

that a proposed transmission facility is in the public convenience and necessity when considering whether the costs of that transmission facility may be recovered through a formula rate?

Should the Commission prohibit the recovery of transmission project costs through a formula rate if those projects have not been subject to a robust state CPCN process? Why or why not? Should the Commission accept as self-proving an attestation from state regulators that such a robust CPCN process is used in their state? If yes, are there specific factors or features of a state regulator's CPCN process that indicate whether a potential transmission facility has been robustly evaluated for need and cost? If not, are there other indicators (e.g., other regulatory determinations, third-party analyses, legislative reports, etc.) that demonstrate that the need for and costs of a potential transmission facility have been robustly reviewed? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this approach?

c. If formula rate treatment is not permitted, how should costs related to the new transmission project or transmission facility be separated out for recovery in a stated rate proceeding (e.g., should all costs related to the transmission facility be excluded from formula rate recovery, or only capital costs)? How could the timing of the state regulatory proceeding impact a public utility transmission provider's ability to file for cost recovery of proposed transmission facilities subject to CPCN review? How, if at all, would the inability to recover the costs of certain transmission facilities through a public utility transmission provider's formula rate impact its annual formula rate proceedings?

d. If the Commission determines that a potential transmission facility has not been robustly evaluated at the state level for need and cost, are there other regulatory requirements that the Commission could impose short of requiring a transmission facility's costs to be recovered through stated rates rather than formula rates? If so, what options are available and what are the pros and cons of those options?

Other Questions

12. Some panelists argued that the timing of cost management or oversight mechanisms is relevant to ensuring cost effectiveness, contending that cost scrutiny must be applied to decisions during the local or regional transmission planning phase in order to influence those decisions. Do you agree, and if so why or why not? What are the possibilities for facilitating timely cost management before money is spent on

transmission projects (aside from planning costs)?

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-564-5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) Filed December 19, 2022 10 a.m. EST Through December 23, 2022 10 a.m. EST Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20220193, Final, FEMA, NJ, ADOPTION—Rebuild by Design—Hudson River (RBD-HR), Review Period Ends: 01/30/2023, Contact: John McKee 202-704-7160.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has adopted the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Final EIS No. 20170101, filed 6/8/2017 with the Environmental Protection Agency. The FEMA was not a cooperating agency on this project. Therefore, republication of the document is necessary under Section 1506.3(c) of the CEQ regulations.

Amended Notice

EIS No. 20220175, Draft, BIA, DOI, OR, Coquille Indian Tribe Fee to Trust Gaming Facility Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/23/2023, Contact: Tobiah Mogavero 435-210-0509.

Revision to FR Notice Published 11/25/2022; Extending the Comment Period from 01/09/2023 to 02/23/2023.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Patient Safety Organizations: Voluntary Relinquishment for the Zephcare PSO

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of delisting.

SUMMARY: The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule (Patient Safety Rule) authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a patient safety organization (PSO) an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be "delisted" by the Secretary if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act) and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO's listing expires. AHRQ accepted a notification of proposed voluntary relinquishment from the Zephcare PSO, PSO number P0200, of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

DATES: The delisting was effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on December 8, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS website: <https://www.pso.ahrq.gov/listed>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathryn Bach, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, MS 06N100B, Rockville, MD 20857; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; Email: psa@ahrq.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Patient Safety Act, 42 U.S.C. 299b-21 to 299b-26, and the related Patient Safety Rule, 42 CFR part 3, published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70732-70814), establish a framework by which individuals and entities that meet the definition of provider in the Patient Safety Rule may voluntarily report information to PSOs listed by AHRQ, on

a privileged and confidential basis, for the aggregation and analysis of patient safety work product.

The Patient Safety Act authorizes the listing of PSOs, which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity are to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.

HHS issued the Patient Safety Rule to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO’s listing expires. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of PSOs.

AHRQ has accepted a notification of proposed voluntary relinquishment from the Zephcare PSO to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, the Zephcare PSO, PSO number P0200, was delisted effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on December 8, 2022.

Zephcare PSO has patient safety work product (PSWP) in its possession. The PSO will meet the requirements of section 3.108(c)(2)(i) of the Patient Safety Rule regarding notification to providers that have reported to the PSO and of section 3.108(c)(2)(ii) regarding disposition of PSWP consistent with section 3.108(b)(3). According to section 3.108(b)(3) of the Patient Safety Rule, the PSO has 90 days from the effective date of delisting and revocation to complete the disposition of PSWP that is currently in the PSO’s possession.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ’s PSO website at <https://www.pso.ahrq.gov>.

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Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Solicitation for Nominations for Members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Solicits nominations for new members of the USPSTF.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) invites nominations of individuals qualified to serve as members of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

DATES: Nominations must be received electronically by March 15th of a given year to be considered for appointment to begin in January of the following year.

ADDRESSES: Submit your responses electronically via: <https://uspstf.nominations.ahrq.gov/register>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lydia Hill at (301) 427–1587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Arrangement for Public Inspection

Nominations and applications are kept on file at the Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement, AHRQ, and are available for review during business hours. AHRQ does not reply to individual nominations, but considers all nominations in selecting members. Information regarded as private and personal, such as a nominee’s social security number, home and email addresses, home telephone and fax numbers, or names of family members will not be disclosed to the public in accord with the Freedom of Information Act. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6); 45 CFR 5.31(f).

Nomination Submissions

Nominations must be submitted electronically, and should include:

1. The applicant’s current curriculum vitae and contact information, including mailing address, and email address; and
2. A letter explaining how this individual meets the qualification requirements and how he or she would contribute to the USPSTF. The letter should also attest to the nominee’s willingness to serve as a member of the USPSTF.

AHRQ will later ask people under serious consideration for USPSTF membership to provide detailed information that will permit evaluation of possible significant conflicts of interest. Such information will concern matters such as financial holdings, consultancies, non-financial scientific

interests, and research grants or contracts.

To obtain a diversity of perspectives, AHRQ particularly encourages nominations of women, members of underrepresented populations, and persons with disabilities. Interested individuals can nominate themselves. Organizations and individuals may nominate one or more people qualified for membership on the USPSTF at any time. Individuals nominated prior to March 15, 2022, who continue to have interest in serving on the USPSTF should be re-nominated.

Qualification Requirements

To qualify for the USPSTF and support its mission, an applicant or nominee should, at a minimum, demonstrate knowledge, expertise, and national leadership in the following areas:

1. The critical evaluation of research published in peer-reviewed literature and in the methods of evidence review;
2. Clinical prevention, health promotion and primary health care; and
3. Implementation of evidence-based recommendations in clinical practice including at the clinician-patient level, practice level, and health-system level.

Additionally, the Task Force benefits from members with expertise in the following areas:

- Public Health
- Health Equity and The Reduction of Health Disparities
- Application of Science to Health Policy
- Decision modeling
- Dissemination and Implementation
- Behavioral Medicine/Clinical Health Psychology
- Communication of Scientific Findings to Multiple Audiences Including Health Care Professionals, Policy Makers, and the General Public.

Candidates with experience and skills in any of these areas should highlight them in their nomination materials.

Applicants must have no substantial conflicts of interest, whether financial, professional, or intellectual, that would impair the scientific integrity of the work of the USPSTF and must be willing to complete regular conflict of interest disclosures.

Applicants must have the ability to work collaboratively with a team of diverse professionals who support the mission of the USPSTF. Applicants must have adequate time to contribute substantively to the work products of the USPSTF.

Nominee Selection

Nominated individuals will be selected for the USPSTF on the basis of