

**DATES:** The committees will meet in joint sessions on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., E.S.T.

The meetings will not be web cast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting Web site and posted on the E-Gov Web site <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number PHMSA-2014-0124 within 30 days following the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Washington Marriott Georgetown, 1221 22nd Street NW., Washington, DC, 20037-1203. Phone 202-872-1500. Web site: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waswe-washington-marriott-georgetown/>.

Please register for the meeting at the following PHMSA Web site: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=100>. Any additional information, including the meeting agenda, will be posted on this page as well.

Comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

*E-Gov Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-001.

*Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* Identify the docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477) or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

*Docket:* For access to the docket or to read background documents or

comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2009-0203." The Docket Clerk will date-stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

#### Privacy Act Statement

Anyone may search the electronic form of comments received in response to any of our dockets by the name of the individual who submitted the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 by October 6, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by email at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Meeting Details

The committees will meet to discuss performance metrics for pipeline operations, safety management systems in other industries, and agency, state, and stakeholder priorities.

Members of the public may attend and make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an email to [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov) by October 6, 2014.

##### II. Committee Background

The GPAC and LPAC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that

advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risk assessments and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 12, 2014.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy and Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change of Bank Secrecy Act Suspicious Activity and Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FinCEN, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), invites all interested parties to comment on its proposed renewal without change of the Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA") Suspicious Activity Reporting requirements for certain financial institutions, i.e., depository institutions, casinos and card clubs, and insurance companies. This notice also proposes to renew without change the Currency Transaction Reporting requirement for certain financial institutions, i.e., depository institutions, money services businesses, brokers or dealers in securities, mutual funds, futures commission merchants and introducing brokers in commodities, and casinos and card clubs. FinCEN intends to submit these requirements for approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") of a three-year extension of Control Numbers 1506-0001, 1506-0004, 1506-0005, 1506-0006, and 1506-0029. This request for comments is made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act

("PRA") of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 17, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Policy Division, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, U.S. Department of the Treasury, P.O. Box 39, Vienna, VA 22183. *Attention:* PRA Comments—BSA Suspicious Activity and Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements. Please cite specific OMB Control Number(s) listed above when commenting. Comments also may be submitted by electronic mail to the following Internet address: [regcomments@fincen.gov](mailto:regcomments@fincen.gov) with the caption in the body of the text, "Attention: PRA Comments—BSA Suspicious Activity and Currency Transaction Reporting Requirements." Please cite specific OMB Control Number(s) listed above when commenting.

*Instructions.* It is preferable for comments to be submitted by electronic mail. Please submit comments by one method only. All submissions received must include the agency name and the specific OMB control number for this notice.

*Inspection of comments.* Comments may be inspected, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in the FinCEN reading room in Vienna, VA. Persons wishing to inspect the comments submitted must request an appointment with the Disclosure Officer by telephoning (703) 905-5034 (not a toll free call).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The FinCEN Resource Center at 800-767-2825 or email [frc@fincen.gov](mailto:frc@fincen.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BSA, Titles I and II of Public Law 91-508, as amended, codified at 12 U.S.C. 1829(b), 12 U.S.C. 1951-1959, and 31 U.S.C. 5311-5332, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, among other things, to require financial institutions to keep records and file reports that are determined to have a high degree of usefulness in criminal, tax and regulatory matters, or in the conduct of intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism, and to implement counter-money laundering programs and compliance procedures.<sup>1</sup> Regulations implementing Title II of the BSA appear at 31 CFR Chapter X. The authority of

<sup>1</sup> Language expanding the scope of the Bank Secrecy Act to intelligence or counter-intelligence activities to protect against international terrorism was added by Section 358 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56.

the Secretary of the Treasury to administer the BSA has been delegated to the Director of FinCEN. The information collected and retained under the regulation addressed in this notice assist Federal, state, and local law enforcement as well as regulatory authorities in the identification, investigation, and prosecution of money laundering and other matters. In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), and its implementing regulations, the following information is presented concerning the recordkeeping requirements listed below.

1. *Title:* Suspicious Activity Report by Depository Institutions.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0001.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 31 CFR 1020.320, covered financial institutions are required to report suspicious activity and maintain the records for a period of five years. Covered financial institutions may satisfy these requirements by using their internal records management system.

*Current Action:* Renewal without change to the existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved reporting requirement.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Burden:* The administrative burden of 1 hour is assigned to maintain the requirement in force. The burden for actual reporting is reflected in OMB Control number 1506-0065.

2. *Title:* Suspicious Activity Report by Casinos and Card Clubs.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0006.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 31 CFR 1021.320, covered financial institutions are required to report suspicious activity and maintain the records for a period of five years. Covered financial institutions may satisfy these requirements by using their internal records management system.

*Current Action:* Renewal without change to the existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved reporting requirement.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Burden:* The administrative burden of 1 hour is assigned to maintain the requirement in force. The burden for actual reporting is reflected in OMB Control number 1506-0065.

3. *Title:* Suspicious Activity Report by Insurance Companies.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0029.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 31 CFR 1025.320, covered financial institutions

are required to report suspicious activity and maintain the records for a period of five years. Covered financial institutions may satisfy these requirements by using their internal records management system.

*Current Action:* Renewal without change to the existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved reporting requirement.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Burden:* The administrative burden of 1 hour is assigned to maintain the requirement in force. The burden for actual reporting is reflected in OMB Control number 1506-0065.

4. *Title:* Currency Transaction Reports.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0004.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 31 CFR 1010.310, 1020.310, 1022.310, 1023.310, 1024.310, 1026.310, covered financial institutions are required to report certain transactions in currency and maintain the records for a period of five years. Covered financial institutions may satisfy these requirements by using their internal records management system.

*Current Action:* Renewal without change to the existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved reporting requirement.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Burden:* The administrative burden of 1 hour is assigned to maintain the requirement in force. The burden for actual reporting is reflected in OMB Control number 1506-0064.

5. *Title:* Currency Transaction Report by Casinos and Card Clubs.

*OMB Number:* 1506-0005.

*Abstract:* In accordance with 31 CFR 1021.310, covered financial institutions are required to report certain transactions in currency and maintain the records for a period of five years. Covered financial institutions may satisfy these requirements by using their internal records management system.

*Current Action:* Renewal without change to the existing regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved reporting requirement.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions, and non-profit institutions.

*Burden:* The administrative burden of 1 hour is assigned to maintain the requirement in force. The burden for actual reporting is reflected in OMB Control number 1506-0064.

The following paragraph applies to the reporting and recordkeeping requirements addressed in this notice. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Records required to be retained under the BSA must be retained for five years. Generally, information collected pursuant to the BSA is confidential, but may be shared as provided by law with regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: September 11, 2014.

**Jennifer Shasky Calvery,**  
Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Annual Pay Ranges for Physicians and Dentists of the Veterans Health Administration

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the "Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act of 2004" (Pub. L. 108-445, dated December 3, 2004) the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of annual pay ranges for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) physicians and dentists as prescribed by the Secretary for VA-wide applicability. These annual pay ranges are intended to enhance VA flexibility to recruit,

develop, and retain the most highly qualified providers to serve our Nation's veterans and maintain a standard of excellence in the VA healthcare system.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The annual pay ranges listed in this notice are effective November 30, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra Doty, HR Specialist/Title 38 Program Manager, Compensation and Classification Service (055), Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (757) 728-3381. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 38 U.S.C. 7431(e)(1)(A), not less often than once every two years, the Secretary must prescribe for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-wide applicability the minimum and maximum amounts of annual pay that may be paid to VHA physicians and dentists. Further, 38 U.S.C. 7431(e)(1)(B) allows the Secretary to prescribe separate minimum and maximum amounts of pay for a specialty or assignment. In construction of the annual pay ranges, 38 U.S.C. 7431(c)(4)(A) requires the consultation of two or more national surveys of pay for physicians and dentists, as applicable, whether prepared by private, public, or quasi-public entities in order to make a general assessment of the range of pays payable to physicians and dentists. Lastly, 38 U.S.C. 7431(e)(1)(C) states amounts prescribed under paragraph 7431(e) shall be published in the **Federal Register**, and shall not take effect until at least 60 days after date of publication.

### Background

The "Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act of 2004" (Pub. L. 108-445) was signed by the President on December 3, 2004. The major provisions of the law established a new pay system for VA's Veterans Health Administration (VHA) physicians and dentists consisting of base pay, market pay, and performance pay. While the base pay component is set by statute, market pay is intended to reflect the recruitment and retention needs for the specialty or assignment of a particular physician or dentist at a facility. Further, performance pay is intended to recognize the achievement of specific goals and performance objectives prescribed annually. These three components create a system of pay that is driven by both market indicators and employee performance, while recognizing employee tenure in VA.

### Discussion

VA identified and utilized salary survey data sources which most closely represent VA comparability in the areas of practice setting, employment environment, and hospital/health care system. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Hospital and Healthcare Compensation Service (HHCS), Sullivan, Cotter, and Associates (S&C), Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), Physician Executive Management Center (PEMC), and the Survey of Dental Practice published by the American Dental Association (ADA) were collectively utilized as benchmarks from which to prescribe annual pay ranges for physicians and dentists across the scope of assignments/specialties within VA. While aggregating the data, a preponderance of weight was given to those surveys which most directly resembled the environment of VA.

In constructing annual pay ranges to accommodate the more than forty physician and dentist specialties that currently exist in the VA system, VA continued the practice of grouping specialties into consolidated pay ranges. This allows VA to use multiple sources that yield a high number of physician salary data which helps to minimize disparities and aberrations that may surface from data involving smaller numbers of physicians and dentists for comparison and from sample change from year to year. Thus, by aggregating multiple survey sources into like groupings, greater confidence exists that the average compensation reported is truly representative. In addition, aggregation of data provides for a large enough sample size and provides pay ranges with maximum flexibility for pay setting for the more than 25,000 VHA physicians and dentists.

In developing the annual pay ranges, a few distinctive principles were factored into the compensation analysis of the data. The first principle is to ensure that both the minimum and maximum salary is at a level that accommodates special employment situations, from fellowships and medical research career development awards to Nobel Laureates, high-cost areas, and internationally renowned clinicians. The second principle, to attempt to establish a rate range of +/- 25 percent of the mean, is imperative to provide ranges large enough to accommodate career progression, geographic differences, sub-specialization, and special factors. This principle is also the standard recommended by World@Work for professional compensation ranges.