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USCG–2026–0417	Special Local Regulation	Wyandotte, MI	4/25/2026
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USCG–2026–0490	Safety	Covington, KY	4/30/2026
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USCG–2026–0434	Safety	Beaufort, SC	5/24/2026
USCG–2026–0622	Special	Louisville, KY	5/25/2026
USCG–2026–0688	Safety	Port Lake, Michigan	5/31/2026
USCG–2026–0631	Safety	Baldwin, LA	6/2/2026
USCG–2026–0597	Safety	St. Petersburg, FL	6/4/2026
USCG–2026–0285	Special	Lower Township, NJ	6/7/2026
USCG–2026–0333	Safety	Ledbetter, KY	6/14/2026
USCG–2026–0765	Safety	Lower Mississippi River, LA	6/14/2026
USCG–2026–0425	Special	Newport, RI	6/19/2026
USCG–2026–0799	Safety	Sandusky, OH	6/19/2026
USCG–2026–0533	Safety	Lake City, MN	6/26/2026
USCG–2026–0871	Safety	Chicago, IL	6/30/2026
USCG–2026–0697	Safety	Key West, FL	7/4/2026

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AS32

Rescission of Outdated Veterans Choice Program Regulations

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is rescinding obsolete regulations that were previously implemented for the Veterans Choice Program, which has been replaced by the Veterans Community Care Program as of June 6, 2019.

DATES: This rule is effective on August 27, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Duran, Veterans Health Administration, (303) 370–1637.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Historically, section 1703 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) was the primary statutory authority that authorized VA to provide care in the community. In 2014, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) (the Choice Act) established an additional authority that became VA's primary mechanism to provide such care. The care provided under the Choice Act was referred to as the Veterans Choice Program. VA implemented this authority in regulation at 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.1500 through 17.1540.

On June 6, 2018, the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act was signed into law. Section 101 of the MISSION Act amended 38 U.S.C. 1703 and created a new Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP) which, among other things, replaced the Veterans Choice Program. On June 6, 2019, the VCCP became the primary authority under which VA would authorize covered veterans to receive community care through eligible entities or providers. The Veterans Choice Program's statutory authority expired

pursuant to section 143 of the MISSION Act on June 6, 2019 (Public Law 113–146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

When VA implemented the MISSION Act, VA created new regulations to implement VCCP. See 84 FR 26278, 26307 (June 6, 2019), 38 CFR 17.4000 through 17.4040. In that rulemaking, VA did not remove the Veterans Choice Program regulations, §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540. See 84 FR 26278, 26307. Although the authority to furnish new episodes of care through the Veterans Choice Program expired as of June 6, 2019, there were some provisions in the Veterans Choice Program regulations (such as those provisions related to payment rates and limits on authorized care) that needed to stay in effect for the resolution of claims arising from the Veterans Choice Program that were still in process after June 6, 2019, for episodes of care performed under the Veterans Choice Program prior to June 6, 2019. See 84 FR 5630 (February 22, 2019). Therefore, VA made conforming amendments only, and provisions related to payment rates and limits on authorized care remained in effect for the resolution of those claims. VA noted in that rulemaking that further amendments to the existing regulations would be needed in the future to repeal and remove references to the regulations

governing these outdated programs. See 84 FR 5629, 5630.

At this time, VA believes that there is no possibility that any episode of care approved under the Veterans Choice Program regulations could still be active. An episode of care under the Veterans Choice Program could not exceed one year in length, and the Veterans Choice Program terminated on June 6, 2019. As there are no remaining episodes of care still pending resolution under the Veterans Choice Program, VA will rescind the Veterans Choice Program regulations and remove references to the program throughout 38 CFR part 17.

II. Changes to VA Regulations

A. Recission of Veterans Choice Program Regulations

Sections 17.1500 through 17.1540 implemented the Veterans Choice Program, as authorized by the Choice Act. As the authority for this program is now expired with no active episodes of care or pending payments, VA will remove §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540. VA will also remove the undesignated center heading which appears above § 17.1500 and states “Expanded Access to Non-VA Care Through the Veterans Choice Program.”

B. Removal of References to Veterans Choice Program

38 CFR 17.108 Copayments for inpatient hospital care and outpatient medical care.

In § 17.108, VA will remove references to the Veterans Choice Program by removing the phrase “the Veterans Choice Program under §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540, or” from the first sentences of paragraphs (b)(4) and (c)(4).

38 CFR 17.110 Copayments for medication.

In § 17.110, VA will remove references to the Veterans Choice Program in paragraph (b)(4). VA will replace the word “Choice” with the words “Community Care” in the paragraph heading and remove the phrase “the Veterans Choice Program under §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540, or” from the first sentence of paragraph (b)(4).

38 CFR 17.111 Copayments for extended care services.

In § 17.111, VA will remove the phrase “the Veterans Choice Program under §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540,” from the first sentence of paragraph (b)(3).

Administrative Procedure Act

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs finds that there is good cause under the

Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553, to publish this rule without prior opportunity for public comment. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), general notice and opportunity for public comment are not required with respect to a rulemaking when an “agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.”

The notice and public procedure are unnecessary in this instance. This final rule removes outdated sections from 38 CFR part 17, that established the Veterans Choice Program or referenced the Veterans Choice Program. However, as the authority governing the Veterans Choice Program expired on June 6, 2019, and was replaced by the VCCP, VA cannot provide care pursuant to these regulations and they are therefore obsolete. Thus, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs finds that it is unnecessary to delay issuance of this rule for the purpose of soliciting prior public comment.

Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 14192

VA examined the impact of this rulemaking as required by Executive Orders 12866 (Sept. 30, 1993) and 13563 (Jan. 18, 2011), which direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563. Additionally, VA examined this final rule and has determined that it is consistent with the policies and directives outlined in Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation (90 FR 2065, Feb. 6, 2025), and is considered an Executive Order 14192 deregulatory action.

Economic Impact: VA has classified this as a deregulatory action because it repeals obsolete regulations related to the former Veterans Choice Program and removes outdated references in VA regulations. These provisions are no longer operative following the successful transition to the VCCP, and no remaining Choice Program claims require regulatory support. The removal of these sections imposes no new costs, transfers, operational changes, system modifications, or reporting burdens on VA or external stakeholders. Instead, it reduces regulatory complexity by

eliminating outdated requirements and clarifies applicability of current community care regulations. This results in qualitative deregulatory benefits through improved regulatory clarity and administrative efficiency.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612). This is because this Veterans Choice Program is no longer in effect. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604 do not apply.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. 2 U.S.C. 1532. This final rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to Subtitle E of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (known as the Congressional Review Act) (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not satisfying the criteria under 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol abuse, Alcoholism, Claims, Day care, Dental health, Drug abuse, Foreign relations, Government contracts, Grant programs-health, Grant programs-veterans, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Homeless, Medical and dental schools, Medical devices, Medical research, Mental health programs, Nursing homes, Philippines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on July 21, 2026, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Gabriela DeCuir,

*Alternative Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs amends 38 CFR part 17 as set forth below:

PART 17—MEDICAL

■ 1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, and as noted in specific sections.

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■ 2. Remove the undesignated center heading “Expanded Access to Non-VA Care Through the Veterans Choice Program” immediately above § 17.1500.

§§ 17.1500 through 17.1540 [Removed]

■ 3. Remove §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540.

§ 17.108 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 17.108 by removing the phrase “the Veterans Choice Program under §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540, or”, wherever it appears.

§ 17.110 [Amended]

■ 5. Amend § 17.110(b)(4) by:

■ a. In the paragraph heading, removing the word “Choice” and adding, in its place, the words “Community Care”.

■ b. In the first sentence, removing the phrase “the Veterans Choice Program under §§ 17.1500 through 17.1540, or”.

■ 6. Amend § 17.111 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

§ 17.111 Copayments for extended care services.

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(b) * * *

(3) For hospital care and medical services considered non-institutional care, as well as extended care services, furnished through the Veterans Community Care Program under §§ 17.4000 through 17.4040, the copayment amount at the time of furnishing such care or services by a non-VA entity or provider is \$0. * * *

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2022–0354; FRL–13239–02–OCSPP]

Epyrifencil; Pesticide Tolerances; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: EPA issued a final rule in the **Federal Register** of June 30, 2026, establishing tolerances for residues of epyrifencil (CASRN 353292–31–6) in or on multiple commodities requested by Valent U.S.A. LLC under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). That document inadvertently issued incorrect tolerances for corn, field (forage, stover); wheat (forage, hay, straw); and soybean (forage, hay). This document corrects that final regulation.

DATES: This rule is effective on July 28, 2026. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before September 28, 2026 and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in 40 CFR part 178 (see also Unit I.C. of this document).

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2022–0354, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional information on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Smith, Director, Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 566–1030; email address: RDfRNNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document might apply to them:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).

- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. What does this correction do?

EPA issued a final rule in the **Federal Register** of June 30, 2026 (91 FR 39512) (FRL–13239–02–OCSPP), that established tolerances for residues of epyrifencil in or on multiple commodities in response to a petition filed by Valent (see June 26, 2023 (88 FR 41395) (FRL–10841–05–OCSPP) (June 26, 2023), announcing the filing of a pesticide petition (PP PP2F8983) by Valent). EPA inadvertently published incorrect tolerances directing the **Federal Register** to add incorrect values to the table in 40 CFR 180.731 for tolerances on corn, field (forage, stover); wheat (forage, hay, straw); and soybean (forage, hay). This final rule corrects those tolerance values in the table in 40 CFR 180.731.

III. Correction of the Tolerances for Feed Commodities

A. Summary of Corrections

On June 30, 2026, EPA promulgated a final tolerance action (91 FR 39512) (FRL–13239–02–OCSPP), in response to the petition from Valent Based upon review of the data supporting the petition, EPA modified several tolerances for the listed commodities for harmonization with the upcoming registrations by Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). The reason for these changes are explained in Unit IV.B and IV.C of the June 30, 2026, rule.

The petitioner requested that 40 CFR part 180 be amended by establishing tolerances for residues of the herbicide epyrifencil, ethyl [(3-{2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-[3-methyl-2,6-dioxo-4-(trifluoromethyl)-3,6-dihydropyrimidin-1(2H)-yl]phenoxy}-2-pyridyl)oxy]acetate, in or on canola seed, field corn grain, soybean seed, wheat grain at 0.005 ppm; field corn forage, field corn stover, soybean forage, soybean hay, wheat forage, wheat hay and wheat straw at 0.01 ppm. In the June 30, 2026, final rule EPA inadvertently set the tolerance to 0.005 ppm for all of the subject commodities. This final rule corrects that error, raising the tolerances to 0.01ppm for corn, field (forage, stover); wheat (forage, hay, straw); and soybean (forage, hay). in accordance with the petition and EPA’s