

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Multiemployer Pension Plan Application To Reduce Benefits

AGENCY: Department of the Treasury.
ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Board of Trustees of the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund, a multiemployer pension plan, has submitted an application to reduce benefits under the plan in accordance with the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA). The purpose of this notice is to announce that an application submitted by the Board of Trustees of the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund has been published on the website of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), and to request public comments on the application from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 11, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in accordance with the instructions on that site. Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit public comments electronically. Treasury expects to have limited personnel available to process public comments that are submitted on paper through mail. Until further notice, any comments submitted on paper will be considered to the extent practicable.

Comments may be mailed to the Department of the Treasury, MPRA Office, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 1224, Washington, DC 20220, Attn: Danielle Norris. Comments sent

via facsimile, telephone, or email will not be accepted.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be made available to the public. Do not include any personally identifiable information (such as your Social Security number, name, address, or other contact information) or any other information in your comment or supporting materials that you do not want publicly disclosed. Treasury will make comments available for public inspection and copying on www.regulations.gov or upon request. Comments posted on the internet can be retrieved by most internet search engines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the application from the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund, please contact Treasury at (202) 622-1534 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MPRA amended the Internal Revenue Code to permit a multiemployer plan that is projected to have insufficient funds to reduce pension benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries if certain conditions are satisfied. In order to reduce benefits, the plan sponsor is required to submit an application to the Secretary of the Treasury, which must be approved or denied in consultation with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and the Department of Labor.

On June 30, 2020, the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund's Board of Trustees submitted an application for approval to reduce benefits under the plan. As required by MPRA, that application has been published on Treasury's website at <https://home.treasury.gov/services/the-multiemployer-pension-reform-act-of->

2014/applications-for-benefit-suspension. Treasury is publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, in consultation with PBGC and the Department of Labor, to solicit public comments on all aspects of the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund's application.

Comments are requested from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the Building Material Drivers Local 436 Pension Fund. Consideration will be given to any comments that are timely received by Treasury.

David Kautter,
Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee Charter Renewals

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Charter Renewals.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee ACT (FACA) and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has determined that the following Federal advisory committee is vital to the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and renewing its charter would be in the public interest. Consequently, the charter for the following Federal advisory committee is renewed for a two-year period, beginning on the dates listed below:

Committee name	Committee description	Charter renewed on
Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee.	Provides advice on VA cooperative studies, multi-site clinical research activities, and policies related to conducting and managing these efforts and ensures that new and ongoing projects maintain high quality, are based upon scientific merit, and are efficiently and economically conducted.	April 21, 2020.
Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.	Provides advice on the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds; ensures the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated research and development program; advises on the scientific and technical merit, originality, feasibility, and mission relevance of individual research proposals; and advises on the adequacy of protection of human and animal subjects.	April 21, 2020.
Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board.	Provides advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. The proposals to be reviewed may address research questions within the general area of biomedical and behavioral research or clinical science research. The Board also advises VA research officials on program priorities and policies, as well as administration of VA's intramural program.	April 21, 2020.

Committee name	Committee description	Charter renewed on
Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board.	Provides advice on the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds; provides advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies; and ensures that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.	April 21, 2020.

The Secretary has also renewed the charter for the following statutorily authorized Federal advisory committee

for a two-year period, beginning on the date listed below:

Committee name	Committee description	Charter renewed on
Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials.	Provides advice on the administration of national cemeteries, Soldiers' lots and plots, the selection of cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.	April 21, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans.	Provides advice on benefits and services to Veterans experiencing homelessness.	May 6, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs.	Provides advice on VA prosthetics programs and the rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of prosthetics technology; assesses VA programs that serve Veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment or other serious incapacities.	May 26, 2020.
Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War.	Provides advice to the Secretary on the administration of benefits for Veterans who are former prisoners of war and the needs of these Veterans, in the areas of compensation, health care and rehabilitation.	June 15, 2020.
Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee.	Provides advice on all matters pertaining to geriatrics and gerontology	July 9, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Moragne, Committee Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee Management Office (00AC), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone 202-266-4660 or 202-714-1578; or via email at Jeffrey.Moragne@va.gov. To view a copy of a VA Federal advisory committee charters, please visit <http://www.va.gov/advisory>.

Dated: July 22, 2020.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost-Based and Inter-Agency Billing Rates for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2021

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document updates the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency billing rates for medical care or services provided by the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA) furnished in certain circumstances.

APPLICABLE DATE: The rates set forth herein are effective October 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Romona Greene, Office of Community Care, Revenue Operations, Payer Relations and Services, Rates and Charges (10D1C1), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone: 202-382-2521 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA's methodology for computing Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates for medical care or services provided by VA is set forth in section 17.102(h) of title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Two sets of rates are obtained by applying this methodology, Cost-Based and Inter-Agency.

Cost-Based rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by VA under 38 CFR 17.102(a), (b), (d) and (g), respectively, in the following circumstances:

- In error or based on tentative eligibility;
- In a medical emergency;
- To pensioners of allied nations; and
- For research purposes in circumstances under which the medical care appropriation shall be reimbursed from the research appropriation.

Inter-Agency rates apply to medical care and services that are provided by VA under § 17.102(c) and (f), respectively, in the following circumstances when the care or services provided are not covered by any applicable sharing agreement in accordance with § 17.102(e):

- To beneficiaries of the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies; and
- To military retirees with chronic disability.

The calculations for the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates are the same with two exceptions. Inter-Agency rates are all-inclusive and are not broken down into three components (*i.e.*, Physician; Ancillary; and Nursing, Room and Board), and do not include standard fringe benefit costs that cover Government employee retirement, disability costs, and return on fixed assets. When VA pays for medical care or services from a non-VA source under circumstances in which the Cost-Based or Inter-Agency rates would apply if the care or services had been provided by VA, the charge for such care or services will be the actual amount paid by VA for the care or services. Inpatient charges will be at the per diem rates shown for the type of bed section or discrete treatment unit providing the care.

The following table depicts the Cost-Based and Inter-Agency rates that are