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Part XI

Department of Veterans Affairs

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

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Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs. **ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This agenda announces the regulations that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will have under development or review during the 12month period beginning in the spring

2008. The purpose in publishing the Department's regulatory agenda is to allow all interested persons the opportunity to participate in VA's regulatory planning.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to comment on the entries listed in the agenda by contacting the individual agency contact listed for each entry or by writing to: Director, Regulations Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millicent Dew at (202) 461-4938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document is issued pursuant to Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" (and implementing guidance) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which require that executive agencies semiannually publish in the Federal Register an agenda of regulations that they will have under development or review.

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Department of Veterans Affairs—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
242	Elimination of Copayment for Weight Management Counseling (Rulemaking Resulting From a Section 610 Review)	2900-AM81

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Proposed Rule Stage

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

242. ● ELIMINATION OF COPAYMENT FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT COUNSELING (RULEMAKING RESULTING FROM A SECTION 610 REVIEW)

Legal Authority: 38 USC 501; 38 USC 1721

Abstract: This proposed rule amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning copayments for inpatient hospital care and outpatient medical care. More specifically, this rule designates weight management counseling (individual and group sessions) as a service that is not subject to co-payment requirements. The intended effect of this proposed rule is to increase participation in weight management counseling by removing the co-payment barrier. This proposed rule also amends the medical regulations by making nonsubstantive changes to correct references to statutory provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/16/08	73 FR 20579
NPRM Comment Period End	05/16/08	
Final Action	12/00/08	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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