

and the process changes to the network audiologists and beneficiaries as applicable.

F. Evaluation

This demonstration will assist the DHA in determining the program's future course of action based on an in-depth analysis. This will include at a minimum: determination if the use of the existing VA hearing aid purchase contract by DoD is an effective approach for ADSMs and qualifying Prime ADFMs who receive hearing aid services in the TRICARE network; measurement of the program's effectiveness in reducing cost variation; the maintenance of access to care; Defense Health Program cost avoidance, with measured cost increases for the VA; and subjective quality of care assessment from patient feedback. Monthly reports and a full analysis of the demonstration outcomes will be conducted throughout and for each phase of the demonstration to monitor the access to care, financial costs incurred, and program effectiveness.

Costs and performance will be analyzed by the DoD HCE and compared to previous periods of the demonstration. Additionally, to measure overall impact, the California and Texas markets will be compared to markets of similar size, such as Florida, taking into account previously fluctuating trends in all three markets with regard to the number of network audiologists, financial costs incurred, and number of ADSM and Prime ADFM patients fit with these devices.

Access to care will be measured using encounter data, showing the time between the hearing aid evaluation and the dispensing of the devices to the patient, as billed through CPT Codes, comparing the average time per patient in California and Texas to average time per patient in the non-demonstration states of Texas and Florida (Phase One), and Florida (Phases Two and Three). Cost effectiveness will be measured by comparing: (1) financial costs incurred to DHP for ADSMs receiving audiology care in states excluded from Phases One, and Two, and ADFM in states excluded from Phase Three of the demonstration, to the cost incurred using this model, based on procedural coding and reimbursement data, and; (2) financial costs incurred to the VA under this model. The source of additional costs, opportunities for mitigation, and options for cost sharing between the Departments will be evaluated. Program effectiveness will be measured by the established workflow for the receipt of orders by the HCE audiologists, the continued service of the contracted

audiologists (*i.e.*, audiologists elected to continue as network audiologists even after implementation of this process), time between ordering and dispensing the device, and decrease in costs of billed devices. Quality of care will be assessed through patient satisfaction data from the JOES.

The DHA Director reserves the right to terminate the demonstration early if the enrollment, cost, or quality do not support continuation of the demonstration. Based on the success of this program within MTFs and the VA Community Care Network, DHA will seek regulatory action to implement the program in the TRICARE private sector program concurrent with the demonstration. If the demonstration is successful, the DHA Director may recommend extension of the demonstration pending regulatory action. If regulatory action is successful and accomplished prior to the demonstration completion, the DHA Director reserves the right to terminate the demonstration and implement the program throughout the TRICARE private sector program.

G. Reimbursement

Under this demonstration the providers will not be responsible for the cost of the hearing aids and associated devices that are a TRICARE benefit under the SHCP for ADSM beneficiaries and Prime benefit for qualifying Prime ADFMs; therefore, those who bundle their care episodes will be required to unbundle their billing. The contract changes will apply to the audiologists in MCSC TRICARE networks in the demonstration states. MCSCs will continue to reimburse the in-network audiologists for all covered benefits for eligible ADSMs and qualifying Prime ADFMs. For all hearing aid services, prescribed CPT codes will be provided for use by the audiologists to ensure appropriate reimbursement for the services rendered.

H. Implementation

The demonstration is effective January 1, 2023, continuing for a duration of two years: Phase One (ADSM in California) has a target effective date of care delivery of January 1, 2023; Phase Two (ADSM in Texas) has a target effective date of care delivery of January 1, 2024; and Phase Three (ADFM in California and Texas) has a target date of delivery of care of July 1, 2024. If successful, the Director, DHA, may recommend extension of the demonstration until appropriate necessary action has been taken to implement the program in the TRICARE private sector care program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2022-OS-0112]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public

viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Contract Management Agency, 14501 George Carter Way, 2nd Floor, Chantilly, VA 20151, ATTN: Procurement Center, or call Ms. Samantha Johnson at 703-692-9986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Department of Defense Application for Priority Rating for Production or Construction Equipment; DD Form 691; OMB Control Number 0704-0055.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order 12919 delegates authority to DoD to require certain contracts and orders relating to approved Defense Programs to be accepted and performed on a preferential basis. This program helps contractors acquire industrial equipment in a timely manner, thereby facilitating development and support of weapons systems and other important Defense Programs.

Affected Public: Business or other For-Profit; Not-for-Profit Institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 610.

Number of Respondents: 610.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 610.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: September 13, 2022.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission and National Institute of Standards and Technology to hold a virtual workshop on “The Path to End to End (E2E) Protocols for Voting Systems.”

DATES: Thursday, October 6, 1:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern and Friday, October 7, 2022, 1–5 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Virtual via Webex.

The official meeting is open to the public. Registration for the event is available at the following link: <https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/get-involved/attend-events/path-end-end-e2e-protocols-voting-systems>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a virtual workshop in partnership with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on “The Path to End to End (E2E) Protocols for Voting Systems.”

Agenda: The EAC, in collaboration with NIST, is initiating a process to publicly solicit, evaluate, and approve protocols used in end to end (E2E) cryptographically verifiable voting systems for conformance to the recently revised Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, Version 2.0 (VVSG 2.0). During this two-day virtual workshop, multiple panel groups will discuss the plan and further develop the protocol requirements and evaluation criteria.

Panels will include state and local election officials, representatives from federal agencies, staff from voting system manufacturers and voting system test labs, and subject matter experts. Topics addressed in these panels include integrity and voter confidence, security, accessibility and human factor considerations, and testing and implementation of E2E in voting systems. There will also be a keynote address on E2E in voting systems.

The workshop is open to the public but registration is required so that webinar connection details can be shared with attendees. Questions about registration can be directed to e2einfo@eac.gov.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov/events/2022/10/06/path-end-end-e2e-protocols-voting-systems> and at <https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/get-involved/attend-events/path-end-end-e2e-protocols-voting-systems>.

Following the event, a recording will be posted on the EAC’s website: <https://www.eac.gov/events/2022/10/06/path-end-end-e2e-protocols-voting-systems>.

Background: On February 10, 2021, the EAC Commissioners unanimously approved the most recent iteration of federal voting system standards, VVSG 2.0.

Principle 9, “Auditable,” of VVSG 2.0 states that voting systems must be

auditable and enable evidence-based elections. This principle is supported by the concept of software independence (SI), meaning that an undetected error or fault in the voting system’s software is not capable of causing an undetectable change in election results. The VVSG 2.0 requirements specify that E2E cryptographic protocols used in voting systems must be evaluated and approved through a public process established by the EAC, prior to the E2E verifiable voting system being submitted to the EAC’s Testing and Certification Program. This workshop is to discuss further development of requirements and evaluation criteria for the public E2E protocol evaluation process.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: CP22-508-000.

Applicants: Wyoming Interstate Company, L.L.C.

Description: Submit Abbreviated Joint Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Authorizations.

Filed Date: 09/08/22.

Accession Number: 20220908-5092.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/29/22.

Docket Numbers: PR22-63-000.

Applicants: Worsham-Steed Gas Storage, LLC.

Description: § 284.123 Rate Filing:

Notice of Non-Material Change in Ownership to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 9/12/22.

Accession Number: 20220912-5144.

Comments/Protest Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/3/22.

Docket Numbers: PR22-64-000.

Applicants: Hill-Lake Gas Storage, LLC.

Description: § 284.123 Rate Filing:

Notice of Non-Material Change in Ownership to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 9/12/22.

Accession Number: 20220912-5146.

Comments/Protest Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/3/22.