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Dated: September 7, 2021.

Sarah Cudahy,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket No. USCG–2021–0612]

Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector St. Petersburg

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce special local regulations for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals on September 26, 2021, to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for recurring marine events within Sector St. Petersburg identifies the regulated area for this event in Clearwater, FL. During the enforcement periods, the operator of any vessel in the regulated area must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, will be enforced from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., on September 26, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Marine Science Technician First Class Michael Shackelford, Sector St. Petersburg Prevention Department, Coast Guard; telephone (813) 228–2191, email Michael.d.shackelford@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the special local regulations in 33 CFR 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals regulated area from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on September 26, 2021. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for recurring marine events, Sector St. Petersburg, § 100.703, Table 1 to § 100.703, item 7, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Clearwater Offshore Nationals which encompasses portions of the Gulf of Mexico near Clearwater beach. During the enforcement periods, as reflected in

§ 100.703(c), if you are the operator of a vessel in the regulated area you must comply with directions from the Patrol Commander or any designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and/or marine information broadcasts.

Dated: August 31, 2021.

Matthew A. Thompson,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port St. Petersburg.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AQ45

Veterans Care Agreements

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adopts as final, with no substantive changes, an interim final rule revising its medical regulations to implement VA’s authority under section 102 of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which authorizes VA to enter into agreements to furnish required hospital care, medical services, and extended care services in the community when such care and services are not feasibly available to certain individuals through a VA facility, a contract, or a sharing agreement. As specified in section 1703A and this implementing rule, these agreements are called Veterans Care Agreements (VCA).

DATES: This rule is effective on October 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Duran, Office of Community Care (10D), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Ptarmigan at Cherry Creek, Denver, CO 80209; (303) 372–4629. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2018, the President signed into law the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018, Public Law 115–182, 132 Stat. 1393 (2018) (codified as amended in

scattered sections of 38 U.S.C.) (MISSION Act). This rule adopts as final, with no substantive changes, an interim final rule revising VA medical regulations to implement section 102 of the MISSION Act (codified as amended at 38 U.S.C. 1703A), which authorizes VA to enter into agreements to furnish required hospital care, medical services, and extended care services in the community when such care and services are not feasibly available to certain individuals through a VA facility, a contract, or a sharing agreement. As specified in section 1703A and this implementing rule, these agreements are called Veterans Care Agreements (VCA).

On May 14, 2019, VA published an interim final rule to establish the parameters of VCAs authorized under section 1703A, to include: Establishing a certification process for entities and providers that will seek to enter into a VCA and furnish care or services pursuant to that agreement; establishing certain parameters governing the payment rates that will be set forth in the terms of each VCA; and establishing an administrative process for adjudicating disputes arising under or related to VCAs, including those pertaining to claims for payment for care or services provided under a VCA. 84 FR 21668. VA received input from eight commenters in response to this interim final rule, only three of which raised issues relevant to the rule. VA’s responses to those three commenters are summarized below.

One commenter that represents a membership consisting of long term and post-acute care providers offered four comments that relate to VA’s implementation and use of VCAs. The comments do not expressly or impliedly request any changes to the interim final rule, nor do they raise any issues that would necessitate or merit any such changes.

First, the commenter noted that it wants to ensure its members obtain access to information “available at both the regional and national levels” within VA regarding VA’s implementation and use of VCAs. Relatedly, the commenter also indicated that it has heard from some of its members that they would like VA to establish one or more points of contact at the “national” level that providers could communicate with directly when they have questions that “regional” VA offices are unable to answer regarding VA’s implementation and use of VCAs. We interpret the commenter’s references to information made available and points of contact established at the “national” and “regional” levels to constitute references to when such information