

**ARCHITECTURAL AND
TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS
COMPLIANCE BOARD**

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**Medical Diagnostic Equipment
Accessibility Standards Advisory
Committee**

AGENCY: Architectural and
Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board.

ACTION: Notice of establishment;
appointment of members.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and
Transportation Barriers Compliance
Board (Access Board) has decided to
establish an advisory committee to
assist on matters associated with
comments received and responses to
questions included in a previously
published Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking on Medical Diagnostic
Equipment Accessibility Standards.

DATES: The first meeting of the
committee will be held at a date and
time in September 2012. A notice of the
actual date and times will be published
in the **Federal Register** prior to the
meeting. Decisions with respect to
future meetings will be made at the first
meeting and from time to time
thereafter.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the
committee will be held at the Access
Board's offices, 1331 F Street NW., Suite
800, Washington, DC 20004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In March
2012, the Access Board published a
notice of intent to establish an advisory
committee to make recommendations to
the Board on matters associated with
comments received and responses to
questions included in a previously
published Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking (NPRM) on Medical
Diagnostic Equipment Accessibility
Standards. See 77 FR 14706 (March 13,
2012).

Section 510 of the Rehabilitation Act
(29 U.S.C. 794f) requires the Access
Board to issue accessibility standards
for medical diagnostic equipment, in

consultation with the Food and Drug
Administration. In February 2012, the
Access Board published an NPRM
proposing the accessibility standards.
See 77 FR 6916 (February 9, 2012). The
proposed standards contain minimum
technical criteria to ensure that medical
diagnostic equipment, including
examination tables, examination chairs,
weight scales, mammography
equipment, and other imaging
equipment used by health care
providers for diagnostic purposes are
accessible to and usable by individuals
with disabilities. The proposed
standards are intended to ensure, to the
maximum extent possible, independent
entry to, use of, and exit from such
equipment by individuals with
disabilities. The proposed standards do
not impose any mandatory requirements
on health care providers or medical
device manufacturers. However, other
agencies may issue regulations or adopt
policies that require health care
providers subject to the agency's
jurisdiction to acquire accessible
medical diagnostic equipment that
conforms to the standards. The NPRM
and information related to the proposed
standards are available on the Access
Board's Web site at: [http://www.access-
board.gov/medical-equipment.htm](http://www.access-board.gov/medical-equipment.htm).

For the reasons stated in the notice of
intent, the Access Board has determined
that establishing a Medical Diagnostic
Equipment Accessibility Standards
Advisory Committee (Committee) is
necessary and in the public interest. The
Access Board has appointed the
following organizations as members to
the Committee:

The ADA National Network
Boston Center for Independent Living
Brewer Company
Conference of Radiation Control Program
Directors, Inc.
Duke University and Medical Center
Equal Rights Center
Evan Terry Associates, P.C.
GE Healthcare
Harris Family Center for Disability and
Health Policy at Western University of
Health Sciences
Hausmann Industries, Inc.
Hill-Rom Company, Inc.
Hologic, Inc.
Medical Positioning, Inc.
Medical Technology Industries, Inc.
Midmark Corporation
National Council on Independent Living
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Philips Healthcare
Scale-Tronix, Inc.
Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc.
Stryker Medical
Sutter Health
United Spinal Association
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia,
Department of Occupational Therapy

The Department of Justice,
Department of Health and Human
Services (Food and Drug
Administration), and the Department of
Veterans Affairs will serve as ex officio
members.

The Access Board regrets its inability
to accommodate all requests for
membership on the Committee. It was
necessary to limit membership to
maintain balance among members
representing different interests such as
medical device manufacturers, health
care providers, and disability
organizations. The Committee
membership identified above provides
representation for interests affected by
the issues to be discussed.

The comment period on the NPRM
ended on June 8, 2012. Fifty-three
comments were received by the end of
the comment period. Access Board staff
is conducting a preliminary analysis of
the public comments to assist the
Committee in its deliberations.

The Committee's first meeting will be
held at a date and time in September
2012. A notice of the actual date and
times will be published in the **Federal
Register** prior to the meeting. Decisions
with respect to future meetings will be
made at the first meeting and from time
to time thereafter. Meetings will be held
at the Access Board's offices, 1331 F
Street NW., suite 800, Washington, DC
20004. The Committee is expected to
hold no more than four meetings and
present a report with its
recommendations to the Access Board
within two months of the Committee's
first meeting.

Committee meetings will be open to
the public, and interested persons can
attend the meetings and communicate
their views. Members of the public will
have opportunities to address the
Committee on issues of interest to them
and the Committee. Members of groups
or individuals who are not members of
the Committee may also have the
opportunity to participate if
subcommittees of the Committee are
formed.

Susan Brita,

Chair.

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