

by a system of records, FCC/WTB-1, "Wireless Services Licensing Records", and these and all other records may be disclosed pursuant to the Routine Uses as stated in the SORN.

Needs and Uses: The information collected is necessary to require owners of marine VHF radios with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability to register information such as the name, address, type of vessel with a private entity issuing marine mobile service identities (MMSI). The information would be used by search and rescue personnel to identify vessels in distress and to select the proper rescue units and search methods.

The requirement to collect this information is contained in international agreements with the U.S. Coast Guard and private sector entities that issue MMSI's.

The information is used by private entities to maintain a database used to provide information about the vessel owner in distress using marine VHF radios with DSC capability. If the data were not collected, the U.S. Coast Guard would not have access to this information which would increase the time and effort needed to complete a search and rescue operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Cecilia Sigmund,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and its continuation at the conclusion of the open meeting on March 25, 2021.

PLACE: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC. (This meeting will be a virtual meeting).

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30109.

Information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to have a considerable adverse effect on the implementation of a proposed Commission action.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

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Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Public Comment Period Extended for Strategies To Improve Patient Safety: Draft Report to Congress for Public Comment and Review by the National Academy of Medicine

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of extension in comment period.

SUMMARY: As required by the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act), the Secretary of HHS (the Secretary) is making this draft report on effective strategies for reducing medical errors and increasing patient safety available to the public for review and comment. Through this notice the comment period is extended. The subject matter content remains unchanged from the original notice which was published on December 16, 2020 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/16/2020-27589/notice-of-opportunity-to-comment-on-strategies-to-improve-patient-safety-draft-report-to-congress>).

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The draft report, Strategies to Improve Patient Safety: Draft Report to Congress for Public Comment and Review by the National Academy of Medicine, can be accessed electronically at the following HHS website: <https://pso.ahrq.gov/legislation/act>. Comments on the draft report must be submitted by email to PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of AHRQ, has prepared a draft report on effective strategies for reducing medical errors and increasing patient safety as required by the Patient Safety Act. The report includes measures determined appropriate by the Secretary to encourage the appropriate use of such strategies, including use in any federally funded programs. The draft report is now available for public comment and has been submitted to the National Academy of Medicine for review. The final report is required to be submitted to Congress no later than December 21, 2021. The specific provision describing these requirements can be found at 42 U.S.C. 299b-22(j).

The Patient Safety Act created a framework for the development of a voluntary patient safety event reporting system to advance patient safety and quality of care across the Nation. Without limiting patients' rights to their medical information, the law created Federal legal privilege and confidentiality protections for patient safety work product; that is, information exchanged between healthcare providers and organizations listed by the Secretary that specialize in patient safety and quality improvement, called patient safety organizations (PSOs). The law charged PSOs with analyzing and using this information to provide feedback and assistance to help providers minimize patient risk and improve the safety and quality of their care. More information about the Patient Safety Act, its implementing regulation, and PSOs can be found at <https://pso.ahrq.gov/>.

In addition to creating a protected legal environment where healthcare providers can share information and learning for improvement purposes beyond organizational and State boundaries, Congress also envisioned and created the potential for aggregating and analyzing patient safety data on a national scale. This part of the Patient Safety Act, the network of patient safety databases (NPSD), is a mechanism that can leverage data contributed by individual healthcare providers and PSOs across the United States into a valuable national resource for improving patient safety. Congress required the draft report that is the subject of this Notice to be made available for public comment and submitted to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) no later than 18 months after the NPSD became operational. The NPSD became operational on June 21, 2019. More information about the NPSD