

for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the proposed regulation:

1. Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and
3. Will not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD. See the **ADDRESSES** section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

McDonnell Douglas: Docket No. FAA-2005-22062; Directorate Identifier 2003-NM-219-AD.

Comments Due Date

(a) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive comments on this AD action by September 26, 2005.

Affected ADs

(b) None.

Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), DC-9-87 (MD-87), MD-88, and MD-90-30 airplanes, certificated in any category.

Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD was prompted by a determination that the holes of certain aft attach fitting assemblies of the spoiler link were not cold-worked during production. We are issuing this AD to prevent fatigue cracking of the aft attach fitting of the spoiler link and consequent failure of the fitting. Failure of the fitting could result in an asymmetrical lift condition and consequent reduced controllability of the airplane.

Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

Inspection

(f) Prior to the accumulation of 10,000 total flight hours on the aft attach fitting assembly of the spoiler link, or within 18 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever is later: Inspect the aft attach fitting assembly of the spoiler link to determine the part number, in accordance with Item 1.a.) of Section 1.D., "Description," of Aerotech Manufacturing, Inc., Service Bulletin DC9-27-01-AMI5139, Revision "A," dated June 19, 2003.

(1) If the part number is not AMI3954558-1 or AMI3954558-501: No further action is required by this AD, but the provisions of paragraph (h) of this AD continue to apply.

(2) If the part number is AMI3954558-1 or AMI3954558-501: Before further flight, inspect the aft attach fitting assembly of the spoiler link to determine the lot number, then determine if the lot number is identified in the "Lot Number" column of the table in Section 1.A.1. of the service bulletin. If the lot number is not identified in the service bulletin, no further action is required by this AD, but the provisions of paragraph (h) of this AD continue to apply.

Replacement

(g) If the part number of the aft attach fitting assembly of the spoiler link is AMI3954558-1 or AMI3954558-501, and the lot number is identified in the "Lot Number" column of the table in Section 1.A.1. of Aerotech Manufacturing, Inc., Service Bulletin DC9-27-01-AMI5139, Revision "A," dated June 19, 2003: Before further flight, replace the assembly with a new or serviceable assembly having a lot number that is not identified in the "Lot Number" column of the table in Section 1.A.1. of the service bulletin, in accordance with Item 1.b.) of Section 1.D., "Description," of the service bulletin.

Parts Installation

(h) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an aft attach fitting assembly of the spoiler link having part number AMI3954558-1 or AMI3954558-501, and having a lot number

identified in the "Lot Number" column of the table in Section 1.A.1. of Aerotech Manufacturing, Inc., Service Bulletin DC9-27-01-AMI5139, Revision "A," dated June 19, 2003.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(i) The Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 3, 2005.

Kevin M. Mullin,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

20 CFR Parts 404 and 416

RIN 0960-AD78

Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Endocrine Disorders

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: We are planning to update and revise the rules we use to evaluate endocrine disorders of adults and children who apply for, or receive, disability benefits under title II and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Social Security Act (the Act). The rules we plan on revising are sections 9.00 and 109.00 in the Listing of Impairments in appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of our regulations (the listings). We invite you to send us comments and suggestions for updating and revising these rules.

After we have considered your comments and suggestions, as well as information about advances in medical knowledge, treatment, and methods of evaluating endocrine disorders, and our program experience, we intend to publish for public comment a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that will propose specific revisions to the rules.

As part of our long-term planning for the disability programs, we are also interested in your ideas about how we may be able to improve our programs for people who have endocrine disorders, especially those who would like to work.

DATES: To be sure your comments are considered, we must receive them by October 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may give us your comments by: using our Internet site

facility (*i.e.*, Social Security Online) at <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>; e-mail to regulations@ssa.gov; telefax to (410) 966-2830, or letter to the Commissioner of Social Security, P.O. Box 17703, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-7703. You may also deliver them to the Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Comments are posted in our Internet site at <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs>, or you may inspect them on regular business days by making arrangements with the contact person shown in this preamble.

Electronic Version: The electronic file of this document is available on the date of publication in the **Federal Register** at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. It is also available on the Internet site for SSA (*i.e.*, Social Security Online) at: <http://policy.ssa.gov/pnpublic.nsf/LawsRegs>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Augustine, Social Insurance Specialist, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, 100 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, (410) 965-0020 or TTY (410) 966-5609. For information on eligibility or filing for benefits, call our national toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or TTY 1-800-325-0778, or visit our Internet Web site, Social Security Online, at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

We are planning to update and revise the rules that we use to evaluate endocrine disorders of adults and children who apply for, or receive, disability benefits under title II and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. The purpose of this notice is to give you an opportunity to send us comments and suggestions for updating and revising those rules as we begin the rulemaking process. We are also asking for your comments and ideas about how we can improve our disability programs in the future for people with endocrine disorders.

Who Should Send Us Comments and Suggestions?

We invite comments and suggestions from anyone who has an interest in the rules we use to evaluate claims for benefits filed by people who have endocrine disorders. We are interested

in getting comments and suggestions from people who apply for or receive benefits from us, members of the general public, advocates and organizations who advocate for people who have endocrine disorders, experts in the evaluation of endocrine diseases, researchers, people who make disability determinations and decisions for us, and any other individuals who may have ideas for us to consider.

Will We Respond to Your Comments From This Notice?

We will not respond directly to comments you send us because of this notice. However, after we consider your comments in response to this notice, along with other information such as results of current medical research and our program experience, we will decide how to revise the rules we use to evaluate endocrine disorders. When we propose specific revisions to the rules, we will publish an NPRM in the **Federal Register**. In accordance with the usual rulemaking procedures we follow, you will have a chance to comment on the revisions we propose when we publish the NPRM, and we will summarize and respond to the significant comments on the NPRM in the preamble to any final rules.

Which Rules Are We Considering for Updating and Revision?

We are considering two sections of our listings for updating and revision, sections 9.00 and 109.00. These are the listings for endocrine disorders in adults (Part A, 9.00) and children (Part B, 109.00). They include, but are not limited to, such impairments as thyroid disorders, hyperparathyroidism, hypoparathyroidism, neurohypophyseal insufficiency (diabetes insipidus), hyperfunction of the adrenal cortex, adrenal cortical insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, iatrogenic hypercorticotid state, pituitary dwarfism, adrenogenital syndrome, hypoglycemia, and gonadal dysgenesis (Turner's syndrome).

Where Can You Find These Rules on the Internet?

You can find these rules on our Internet site at these locations:

- Sections 9.00 and 109.00 are in the Listing of Impairments in appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of our regulations at http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/cfr20/404/404-ap10.htm.
- You can also look up sections 9.00 and 109.00 of the listings at <http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>.
- If you do not have Internet access, you can find the Code of Federal Regulations in some public libraries,

Federal depository libraries, and public law libraries.

Why Are We Updating and Revising Our Rules for Evaluating Endocrine Disorders?

On August 24, 1999, and April 24, 2002, we published final rules in the **Federal Register** that included revisions to some of the listings for endocrine disorders (64 FR 46122 and 67 FR 20018, respectively). Prior to that, we last published final rules making comprehensive revisions to the listings for endocrine disorders on December 6, 1985 (50 FR 50068).

The current listings for endocrine disorders for adults (9.00) and children (109.00) will no longer be effective on July 2, 2007, unless we extend them or revise and promulgate them again.

What Should You Comment About?

We are interested in any comments and suggestions you have about sections 9.00 and 109.00 of our listings. For example, with regard to our listings, we are interested in knowing if:

- You have concerns about any of the provisions in the current endocrine listings, including the provisions for diabetes mellitus in adults or children, such as whether you think we should change any of our criteria or whether you think a listing is difficult to use or understand.
- You would like to see our endocrine listings include something that they do not include now, such as conditions or new medical criteria that you believe should be added to the listings.
- You think these listings should include criteria for functional limitations and, if so, what those criteria should be.

In addition to your comments about our regulations, we are also interested in any ideas you have about how the disability requirements of the Act and our regulations affect people who have endocrine disorders, especially those who would like to work, full-time or part-time with supports. Your ideas can address our existing rules and regulations or suggest changes to the law. For example, we know that many people who have endocrine disorders might not need benefits from us if they could get treatment before their disorders make them unable to work. Others may be unable to work but may not need to stay out of work indefinitely if they could get treatment or other interventions. Many people with permanent impairments can work if they have a supporting safety net (including title II disability benefits and SSI payments). Work can also be

therapeutic for some people. Although the Act and our regulations include some access to health care through Medicare and Medicaid, some provisions for vocational rehabilitation, and a number of work incentives, these provisions are generally for people who already qualify for benefits under our disability programs.

We will consider your ideas as we develop the NPRM we intend to publish for public comment, and, where applicable, as part of our long-term planning for the disability program.

What Other Information Will We Consider?

We will also be considering information from other sources for relevance to our policy for evaluating endocrine disorders, including the following recent documents:

- American Diabetes Association: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes (Position Statement). *Diabetes Care* 28 (Suppl. 1):S4–S36, 2005. This report is available at

http://care.diabetesjournals.org/cgi/content/full/28/suppl_1/s4.

- Behrman, R.E., Kliegman, R.M., and Jenson, H.B. (Eds.) (2004). *Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics*. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Science (USA).
- Goldman L. and D. Ausiello (eds). *Cecil Textbook of Medicine* (22nd edition). Saunders, Philadelphia, 2004.
- Silverstein J, Klingensmith G, Copeland K, Plotnick L, Kaufman F, Laffel L, Deeb L, Grey M, Anderson B, Holzmeister LA, Clark N: Care of Children and Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes: A Statement of the American Diabetes Association. *Diabetes Care* 28:186–212, 2005. This report is available at http://care.diabetesjournals.org/cgi/content/full/28/1/186?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&andor=and&actfulltext=and&searchid=1112384792902_7205&stored_search=&FIRSTINDEX=0&sortspec=relevance&volume=28&firstpage=186&resourcetype=1&journalcode=diacare.

Other Information

Who Can Get Disability Benefits?

Under title II of the Act, we provide for the payment of disability benefits if you are disabled and belong to one of the following three groups:

- Workers insured under the Act,
- Children of insured workers, and
- Widows, widowers, and surviving divorced spouses (see § 404.336) of insured workers.

Under title XVI of the Act, we provide for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments on the basis of disability if you are disabled and have limited income and resources.

How Do We Define Disability?

Under both the title II and title XVI programs, disability must be the result of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or combination of impairments that is expected to result in death or which has lasted or is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months. Our definitions of disability are shown in the following table:

If you file a claim under . . .	and you are . . .	disability means you have a medically determinable impairment(s) as described above and that results in . . .
title II	an adult or child	the inability to do any substantial gainful activity (SGA).
title XVI	a person age 18 or older	the inability to do any SGA.
title XVI	a person under age 18	marked and severe functional limitations.

How Do We Decide Whether You Are Disabled?

If you are seeking benefits under title II of the Act, or if you are an adult seeking benefits under title XVI of the Act, we use a five-step “sequential evaluation process” to decide whether you are disabled. We describe this five-step process in our regulations at §§ 404.1520 and 416.920. We follow the five steps in order and stop as soon as we can make a determination or decision. The steps are:

1. Are you working, and is the work you are doing substantial gainful activity? If you are working and the work you are doing is substantial gainful activity, we will find that you are not disabled, regardless of your medical condition or your age, education, and work experience. If you are not, we will go on to step 2.
2. Do you have a “severe” impairment? If you do not have an impairment or combination of impairments that significantly limits your physical or mental ability to do basic work activities, we will find that you are not disabled. If you do, we will go on to step 3.

3. Do you have an impairment(s) that meets or medically equals the severity of an impairment in the listings? If you do, and the impairment(s) meets the duration requirement, we will find that you are disabled. If you do not, we will go on to step 4.

4. Do you have the residual functional capacity to do your past relevant work? If you do, we will find that you are not disabled. If you do not, we will go on to step 5.

5. Does your impairment(s) prevent you from doing any other work that exists in significant numbers in the national economy, considering your residual functional capacity, age, education, and work experience? If it does, and it meets the duration requirement, we will find that you are disabled. If it does not, we will find that you are not disabled.

We use a different sequential evaluation process for children who apply for payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. We describe that sequential evaluation process in § 416.924 of our regulations. If you are already receiving benefits, we also use a different sequential evaluation process when we decide whether your disability

continues. See §§ 404.1594, 416.994, and 416.994a of our regulations. However, all of these sequential evaluation processes include a step at which we consider whether your impairment(s) meets or medically equals one of our listings.

What Are the Listings?

The listings are examples of impairments that we consider severe enough to prevent you as an adult from doing any gainful activity. If you are a child seeking SSI payments based on disability, the listings describe impairments that we consider severe enough to result in marked and severe functional limitations. Although the listings are contained only in appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of our regulations, we incorporate them by reference in the SSI program in § 416.925 of our regulations, and apply them to claims under both title II and title XVI of the Act.

How Do We Use the Listings?

The listings are in two parts. There are listings for adults (part A) and for children (part B). If you are a person age 18 or over, we apply the listings in part

A when we assess your claim, and we never use the listings in part B.

If you are a person under age 18, we first use the criteria in part B of the listings. If the listings in part B do not apply, and the specific disease process(es) has a similar effect on adults and children, we then use the criteria in part A. (See §§ 404.1525 and 416.925.)

If your impairment(s) does not meet any listing, we will also consider whether it medically equals any listing; that is, whether it is as medically severe. (See §§ 404.1526 and 416.926.)

What if You Do Not Have an Impairment(s) That Meets or Medically Equals a Listing?

We use the listings only to decide that you are disabled or that you are still disabled. We will never deny your claim or decide that you no longer qualify for benefits because your impairment(s) does not meet or medically equal a listing. If you have a severe impairment(s) that does not meet or medically equal any listing, we may still find you disabled based on other rules in the “sequential evaluation process” described above. Likewise, we will not decide that your disability has ended only because your impairment(s) does not meet or medically equal a listing.

List of Subjects

20 CFR Part 404

Administrative practice and procedure, Blind, Disability benefits, Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Social Security.

20 CFR Part 416

Administrative practice and procedure, Aged, Blind, Disability benefits, Public assistance programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

36 CFR Part 242

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 100

RIN 1018-AT98

Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D—2006–2007 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations

AGENCIES: Forest Service, Agriculture; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, methods and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 2006–2007 regulatory year. The rulemaking is necessary because Subpart D is subject to an annual public review cycle. When final, this rulemaking would replace the wildlife taking regulations included in the “Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart D—2005–2006 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations,” which expire on June 30, 2006. This rule would also amend the Customary and Traditional Use Determinations of the Federal Subsistence Board and the General Regulations related to the taking of wildlife.

DATES: The Federal Subsistence Board must receive your written public comments and proposals to change this proposed rule no later than October 21, 2005. Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Regional Councils) will hold public meetings to receive proposals to change this proposed rule on several dates starting from September 20, 2005, through October 21, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on the public meetings including dates.

ADDRESSES: You may submit proposals electronically to Subsistence@fws.gov. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for file formats and other information about electronic filing. You may also submit written comments and proposals to the Office of Subsistence Management, 3601 C Street, Suite 1030, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. The public meetings will be held at various locations in Alaska. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for

additional information on locations of the public meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attention: Thomas H. Boyd, Office of Subsistence Management; (907) 786-3888. For questions specific to National Forest System lands, contact Steve Kessler, Regional Subsistence Program Leader, USDA, Forest Service, Alaska Region, (907) 786-3592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Review Process—Regulation Comments, Proposals, and Public Meetings

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board), through the Regional Councils, will hold meetings on this proposed rule at the following locations and on the following dates in Alaska:

Region 1—Southeast Regional Council, Wrangell, October 11, 2005.
Region 2—Southcentral Regional Council, Seldovia, October 19, 2005.
Region 3—Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Council, Cold Bay, September 20, 2005.
Region 4—Bristol Bay Regional Council, Dillingham, October 6, 2005.
Region 5—Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council, Bethel, October 13, 2005.

Region 6—Western Interior Regional Council, McGrath, October 4, 2005.

Region 7—Seward Peninsula Regional Council, Nome, October 13, 2005.

Region 8—Northwest Arctic Regional Council, Kotzebue, October 7, 2005.

Region 9—Eastern Interior Regional Council, Tanana, October 10, 2005.

Region 10—North Slope Regional Council, Kaktovik, October 20, 2005.

Specific times and meeting locations will be published in local and statewide newspapers prior to the meetings. Locations and dates may change based on weather or local circumstances. The amount of work on each Regional Council’s agenda will determine the length of the Regional Council meetings. The agenda of each Regional Council meeting will include a review of wildlife issues in the Region, discussion and development of recommendations on fishery proposals for the Region, and staff briefings on matters of interest to the Council.

Electronic filing of comments (preferred method): You may submit electronic comments (proposals) and other data to Subsistence@fws.gov. Please submit as MS Word files, avoiding the use of any special characters and any form of encryption.

During November 2005, we will compile the written proposals to change Subpart D hunting and trapping