

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0592]

**Safety Zone; Seafair Air Show Performance, 2018, Seattle, WA****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce the annual Seafair Air Show Performance safety zone on Lake Washington, Seattle, WA daily, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., from August 2, 2018, through August 5, 2018. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of the public from inherent dangers associated with these annual aerial displays. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter or transit this safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

**DATES:** The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1319 will be enforced daily, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., from August 2, 2018, through August 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Petty Officer Zachary Spence, Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone (206) 217-6051, email *SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the Seafair Air Show Performance safety zone in 33 CFR 165.1319 daily, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., from August 2, 2018, through August 5, 2018 unless canceled sooner by the Captain of the Port.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.1319, the following area is designated as a safety zone: All waters of Lake Washington, Washington State, south of the Interstate 90 bridge, west of Mercer Island, and north of Seward

Park. The specific boundaries of the safety zone are listed in 33 CFR 165.1319(b).

In accordance with the general regulations in 33 CFR part 165, subpart C, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the zone except for support vessels and support personnel, vessels registered with the event organizer, or other vessels authorized by the Captain of the Port or Designated Representatives. Vessels and persons granted authorization to enter the safety zone must obey all lawful orders or directions made by the Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

The Captain of the Port may be assisted by other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advanced notification of the safety zone via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts on the day of the event. If the COTP determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice of enforcement, she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: June 19, 2018.

**M.M. Balding,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port Puget Sound.*

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[Docket No. USCG-2018-0591]

**Safety Zones; Annual Firework Displays Within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

Event name	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Tacoma Freedom Fair .....	Commencement Bay .....	47°17.103' N	122°28.410' W.
Friday Harbor Independence .....	Friday Harbor .....	48°32.255' N	123°0.654.033' W.
Three Tree Point Community Fireworks .....	Three Tree Point .....	47°27.033' N	122°23.15' W.
Seattle Seafair .....	Lake Union .....	47°38.418' N	122°20.111' W.

The special requirements listed in 33 CFR 165.1332(b) apply to the activation and enforcement of these safety zones. All vessel operators who desire to enter the safety zone must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port or their

Designated Representative by contacting the Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) on VHF Ch 13 or Ch 16 or via telephone at (206) 217-6002. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or

**ACTION:** Notice of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce four safety zones for annual firework displays in the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Zone during the dates and times noted under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**INFORMATION.** This action is necessary to prevent injury and to protect life and property of the maritime public from the hazards associated with the firework displays. During the enforcement periods, entry into, transit through, mooring, or anchoring within these safety zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound or their Designated Representative.

**DATES:** The regulations in 33 CFR 165.1332 will be enforced for the four safety zones listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** from 5 p.m. on July 4, 2018, through 1 a.m. on July 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Petty Officer Zachary Spence, Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management, Coast Guard; telephone 206-217-6051, *SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce regulations in 33 CFR 165.1332 for the following four safety zones established for Annual Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound Area of Responsibility. These regulations will be enforced from 5 p.m. on July 4, 2018, through 1 a.m. on July 5, 2018, at the following locations:

local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.1332 and 5 U.S.C. 552 (a). In addition to the publication of this document in the

**Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with extensive advanced notification of enforcement of these safety zones via the Local Notice to Mariners.

Dated: June 19, 2018.

**M.M. Balding,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Puget Sound.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900-AP55

#### Medical Care in Foreign Countries and Filing for Reimbursement for Community Care Not Previously Authorized by VA

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adopts as final, with no changes, a proposed rule amending its medical regulations related to hospital care and medical services in foreign countries. We simplified and clarified the scope of these regulations, address medical services provided to eligible veterans in the Republic of the Philippines, and removed provisions related to grants to the Republic of the Philippines that are no longer supported by statutory authority. VA also amends its medical regulations related to filing claims for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred for VA care not previously authorized. We provided a 60-day period to receive comments from the public on the proposed changes, and received no comments. VA adopts the proposed rule as final, with no changes.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective July 25, 2018.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Duran, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of Community Care (10D1A1), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (303) 372-4629. (This is not a toll-free number) or Joseph.Duran2@va.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1724 of title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) prohibits VA from furnishing hospital care or medical services outside any State except under specific circumstances. VA is authorized under 38 U.S.C. 1724(b)(1) to furnish care and services to an eligible veteran outside any State if VA "determines that such

care and services are needed for the treatment of a service-connected disability of the veteran or as part of a rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of this title." VA furnishes health care to eligible veterans in the Republic of the Philippines under this authority. In addition, 38 U.S.C. 1724(c) provides that "within the limits" of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center at Manila, Republic of the Philippines, VA may enter into contracts to furnish necessary hospital care to a veteran for any non-service-connected disability if such veteran is unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. VA may also operate an outpatient clinic in the Republic of the Philippines to furnish necessary medical services to a veteran who has a service-connected disability. 38 U.S.C. 1724(e). Several sections of title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 17 address VA's authority to provide for hospital care and medical services for eligible veterans outside the United States, as well as submission of claims for reimbursement for services obtained from community care providers outside the United States.

On January 31, 2018, VA proposed to revise or amend these regulations to consolidate similar content, clarify provisions, and ensure that these regulations reflect current VA practice and statutory authority. (83 FR 4454). We proposed simplifying language in § 17.35 to make it easier to understand, adding a new paragraph (b) to address hospital care and outpatient services provided to eligible veterans in the Republic of the Philippines as authorized in 38 U.S.C. 1724, and paragraph (c) to provide guidance on which sections of part 17 apply to claims for payment or reimbursement of services not previously authorized by the Foreign Medical Program. We proposed amending § 17.125 which focuses on filing claims. We proposed stating that in those cases where VA payment for such services has not been authorized in advance, claims for payment for such health care services provided in a State should be submitted to the VA medical facility nearest to where those services were provided. We also proposed amending that section to provide specific guidance on where and how to file claims.

We proposed removing §§ 17.140 and 17.141 as the subject matter of delegation of authority would be covered by proposed revisions to § 17.125. Finally, we proposed removing §§ 17.350 through 17.370 which addressed grants to the Republic of the Philippines, as our authority to provide these grants under 38 U.S.C. 1732(b) has expired. VA still retains authority under

38 U.S.C. 1731 to assist the Republic of the Philippines in fulfilling its responsibility in providing medical care and treatment for Commonwealth Army veterans and new Philippine Scouts in need of such care and treatment for service-connected disabilities and non-service-connected disabilities under certain conditions.

We provided a 60-day period to the public to comment on the proposed rule. The comment period closed April 2, 2018, and we received no comments. Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule and in this document, VA is adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule with no changes.

#### Effect of Rulemaking

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as revised by this final rulemaking, represents VA's implementation of its legal authority on this subject. Other than future amendments to this regulation or governing statutes, no contrary guidance or procedures are authorized. All existing or subsequent VA guidance must be read to conform with this rulemaking if possible or, if not possible, such guidance is superseded by this rulemaking.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521).

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final regulatory amendment does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This rulemaking does not directly affect any small entities. Only VA beneficiaries and certain community care providers would be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

#### Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and 13771

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity).