

health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, the SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, this rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because redesignation is an action that affects the status of a geographical area and does not impose any new regulatory requirements on tribes, impact any existing sources of air pollution on tribal lands, nor impair the maintenance of ozone national ambient air quality standards in tribal lands.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Oxides of nitrogen, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds.

40 CFR Part 81

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, National parks, Wilderness areas.

Dated: April 13, 2020.

Kurt Thiede,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 431, 433, 435, 441, and 483

[CMS-2418-N]

RIN 0938-AT95

Medicaid Program; Preadmission Screening and Resident Review; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period for the proposed rule entitled “Medicaid Program; Preadmission Screening and Resident Review” that appeared in the February 20, 2020 **Federal Register**. The comment

period for the proposed rule, which would end on April 20, 2020, is extended 30 days to May 20, 2020.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule (85 FR 9990) is extended to 5 p.m., eastern daylight time, on May 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as outlined in the February 20, 2020 proposed rule (85 FR 9990). Please choose only one method listed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the “Medicaid Program; Preadmission Screening and Resident Review” proposed rule that appeared in the February 20, 2020 **Federal Register** (85 FR 9990), we solicited public comments on proposed policies that aim to modernize the requirements for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR), currently referred to in regulation as Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review, by including statutory changes, reflecting updates to diagnostic criteria for mental illness and intellectual disability, reducing duplicative requirements and other administrative burdens on State PASRR programs, and making the process more streamlined and person-centered.

Since the issuance of the proposed rule, the United States and its citizens have endured a dramatic upheaval to our way of life as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The federal and state governments, as well as private businesses, have made drastic but necessary decisions to restrict access to buildings, businesses, and transportation to slow the spread of the disease. As a result, many workplaces are dealing with changed priorities, new work procedures, and a limited workforce. We acknowledge the difficulties the current situation presents, including the limited ability of states and stakeholders to analyze and respond to our proposed rule. To maximize the opportunity for the public to provide meaningful input to CMS, we believe that it is important to allow additional time for the public to prepare comments on the proposed rule. In addition, we believe that granting an extension to the public comment period in this instance would further our overall objective to obtain public input on the proposed provisions to modernize PASRR requirements. Therefore, we are extending the comment period for the proposed rule for an additional 30 days.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Seema Verma, having reviewed and

approved this document, authorizes Evell J. Barco Holland, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Evell J. Barco Holland,

Federal Register Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Parts 802, 809, 841, 842, and 852

RIN 2900-AQ38

VA Acquisition Regulation: Contractor Qualifications; Acquisition of Utility Services; and Contract Administration and Audit Services

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing to amend and update its VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) in phased increments to revise or remove any policy superseded by changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), to remove any procedural guidance internal to VA into the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM), and to incorporate any new agency specific regulations or policies. These changes seek to streamline and align the VAAR with the FAR and remove outdated and duplicative requirements and reduce burden on contractors. The VAAM incorporates portions of the removed VAAR as well as other internal agency acquisition policy. VA will rewrite certain parts of the VAAR and VAAM, and as VAAR parts are rewritten, will publish them in the **Federal Register**. VA will combine related topics, as appropriate. This rulemaking revises VAAR coverage concerning Contractor Qualifications, Acquisition of Utility Services, and Contract Administration and Audit Services, as well as affected parts concerning Definitions of Words and Terms and Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 19, 2020 to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through

www.Regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810