PART 1—RULES OF PRACTICE IN PATENT CASES

■ 1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2), unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Amend § 1.740 by revising paragraphs (a)(15) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 1.740 Formal requirements for application for extension of patent term; correction of informalities.

(a) * * *

(15) The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person to whom inquiries and correspondence related to the application for patent term extension are to be directed.

(b) The application under this section, and any related submissions to the Office, must be submitted using the USPTO patent electronic filing system in accordance with the USPTO patent electronic filing system requirements.

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■ 3. Amend § 1.741 by revising paragraph (a) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 1.741 Complete application given a filing date; petition procedure.

(a) The filing date of an application for extension of a patent term is the date on which a complete application is received in the Office via the USPTO patent electronic filing system or filed pursuant to the procedure set forth in § 1.8(a)(1)(i)(C) and (a)(1)(ii). A complete application must include:

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■ 4. Amend § 1.770 by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 1.770 Express withdrawal of application for extension of patent term.

An application for extension of patent term may be expressly withdrawn before a determination is made pursuant to § 1.750 by filing in the Office a written declaration of withdrawal signed by the owner of record of the patent or its agent. * * *

■ 5. Revise § 1.790 to read as follows:

§ 1.790 Interim extension of patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5).

(a) An owner of record of a patent or its agent who reasonably expects that the applicable regulatory review period, described in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B)(ii), (2)(B)(ii), (3)(B)(ii), (4)(B)(ii), or (5)(B)(ii), that began for a product that is the subject of such patent may extend beyond the expiration of the patent term in effect may submit one or more applications for interim extensions for periods of up to one year each. In no event will the interim extensions granted under this section be longer than the maximum period of extension to which the applicant would be entitled under 35 U.S.C. 156(c).

(b) Any application for interim extension under this section must be filed using the USPTO patent electronic filing system in accordance with the USPTO patent electronic filing system requirements.

(c) Complete initial applications for interim extension under this section must:

(1) Be filed during the period beginning 6 months and ending 15 days before the patent term is due to expire, and include a statement that the initial application is being submitted within the period and an identification of the date of the last day on which the initial application could be submitted;

(2) Include all of the information required for a formal application under § 1.740 and a complete application under § 1.741, except as follows:

(i) Paragraphs (a)(1), (2), (4), and (6) through (15) of §§ 1.740 and 1.741 shall be read in the context of a product currently undergoing regulatory review; and

(ii) Paragraphs (a)(3) and (5) of § 1.740 are not applicable to an application for interim extension under this section; and

(3) Include a statement that the applicable regulatory review period, described in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B)(ii), (2)(B)(ii), (3)(B)(ii), (4)(B)(ii), or (5)(B)(ii), has begun for the product that is the subject of the patent.

(d) Each subsequent application for interim extension:

(1) Must be filed during the period beginning 60 days before and ending 30 days before the expiration of the preceding interim extension and include a statement that it is being submitted within the period and an identification of the date of the last day on which it could be submitted;

(2) May be limited in content to a request for a subsequent interim extension along with any materials or information required under §§ 1.740 and 1.741 that are not present in the preceding interim extension application; and

(3) Must include a statement that the applicable regulatory review period, described in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(1)(B)(ii), (2)(B)(ii), (3)(B)(ii), (4)(B)(ii), or (5)(B)(ii), has not been completed.

Katherine K. Vidal,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AP57, AQ47, AQ63

Program for the Repayment of Educational Loans, Urgent Care, and Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This final rule will revise the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations that govern the Program for the Repayment of Educational Loans (PREL) and Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program (SELRP) by adding the Office of Management and Budget approval number for the associated collections of information. VA is also making technical corrections to its regulation that governs VA's urgent care benefit.

DATES: Section 17.644 of title 38, published at 81 FR 66815 on September 29, 2016, is effective March 2, 2023. This final rule is effective March 2, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ethan Kalett, Office of Regulations, Appeals, and Policy, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–7633. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Revisions to §§ 17.528 and 17.643 of Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on September 29, 2016, VA added new regulations for the PREL, a program in which VA repays educational loans to individuals who pursued a program of study leading to a degree in psychiatric medicine and who are seeking employment in VA. See 81 FR 66815. In a separate final rule

published in the FR on July 29, 2020, VA also added to new regulations for the SELRP, a program which serves as an incentive for physicians starting or currently in residency programs in medical specialties, for which VA has determined that recruitment and retention of qualified personnel is difficult, to work at VA facilities that need more physicians within that medical specialty after the individual completes their residency program. See 85 FR 45532.

Both of those rulemakings contained provisions constituting collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). See 38 CFR 17.528 and 17.643. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires that VA consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a), an agency may not collect or sponsor the collection of information, nor may it impose an information collection requirement unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. See also 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3)(vi). As required by 44 U.S.C. 3507(d), VA submitted the information collections associated with §§ 17.528 and 17.643 to OMB for its review. After both final rules were published, these information collections were approved by OMB and assigned OMB control number 2900–0879. This document revises §§ 17.528 and 17.643 by adding the approved OMB control number at the end of each of those sections.

Revisions to 38 CFR 17.4600

In a document published in the FR on June 5, 2019, VA amended its medical regulations by granting eligible veterans access to urgent care from qualifying non-VA entities or providers without prior approval from VA. 84 FR 25998. Current paragraphs (c)(1)(i)(A) and (B) of § 17.4600 were incorrectly numbered as they should have been designated as paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii), respectively. We are now revising § 17.4600 to correct the numbering of paragraph (c)(1) with no substantive changes to the regulation text.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 17

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Dental health, Government contracts, Health care, Health facilities, Health professions, Health records, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Scholarships and fellowships, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans.

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs amends 38 CFR part 17 as follows:

PART 17—MEDICAL

■ 1. The authority citation for part 17 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, and as noted in specific sections.

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■ 2. Amend § 17.528 by revising the parenthetical information collection sentence at the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 17.528 Application.

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirement in this section under control number 2900–0879.)

■ 3. Amend § 17.643 by adding a parenthetical information collection sentence at the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 17.643 Application for the PREL.

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(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirement in this section under control number 2900–0879.).

§ 17.4600 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend § 17.4600 by redesignating paragraphs (c)(1)(i)(A) and (B) as paragraphs (c)(1)(i) and (ii).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[EPA–R01–RCRA–2022–0864; FRL 10508–02–R1]

Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Vermont has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final authorization of revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended. The EPA has reviewed Vermont's application and has determined that these revisions satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization. Therefore, we are taking direct final action to authorize the State's changes. In the ''Proposed Rules'' section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the EPA is also publishing a separate document that serves as the proposal to authorize these revisions. Unless the EPA receives written comments that oppose this authorization during the comment period, the decision to authorize Vermont's revisions to its hazardous waste program will take effect.

DATES: This final authorization will become effective on May 1, 2023, unless the EPA receives adverse written comments by April 3, 2023. If the EPA receives any such comment, the EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of this direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that this authorization will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R01–RCRA–2022–0864, at *https://www.regulations.gov/.* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *www.regulations.gov.* The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.,* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit *http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets.*

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