

information considered in making adverse benefit determination; (4) the IRO to forward to the plan or issuer any information submitted by the claimant; (5) plans to notify the claimant and IRO if it reverses its decision; (6) the IRO to notify the claimant and plan of the result of the final external appeal; (7) the IRO to maintain records for six years.

*Current Actions:* There is a change to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. Adjustments to the burden estimates result from updated estimates on the number of ERISA-covered plans and policyholders.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions.

### Group Health Plans Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Processes

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 314,560.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* .5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,432 hours.

### Procedures for Federal External Review and Model Notices Relating to Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 76,014.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* .4 hours.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,615.

*Total Estimated Time per Respondent:* 390,574.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 19,047 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Financial Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Financial Research, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Financial Research Advisory Committee-Solicitation of applications for committee membership.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Financial Research is soliciting applications for membership on its Financial Research Advisory Committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Avstreich, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Financial Research, Department of The Treasury, (202) 425-2483.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 1-16, as amended), the Treasury Department established a Financial Research Advisory Committee (FRAC, or Committee) to provide advice and recommendations to the Office of Financial Research (OFR) and to assist the OFR in carrying out its duties and authorities.

#### (I) Authorities of the OFR

##### *Background*

The OFR was established under Title I of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. 111-203, July 21, 2010). The purpose of the OFR is to support the Financial Stability Oversight Council (Council) in fulfilling the purposes and duties of the Council and to support the Council's member agencies by:

- Collecting data on behalf of the Council, and providing such data to the Council and member agencies;
- Standardizing the types and formats of data reported and collected;
- Performing applied research and essential long-term research;
- Developing tools for risk measurement and monitoring;
- Performing other related services;
- Making the results of the activities of the OFR available to financial regulatory agencies; and
- Assisting such member agencies in determining the types and formats of data authorized by the Dodd-Frank Act to be collected by such member agencies.

#### (II) Scope and Membership of the FRAC

The FRAC was established to advise the OFR on issues related to the responsibilities of the office. It may provide its advice, recommendations, analysis, and information directly to the OFR and the OFR may share the Committee's advice and recommendations with the Secretary of the Treasury or other Treasury officials. The OFR will share information with the Committee as the OFR Director determines will be helpful in allowing the FRAC to carry out its role.

The FRAC is an advisory committee that was originally established on April 6, 2012. Its charter was renewed several times, most recently on January 26, 2022. The OFR is currently soliciting applications for membership in order to provide for rotation of membership, as provided in its original and current charter, as well as to provide for a diverse and balanced body with a variety of interests, backgrounds, and viewpoints represented. Providing for such diversity enhances the views and advice offered by the FRAC.

#### (II) Application for Advisory Committee Appointment

Treasury seeks applications from individuals representative of a constituency within the fields of economics, financial institutions and markets, statistical analysis, financial markets analysis, econometrics, applied sciences, risk management, data management, information standards, technology, or other areas related to OFR's duties and authorities. The terms of members chosen to serve are typically three years. No member of the Committee serving in their individual capacity (as opposed to those members specifically appointed to represent the interests of a nongovernmental entity, a recognizable group of persons, or nongovernmental entities) may be a Federally-registered lobbyist.

Membership on the Committee is limited to the individuals appointed and is non-transferrable. Regular attendance is essential to the effective operation of the Committee. Some members of the Committee may be required to adhere to the conflict of interest rules applicable to Special Government Employees, as such employees are defined in 18 U.S.C. 202(a). These rules include relevant provisions in 18 U.S.C. related to criminal activity, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 CFR part 2635), and Executive Order 12674 (as modified by Executive Order 12731).

To apply, an applicant must submit an appropriately detailed resume and a cover letter describing their interest, reasons for application, and qualifications. In accordance with Department of Treasury Directive 21–03, a clearance process includes criminal and subversive name checks or fingerprint checks with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for proposed advisory committee members, as well as pre-appointment tax checks with the Internal Revenue Service for all proposed and reappointed members.

The application period for interested candidates will close on September 9, 2022. Applications should be submitted in sufficient time to be received by the close of business on the closing date and should be sent to [OFR\\_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov](mailto:OFR_FRAC@ofr.treasury.gov).

Dated: August 2, 2022.

**Emily Anderson,**

*Acting Deputy Director of Operations.*

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## UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN

### Sunshine Act; Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** August 11, 2022, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Central time.

**PLACE:** This meeting will take place at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center in Minneapolis, MN, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402 and will be accessible via conference call and via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare. Any interested person may call (i) 1–929–205–6099 (US Toll) or 1–669–900–6833 (US Toll) or (ii) 1–877–853–5247 (US Toll Free) or 1–888–788–0099 (US Toll Free), Meeting ID: 997 8535 5481, to listen and participate in this meeting. The website to participate via Zoom Meeting and Screenshare is <https://kellen.zoom.us/join/99785355481>

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### Agenda

#### I. Welcome and Call to Order—UCR Board Chair

The UCR Board Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, call roll for the Board, confirm the presence of a quorum, and facilitate self-introductions.

#### II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will verify publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via email, followed by subsequent publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### III. Review and Approval of Board Agenda—UCR Board Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

The proposed Agenda will be reviewed, and the Board will consider adoption.

#### Ground Rules

> Board actions taken only in designated areas on agenda

#### IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 7, 2022 UCR Board Meeting—UCR Board Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

Draft Minutes from the June 7, 2022 UCR Board meeting will be reviewed. The Board will consider action to approve.

#### V. Report of FMCSA—FMCSA Representative

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will provide a report on relevant activity.

#### VI. State Officials From the North Carolina DOT and the South Carolina DMV Will Appear Before the UCR Board To Explain Their Non-Compliance With UCR State Performance Standards—UCR Executive Director

The UCR Executive Director will provide background regarding the non-compliance of North Carolina and South Carolina with UCR performance standards for reporting year 2021, and introduce the representative from each of those two states. The UCR Plan is asking North Carolina and South Carolina to explain why the deficiency occurred, what is being done to prevent a deficiency in the future, and to

determine whether North Carolina or South Carolina need resources from UCR auditors to help each state achieve compliance in the future.

#### VII. Renewal of UCR Contracts With Contractors (Kellen and AAG3 LLC)—UCR Finance Subcommittee Chair and UCR Chief Legal Officer

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

The UCR Finance Subcommittee Chair and UCR Chief Legal Officer will discuss possible extensions to the contracts with the Kellen Company (UCR Administrator) and AAG3 LLC (UCR Executive Director). The Finance Subcommittee recommends the UCR Board extend both contracts as presented.

#### VIII. Establishment of a UCR Plan Enforcement Subcommittee—UCR Board Chair and UCR Executive Director

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

The UCR Board Chair and UCR Executive Director will discuss the merits of establishing a UCR Plan Enforcement Subcommittee. The Board may consider and take action to establish a UCR Plan Enforcement Subcommittee.

#### IX. Board Policy Applicable Once a Board Member Leaves the Board—UCR Board Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

The UCR Board Chair will propose a new policy providing that once a Board member no longer serves as a Board Member, that Board member is automatically removed from all UCR Plan Subcommittees. The proposed policy would apply retroactively and prospectively. The Board may consider and take action to adopt a policy applicable to Board members who serve on UCR Plan Subcommittees but who no longer serve on the UCR Plan Board.

#### X. Subcommittee Reports

*Audit Subcommittee—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair*

A. Additional Compliance Evaluation Tools for the Annual State Audit Progress Report—UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair

*For Discussion and Possible Board Action*

The UCR Audit Subcommittee Chair will discuss the current evaluation process for the participating states' audit programs currently required by the UCR