 2018.

Peter Grevatt,
Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–9042–3]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability


Notice


Dated: November 13, 2018.

Robert Tomiak,
Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, to consider the following matters:

Summary Agenda: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors’ Meetings. Memorandum and resolution re: Regulatory Capital Rule: Capital Simplification for Qualifying Community Banking Organizations. Memorandum and resolution re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Increase the Appraisal Threshold for Residential Real Estate Transactions, Implement the Residential Rural Exemption, and Require Appropriate Appraisal Review.

Dated: November 14, 2018.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@ferc.gov, or by mail,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3360–FN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Continued Approval of the Community Health Accreditation Partner’s Hospice Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHSS.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: This final notice announces our decision to approve the Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP) for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for hospices that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. A hospice that participates in Medicaid must also meet the Medicare Conditions for Participation (CoPs).

DATES: The approval is effective November 20, 2018 through November 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Williams, (410) 786–8636, or Monda Shaver, (410) 786–3410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in a hospice, provided certain requirements are met by the hospice. Section 1861(dd) of the Social Security Act (the Act) establishes distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as a hospice. Regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 418 specify the conditions that a hospice must meet in order to participate in the Medicare program, the scope of covered services and the conditions for Medicare payment for hospices.

Generally, to enter into an agreement, a hospice must first be certified as complying with the conditions set forth in part 418 and recommended to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for participation by a state survey agency. Thereafter, the hospice is subject to periodic surveys by a state survey agency to determine whether it continues to meet these conditions. However, there is an alternative to certification surveys by state agencies. Accreditation by a nationally recognized Medicare accreditation program approved by CMS may substitute for both initial and ongoing state review.

Section 1865(a)(1) of the Act provides that, if the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) finds that accreditation of a provider entity by an approved national accrediting organization meets or exceeds all applicable Medicare conditions, CMS may treat the provider entity as having met those conditions, that is, we may “deem” the provider entity to be in compliance. Accreditation by an accrediting organization is voluntary and is not required for Medicare participation.

If an accrediting organization is recognized by the Secretary as having standards for accreditation that meet or exceed Medicare requirements, any provider entity accredited by the national accrediting organization’s approved program may be deemed to meet the Medicare conditions. A national accrediting organization applying for CMS approval of their accreditation program under 42 CFR part 488, subpart A, must provide CMS with reasonable assurance that the accrediting organization requires the accredited provider entities to meet requirements that are at least as stringent as the Medicare conditions. Our regulations concerning the approval of accrediting organizations are set forth at § 488.5. Section 488.5(e)(2)(i) requires accrediting organizations to reapply for continued approval of its Medicare accreditation program every 6 years or sooner as determined by CMS. The Community Health Accreditation Partner’s (CHAP’S) term of approval has expired.

II. Application Approval Process

Section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act provides a statutory timetable to ensure that our review of applications for CMS approval of an accreditation program is conducted in a timely manner. The Act provides us 210 days after the date of receipt of a complete application, with any documentation necessary to make the determination, to complete our survey activities and application process. Within 60 days after receiving a complete application, we must publish a notice in the Federal Register that identifies the national accrediting body making the request, describes the request, and provides no less than a 30-day public comment period. At the end of the 210-day period, we must publish a notice in the Federal Register approving or denying the application.

Federal Maritime Commission,
Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission’s website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 201282.

Agreement Name: Hyundai Glovis/Grimaldi West Africa Space Charter Agreement.

Agreement No.: 201282.

Agreement Name: Hyundai Glovis Co. Ltd. and Grimaldi Deep Sea S.P.A.

Parties: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O’Connor.

Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes the parties to charter space to/from one another on an “as needed/as available” basis in the trade between ports on the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Coasts on the other hand and ports in West Africa and South Africa on the other hand.

Proposed Effective Date: 11/2/2018.

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/20303.

Agreement No.: 011550–018.

Agreement Name: ABC Discussion Agreement.

Parties: Crowley Caribbean Services LLC; King Ocean Services Limited, Inc.; and Seaboard Marine Ltd.

Filing Party: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O’Connor.

Synopsis: The amendment adds Crowley Caribbean Services, LLC as a party to the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 12/22/2018.

Location: https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC.Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/601.

Dated: November 9, 2018.

Rachel Dickon,

Secretary.