

(5) \$4,000 value of second stage production to count + \$128,000 value of final stage production to count = \$132,000 total value of production to count;

(6) \$144,000 total value of production guarantee – \$132,000 total value of production to count = \$12,000 value of loss; and

(7) \$12,000 × 100 percent share = \$12,000 indemnity payment.

(c) * * *

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(iv) For acreage that does not qualify for the final stage production guarantee, and is not subject to section 14 (c)(1)(i) and (ii), the appraised production is reduced by the difference between the first or second stage (as applicable) and the final stage production guarantee; and

For Example:

You have 100 acres of a unit of transplanted storage onions with a production guarantee of 200 hundredweight per acre. Your crop suffers a covered cause of loss on 25 acres during the second stage which has a second stage production guarantee of 60 percent of the final stage production guarantee. The appraised production on the 25 acres was 2,500 hundredweight of onion production. Your second stage production to count on the 25 acres will be calculated as follows:

(1) 25 acres × 200 hundredweight final stage production guarantee = 5,000 hundredweight final stage production guarantee,

(2) 5,000 hundredweight final stage production guarantee × 60 percent second stage production guarantee = 3,000 hundredweight second stage production guarantee,

(3) 5,000 hundredweight final stage production guarantee – 3,000 hundredweight second stage production guarantee = 2,000 hundredweight difference between second stage and final stage production guarantee, and

(4) 2,500 hundredweight appraised – 2,000 hundredweight difference = 500 hundredweight second stage production to count (for step 4 of the section 14(b) example).

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15. Prevented Planting.

Your prevented planting coverage will be 35 percent (35%) of your final stage production guarantee for timely planted acreage. Additional prevented planting coverage levels are not available for onions.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 29, 2012.

William J. Murphy,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FAA–2012–0245]

Notice of Intent To Discontinue Use of Paper Applications for Airman Medical Certification

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is providing public notice regarding its intent to discontinue use of the paper version of FAA Form 8500–8, the application form used to apply for FAA medical certification. Maintaining FAA Form 8500–8 for applicants to complete manually is burdensome not only in terms of the cost involved, but also in terms of the complex logistics and use of Agency resources involved. This burden becomes all the more compounded when the form must be revised, reprinted, and redistributed (worldwide). The FAA launched an on-line FAA Form 8500–8 application known as “FAA MedXpress” beginning in 2007. Since 2007, “FAA MedXpress” has evolved considerably, streamlining FAA medical certification into a much more efficient and seamless process, thereby rendering the paper process both redundant and obsolete. Discontinuing print of FAA Form 8500–8 will save considerable resources and improve the efficiency of the airman medical certification process.

DATES: This action goes into effect on October 1, 2012. It should be noted, however, that “FAA MedExpress” already is fully operational and ready for use.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain an electronic copy of this document by—

1. Searching the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>;
2. Accessing the Government Printing Office’s Web page at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>; or
3. Contacting the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judi Citrenbaum, Office of Aerospace Medicine, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267–9689; email Judi.M.Citrenbaum@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA receives and reviews annually more than 400,000 applications for airman medical certification. Until 2007, the only available means for making application was for applicants to manually complete an FAA Form 8500–8 provided by an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) at the time of medical examination and for AMEs to record the results of the applicant’s medical examination on the reverse side of application form manually. Since 2007, when the FAA launched a digital version of FAA Form 8500–8, applicants have been able to complete the form prior to an appointment with an AME for an FAA medical examination by accessing it on line using a secure, password-protected FAA system, known as “FAA MedXpress.” At the time of the medical examination, therefore, an AME merely accesses the applicant’s completed and securely stored FAA Form 8500–8 in “FAA MedXpress” and uses it to complete the medical examination and record the results. “FAA MedXpress” also provides both applicants and AMEs the capability to print the form for whatever purpose needed.

FAA Form 8500–8 is considered one of the most complex of paper forms still in use in the Federal Government. More than 5 years of experience with “FAA MedXpress” has streamlined the FAA medical certification process into a more seamless and efficient process. Having digitized data, rather than handwritten copy, reduces the risk of errors being made by applicants, AME staff, and AMEs in processing the examination. Using “FAA MedXpress” exclusively will allow the FAA to make and implement any needed or mandated changes to the FAA Form 8500–8 in a more timely manner, resulting in a more dynamic form and eliminating the considerable cost and logistical challenges involved with printing and distributing the form both within and outside of the United States. Whenever the form must be revised, the initial reprinting and redistribution of approximately 1.5 million revised forms worldwide is very costly and considerable waste is incurred disposing of superseded forms.

Many federal forms, including FAA forms, (such as applications for pilot certificates and ratings) are now fully

automated. Use of on-line applications in the private sector also is fairly standard—such as applications to academic institutions; for car loans; for mortgage application and refinancing; for employment, and the like. Fully automating the FAA airman medical certification application process will improve efficiency, lead to reduced errors with applicant data, allow for more seamless processing, and save considerable resources by eliminating the recurrent cycle of printing, distributing, reprinting, and redistributing paper forms.

Individuals who may not be familiar with “FAA MedXpress” may access it on the FAA public Web site at <https://medxpress.faa.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 1, 2012.

Frederick E. Tilton,
Federal Air Surgeon.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

[Docket No. SSA-2011-0094]

Requiring Electronic Filing of Select Appeals by Certain Claimant Representatives

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Revised notification of implementation of requirement.

SUMMARY: We are revising the Notification of implementation of requirement we published on January 31, 2012 (77 FR 4653). We are clarifying the requirement that appointed representatives file certain appeals using our electronic systems in matters for which the representatives request direct fee payment. Specifically, we are clarifying that the electronic filing requirement includes both the submission of the forms we require to file the appeal request and the Disability Report—Appeal. This is the first service required under the regulation we published on September 12, 2011 (76 FR 56107), Requiring Use of Electronic Services.

DATES: The effective date of this revised notification of implementation of requirement is March 16, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joann S. Anderson, Social Security Administration, Office of Income Security Programs, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 965-6716.

For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Requiring Electronic Filing of Appeals

On September 12, 2011, we published final rules that require representatives to conduct business with us electronically at the times and in the manner we prescribe on matters for which the representative requests direct fee payment. At the time, we did not require representatives to use any specific electronic service. Rather, in the preamble to the final rule (76 FR 56107), we stated that, “Once we determine that we should make a particular electronic service publicly available because it works well, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. The notice will contain the new requirement(s) and a list of all established electronic service requirements.” We also said in the preamble that we would adjust the burden for affected Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved collections before requiring representatives to use the collections’ electronic versions. We published notices on December 1, 2011 (76 FR 74838) and January 31, 2012 (77 FR 4857) concerning the burden adjustment for the affected electronic services under OMB No. 0960-0144, Disability Report—Appeal, OMB No. 0960-0269 (Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge), and OMB No. 0960-0622, Request for Reconsideration.

On January 31, 2012, we published a notification of implementation of requirement in the **Federal Register** providing information about the first required electronic service under the final rules that we published in September 2011. We are now clarifying that requirement.

As of March 16, 2012, we will begin mandating electronic filing of certain appeals in each matter in which a representative requests direct payment of the authorized fee. This electronic filing requirement includes the filing of a request for reconsideration or for a hearing by an administrative law judge for disability claims under title II of the Social Security Act (Act) or Supplemental Security Income claims based on disability or blindness under title XVI of the Act denied for medical reasons. To satisfy this electronic filing requirement, the representative must submit both the request for reconsideration or hearing and the electronic Disability Report—Appeal,

using our Internet Appeals web portal found at www.socialsecurity.gov. The Internet Appeals web process utilizes electronic versions of OMB’s approved information collection instruments: the Request for Reconsideration (OMB No. 0960-0622), the Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge (OMB No. 0960-0269), and the Disability Report—Appeal (OMB No. 0960-0144).

A representative has an affirmative duty to comply with this requirement. We may investigate to determine if a representative purposefully violated this duty or is attempting to circumvent our rules. We may sanction a representative who does not follow these rules. However, we will not reject or delay a claimant’s request or process it differently if a representative fails to comply with this electronic filing requirement.

Claimants, whether they are represented or not, and representatives who are not eligible for or who do not request direct fee payment on a matter, may continue to file all appeal requests either electronically, on paper, or in any manner we prescribe.

Additional Information

Additional information is available on our Representing Claimants Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov/representation/or> it can be obtained by writing to: Social Security Administration, Office of Public Inquiries, Windsor Park Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 96.001, Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security-Survivors Insurance; and 96.006, Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: March 5, 2012.

Michael J. Astrue,
Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[TD 9572]

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Dividend Equivalents From Sources Within the United States; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

ACTION: Temporary regulations; correcting amendment.