

that the use of non-compete agreements has a tendency to harm competition and workers, but fails to provide facts to support the hypothesized outcome. Similar to the Commission's complaints against O-I Glass and Ardagh Group, the complaint against Anchor Glass suffers from several omissions. It does not allege that the company's non-compete provisions are unreasonable based on their temporal length, subject matter, or geographic scope; neither does it allege that the non-compete clauses were enforced. The complaint does not make factual allegations regarding the inability of a competing rival in the glass container industry to enter or expand. While the complaint alleges that the non-compete clauses reduce employee mobility, thereby leading to lower wages, reduced benefits, and less favorable working conditions, the complaint does not identify a relevant market for particular types of labor and fails to allege a market effect on wages or other terms of employment.

For the reasons outlined here and explained in detail in my January 2023 statement, I dissent.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2022-0044]

CDC Recommendations for Hepatitis B Screening and Testing—United States, 2022

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the availability of the final *CDC Recommendations for Hepatitis B Screening and Testing—United States, 2022*.

DATES: The final document was published as an *MMWR Reports & Recommendations* on March 10, 2023.

[ftc.gov/pdf/p221202sec5enforcementpolicy_statement_002.pdf](https://www.ftc.gov/pdf/p221202sec5enforcementpolicy_statement_002.pdf); Christine S. Wilson, Dissenting Statement Regarding the "Policy Statement Regarding the Scope of Unfair Methods of Competition Under Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act" (Nov. 10, 2022), https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/ftc_gov/pdf/P221202Section5PolicyWilsonDissentStmnt.pdf.

ADDRESSES: The document may be found in the docket at www.regulations.gov, Docket No. CDC-2022-0044 and at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/rr/rr7201a1.htm?s_cid=rr7201a1_w.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Connors, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop U12-3, Atlanta, GA 30329. Telephone: 404-639-8000; Email: DVHpolicy@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2022, CDC determined that *CDC Recommendations for Hepatitis B Screening and Testing—United States, 2022* constituted influential scientific information (ISI) that will have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies and private sector decisions. Under the Information Quality Act, Public Law 106-554, federal agencies are required to conduct peer review of the information by specialists in the field who were not involved in the development of these recommendations. CDC solicited nominations for reviewers from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and American College of Physicians (ACP). Five clinicians with expertise in hepatology, gastroenterology, internal medicine, infectious diseases, and/or pediatrics provided structured peer reviews. A list of peer reviewers and CDC's responses to peer review comments are available at CDC's Viral Hepatitis Influential Scientific Information web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/policy/isireview/index.htm>.

In addition, on April 4, 2022, CDC published a notice in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 19516-19517) to obtain public comment on the draft recommendations for hepatitis B screening and testing. The comment period closed on June 3, 2022. CDC received comments from 28 commenters on the draft recommendations document. Public commenters included those from academia, the health care sector, advocacy groups, professional organizations, industry, the public, and a consulting group.

Many of the comments expressed support for the recommendations. Other comments related to the 3-panel test recommendation, inclusion of hepatitis D information, the hepatitis B prevalence estimate, modifying testing and vaccination language, adding scientific references, and making other minor language modifications. CDC addressed these comments by correcting, clarifying, or updating

content in the final recommendations. A summary of public comments and CDC's response can be found in the Documents tab of the docket.

Tiffany Brown,

Acting Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-3434-FN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. for Continued Approval of Its End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This final notice announces our decision to approve the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for end stage renal disease facilities that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

DATES: The decision announced in this final notice is applicable on April 11, 2023 through April 10, 2029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services from an end stage renal disease (ESRD) facility provided certain requirements are met. Section 1881(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act), establishes distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as an ESRD facility. Regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 494 specify the minimum conditions that an ESRD facility must meet to participate in the Medicare program.

Generally, to enter into an agreement, an ESRD facility must first be certified by a state survey agency (SA) as complying with the conditions or requirements set forth in part 494 of our

regulations. Thereafter, the ESRD facility is subject to regular surveys by a SA to determine whether it continues to meet these requirements.

Section 1865(a)(1) of the Act provides that, if a provider entity demonstrates through accreditation by a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved national accrediting organization (AO) that all applicable Medicare requirements are met or exceeded, we will deem those provider entities as having met such requirements. Accreditation by an AO is voluntary and is not required for Medicare participation.

If an AO is recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) as having standards for accreditation that meet or exceed Medicare requirements, any provider entity accredited by the national accrediting body's approved program would be deemed to meet the Medicare conditions. A national AO applying for approval of its accreditation program under part 488, subpart A, must provide CMS with reasonable assurance that the AO requires the accredited provider entities to meet requirements that are at least as stringent as the Medicare conditions. Our regulations concerning the approval of AOs are set forth at §§ 488.4, 488.5 and 488.5(e)(2)(i). The regulations at § 488.5(e)(2)(i) require AOs to reapply for continued approval of its accreditation program every 6 years or sooner, as determined by CMS.

ACHC's current term of approval for their ESRD facility accreditation program expires April 11, 2023.

II. Application Approval Process

Section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act provides a statutory timetable to ensure that our review of applications for CMS-approval of an accreditation program is conducted in a timely manner. The Act provides us 210 days after the date of receipt of a complete application, with any documentation necessary to make the determination, to complete our survey activities and application process. Within 60 days after receiving a complete application, we must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that identifies the national accrediting body making the request, describes the request, and provides no less than a 30-day public comment period. At the end of the 210-day period, we must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** approving or denying the application.

III. Provisions of the Proposed Notice

On October 4, 2022, we published a proposed notice in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 60171), announcing ACHC's

request for continued approval of its Medicare ESRD facility accreditation program. In the October 4, 2022 proposed notice, we detailed our evaluation criteria. Under section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and in our regulations at § 488.5, we conducted a review of ACHC's Medicare ESRD facility accreditation application in accordance with the criteria specified by our regulations, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- A virtual onsite administrative review of ACHC's: (1) corporate policies; (2) financial and human resources available to accomplish the proposed surveys; (3) procedures for training, monitoring, and evaluation of its ESRD surveyors; (4) ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited ESRD facilities; and (5) survey review and decision-making process for accreditation.

- The comparison of ACHC's Medicare ESRD facility accreditation program standards to our current Medicare ESRD facility conditions of participation (CoPs).

- A documentation review of ACHC's survey process to do the following:

- ++ Determine the composition of the survey team, surveyor qualifications, and ACHC's ability to provide continuing surveyor training.

- ++ Compare ACHC's processes to those we require of state survey agencies, including periodic resurvey and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against ACHC accredited ESRD facilities.

- ++ Evaluate ACHC's procedures for monitoring accredited ESRD facilities it has found to be out of compliance with ACHC's program requirements. (This pertains only to monitoring procedures when ACHC identifies non-compliance. If noncompliance is identified by a SA through a validation survey, the SA monitors corrections as specified at § 488.9(c)).

- ++ Assess ACHC's ability to report deficiencies to the surveyed ESRD facilities and respond to the ESRD facilities' plans of correction in a timely manner.

- ++ Establish ACHC's ability to provide CMS with electronic data and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization's survey process.

- ++ Determine the adequacy of ACHC's staff and other resources.

- ++ Confirm ACHC's ability to provide adequate funding for performing required surveys.

- ++ Confirm ACHC's policies with respect to surveys being unannounced.

- ++ Confirm ACHC's policies and procedures to avoid conflicts of interest, including the appearance of conflicts of interest, involving individuals who conduct surveys or participate in accreditation decisions.

- ++ Obtain ACHC's agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require, including corrective action plans.

IV. Analysis of and Responses to Public Comments on the Proposed Notice

In accordance with section 1865(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the October 4, 2022 proposed notice also solicited public comments regarding whether ACHC's requirements met or exceeded the Medicare CoPs for ESRD facilities. No comments were received in response to our proposed notice.

V. Provisions of the Final Notice

A. Differences Between ACHC's Standards and Requirements for Accreditation and Medicare Conditions and Survey Requirements

We compared ACHC's ESRD facility accreditation requirements and survey process with the Medicare CoPs of parts 494, and the survey and certification process requirements of parts 488 and 489. Our review and evaluation of ACHC's ESRD facility accreditation application, which were conducted as described in section III. of this final notice, yielded the following areas where, as of the date of this final notice, ACHC has completed revising its standards and certification processes in order to—

- Meet the standard's requirements of all of the following regulations:

- ++ Section 494.30(b)(3)(x), to clarify and address the contingency plans for staff who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

- ++ Section 494.60(d)(1), to address dialysis facilities that do not provide one or more exits to the outside must comply with Life Safety Code (NFPA 101).

- ++ Section 494.60(d)(4), to clarify specific Life Safety Code provisions that may be waived, only if the waiver will not adversely affect the health and safety of the patients.

- ++ Section 494.60(d)(5), to clarify that no dialysis facility may operate in a building adjacent to an industrial high hazard area.

In addition to the standards review, CMS also reviewed ACHC's comparable survey processes, which were conducted as described in section III. of this final notice, and yielded the

following areas where, as of the date of this final notice, ACHC has completed revising its survey processes in order to demonstrate that it uses survey processes that are comparable to state survey agency processes by:

++ Revising the compliant policies and processes to align with the State Operations Manual, Chapter 5 guidance. In particular, the Administrative Review Offsite Investigation process to align with the triage process to track and trend for potential focus areas during the next onsite survey or complete an onsite complaint investigation.

++ Clarifying the quantifying data surrounding equipment and maintenance logs, specifically the equipment review. The survey reports or notes need to identify the number of logs reviewed, date or timeframes.

++ Providing surveyor training on documentation reviews and the process for verifying the completeness of the facility request.

++ Reinforcing and providing education to facility surveyors to request Dialysis Facility Reports, the reports provide aggregate data regarding laboratory values, demographic information, mortality rates, hospitalizations, infections, etc., which may assist the surveyors during the review of patient medical records.

++ Developing additional surveyor training for verifying all elements required for the CMS emergency preparedness requirements.

B. Term of Approval

Based on our review and observations described in section III. and section V. of this final notice, we approve ACHC as a national accreditation organization for ESRD facilities that request participation in the Medicare program. The decision announced in this final notice is effective April 11, 2023 through April 11, 2029 (6 years). In accordance with § 488.5(e)(2)(i) the term of the approval will not exceed 6 years.

While ACHC has taken actions based on the findings annotated in section V.A., of this final notice, (Differences Between ACHC's Standards and Requirements for Accreditation and Medicare Conditions and Survey Requirements) as authorized under § 488.8, we will continue ongoing review of ACHC's ESRD survey substance and processes. In keeping with CMS's initiative to increase AO oversight broadly, and ensure that our requested revisions by ACHC are completed, CMS expects more frequent review of ACHC's activities in the future.

VI. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Evell J. Barco Holland, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 15, 2023.

Evell J. Barco Holland,

Federal Register Liaison, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10847]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 22, 2023.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-10847 Information Collection Request for Negotiation Data Elements under Sections 11001 and 11002 of the Inflation Reduction Act

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a