

prospective payment system (OPPS) for hospital outpatient services.

The OPPS is comprised of ambulatory payment classification groups, relative weights, and payment rates. The Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-113), enacted on November 29, 1999, amended section 1833(t)(6) of the Act. This section authorized transitional pass-through payments for certain drugs, biologicals, and devices. These drugs, biologicals, and devices include those that were not being paid for as a hospital outpatient service as of December 31, 1996 and for which the cost is not insignificant in relation to the OPPS payment for the procedures associated with the drug, biological, or device. The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-554), enacted on December 21, 2000, amended this provision to permit transitional pass-through payment for some older devices as well. By statute, transitional pass-through payment status extends at least 2 years, but no more than 3 years. Beginning January 1, 2003, almost all of the items that are eligible for transitional pass-through payments will reach the end of their eligibility for pass-through payments. Therefore, their costs must be recognized through other means under the OPPS. Participants at the town hall meeting are invited to share their opinions about how these items should be treated under the OPPS for calendar year (CY) 2003.

II. Meeting Format

The meeting will begin with an introduction of the OPPS, focusing on the treatment of transitional passthrough payments for drugs, biologicals, and devices under the OPPS for CY 2003. The remainder of the meeting will be reserved for statements from interested parties on this issue.

We will limit the time for participants to make a statement according to the number of registered participants. Individuals who wish to make a statement must contact Roechel Kujawa as soon as possible. Those individuals must subsequently mail their written submission no later than 5 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2002. Send written submissions to: Roechel Kujawa, Division of Outpatient Care, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-25, Baltimore, Maryland 21244. All written submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2002, at the above address. Comments from individuals not registered to speak

will be heard after scheduled statements, if time permits.

III. Registration Instructions

The Division of Outpatient Care is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, all individuals must register to attend. Because this meeting will be located on Federal property, for security reasons, any persons wishing to attend this meeting must call Roechel Kujawa to register at least 72 hours in advance. Attendees must show photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before they will be permitted to enter the building. Individuals who have not registered in advance will not be allowed to enter the building to attend the meeting. Seating capacity is limited to the first 250 registrants.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Roechel Kujawa at least 10 days before the meeting.

Authority: Section 1833(t) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-486; MM Docket No. 01-137; RM-10156]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Altus, OK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; dismissal.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Katherine Pyeatt, dismisses the petition proposing the allotment of Channel 295C2 at Altus, Oklahoma, as the community's third local FM transmission service. See 66 FR 35768, July 9, 2001. A showing of continuing interest is required before a channel will be allotted. It is the Commission's policy to refrain from making an allotment to a community absent an expression of interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 01-137 adopted February 20, 2002, and released March 1, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-488; MM Docket No. 02-43, RM-10384]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Milan, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Don Davis proposing the allotment of Channel 270A at Milan, New Mexico, as the community's second local FM transmission service. Channel 270A can be allotted to Milan in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 270A Milan are 35-10-11 North Latitude and 107-53-24 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 22, 2002, reply comments on or before May 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Mr. Don Davis, 809 Wellesley NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.