

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Medically Underserved Areas for 2002

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of Medically Underserved Areas for 2002.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has completed its annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for calendar year 2002. This is necessary to comply with a provision of the FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 2002, OPM's calculations show that the following states are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. We have removed Louisiana from the list for calendar year 2002 and added the states of Georgia, Montana, North Dakota, and Texas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ingrid Burford, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)) mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. The FEHB law also requires that a State be designated as a Medically Underserved Area if 25 percent or more of the population lives in an area designated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a primary medical care manpower shortage area. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires non-HMO FEHB plans to reimburse beneficiaries, subject to their contract terms, for covered services obtained from any licensed provider in these States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual determination of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest HHS State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S.

Census figures on State resident populations.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Cole James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 66 FR 48493, September 20, 2001.

STATUS: Closed meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC.

TIME AND DATE OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED MEETING: September 21, 2001 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Item.

The following item has been added to the closed meeting scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2001: regulatory matters regarding financial institutions.

Commissioner Hunt, as duty officer, determined that Commission business required the above change and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

At the times, changes in Commission priorities require alternations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary (202) 942-7070.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement: [To be published Monday, September 24, 2001]

Status: Closed Meeting.

Place: 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Time and Date of Previously Announced Meeting: September 26, 2001 at 10 a.m.

Change in the Meeting: Time change.

The closed meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2001 at 10 a.m. has been changed to Monday, September 24, 2001 at 11:30 a.m.

Dated: September 24, 2001.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. To Extend a PACE Order Execution and Price Protection Pilot Program

September 19, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on August 29, 2001, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed this proposal under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁴ thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend through November 5, 2001 its Philadelphia Stock Exchange Automated Communication and Execution System ("PACE")⁵ price improvement pilot program ("pilot program"). The pilot program, which is found in Supplementary Material .05 and .07(c)(ii) to Phlx Rule 229, incorporates decimal pricing into two PACE provisions—immediate execution of certain market orders through the Public Order Exposure System ("POES") and mandatory double-up/double-down price protection for equities quoting in decimals. The pilot

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). The Phlx requested that the Commission waive the 5-day pre-filing notice requirement, and the 30-day operative delay.

⁵ PACE is the Exchange's automated order delivery, routing, execution and reporting system for equities.