

§ 165.15 Administering the whistleblower program.

(a) *Specific authorities*—(1) *Payments, deposits, and credits.* The Executive Director is authorized to deposit into or credit collected monetary sanctions to the Fund, and to make payment of awards therefrom, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, or of their respective designees.

(2) *Designation of claims review staff.* The Claims Review Staff referenced in § 165.7 shall be composed of no fewer than three and no more than five staff members from at least two of the Commission's Offices or Divisions (except the Office of the General Counsel) who have not had direct involvement in the underlying enforcement action, as designated by the General Counsel in consultation with the Executive Director.

(3) *Disclosure of whistleblower identifying information.* The General Counsel is authorized on behalf of the Commission to exercise its discretion to disclose whistleblower identifying information under § 165.4(a).

(b) *General authority to administer the program.* The General Counsel shall have general authority to administer the whistleblower program except as otherwise provided under this part.

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Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix to Whistleblower Award Determination—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Selig voted in the affirmative. No Commissioner voted in the negative.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**20 CFR Parts 404 and 416**

[Docket No. SSA–2019–0013]

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Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Cardiovascular Disorders**Correction**

In rule document 2026–13420 beginning on page 40804 in the issue of Thursday, July 2, 2026, make the following correction:

Appendix 1 to Subpart P of Part 404 [Corrected]

On page 40837, in Appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404, in the second column, in the third row, “*How do we evaluate ECG evidence?*” should read “*2. How do we evaluate ECG evidence?*”

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****20 CFR Part 603**

[Docket ETA–2025–0004]

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Federal-State Unemployment Compensation (UC) Program; Data Availability

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL or the Department) is issuing this final rule to require the disclosure of confidential unemployment compensation (UC) information to Federal officials for purposes of UC program oversight and audits. This rule will ensure that Federal officials, including the Department's Office of Inspector General (DOL–OIG), are able to obtain the information needed from State UC agencies to ensure proper oversight of the UC programs and to hold State UC agencies accountable for identifying and addressing fraud in UC programs.

DATES:

Effective date: This final rule is effective November 16, 2026.

Compliance date: States that need to amend their laws to conform and comply with the requirements of this rule must do so as quickly as possible, but no later than September 16, 2027.

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I. Acronyms and Abbreviations

- 2006 Final Rule *Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program (UC); Confidentiality and Disclosure of State UC Information; Final Rule*, 71 FR 56830 (Sept. 27, 2006)
- 2023 RFI *Federal-State Unemployment Compensation (UC) Program; Confidentiality and Disclosure of State UC Information; Request for Information*, 88 FR 47829 (July 25, 2023)
- APA Administrative Procedure Act
- August 2025 NPRM *Federal-State Unemployment Compensation (UC) Program; Data Availability; Proposed Rule*, 90 FR 42143 (Aug. 29, 2025)
- BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics
- CARES Act Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- COVID–19 coronavirus disease 2019
- Department or DOL Department of Labor
- DOL–OIG DOL Office of Inspector General
- E.O. Executive Order
- ETA Employment and Training Administration
- FR Federal Register
- GAO Government Accountability Office
- NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- OEWS Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics
- OIRA Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
- OMB Office of Management and Budget