1701 *et seq.*; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 43 U.S.C. 1301 *et seq.*, 1331 *et seq.*, 1801 *et seq.*

§ 206.174 [Amended]

2. In § 206.174, remove paragraph (1).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Part 405

[HCFA–3432–N3]

RIN 0938–AJ31

Medicare Program; Criteria for Making Coverage Decisions; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period for notice of intent to publish a proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period for the notice of intent published in the **Federal Register** on May 16, 2000, (65 FR 31124). In that document we announced our intention to publish a proposed rule and solicited advance public comments on the criteria we would use to make certain national coverage decisions and the criteria our contractors would use to make local coverage decisions.

DATES: The comment period is extended to 5 p.m. on July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address ONLY: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA–3432–NOI, P.O. Box 8016, Baltimore, MD 21244–8016.

If you prefer, you may deliver, by courier, your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 443–G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or

C5–14–03, Central Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

Comments mailed to those addresses may be delayed and received too late for us to consider them.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code HCFA–3432–NOI. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 443–G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Phone: (202) 690–7890).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Gleeson, (410) 786–0542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 16, 2000, we issued a notice of intent to publish a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 31124). The comment period would close on June 15, 2000. Because of the scope of the notice of intent, several organizations that would be affected by the policies requested more time to analyze the potential consequences of the notice of intent. Therefore, we are extending the public comment period until July 17, 2000. We will also hold a Town Hall Meeting to facilitate public discussion. We will publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting specifics when available. This information will also be available on our web page @ *www.hcfa.gov/quality.*

Authority: Secs. 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: June 2, 2000.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Approved: June 12, 2000.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 10, 12, and 15

[USCG 1999–5610]

RIN 2115–AF83

Training and Certification for Mariners Serving on Certain Ships Carrying More Than 12 Passengers on International Voyages

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish requirements of training and certification for mariners serving on ships—other than roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) ships, covered by another rule—carrying more than 12 passengers on international voyages. (These requirements would not apply to any passenger ships on domestic voyages.) Regulation V/3 of the International Convention for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended in 1997, mandated that its Parties ensure this training and certification. This rule would reduce human error, improve the ability of crewmembers to assist passengers during emergencies, and promote safety.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Facility of the Docket Management System, or DMS (see **ADDRESSES**), on or before September 13, 2000. Comments sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (see **ADDRESSES**), on collection of information must reach OMB on or before August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments and related material by any one, but only one, of the following methods:

(1) By mail to the DMS [USCG 1999–5610], U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(2) In person to the DMS at room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

(3) By fax to the DMS at 202–493–2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the DMS at http://dms.dot.gov.

If you submit comments on collection of information to the docket, you must also submit them to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

The DMS maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

You may inspect the material proposed for incorporation by reference at room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard