

SuperMed products comprise the substantial majority of its health insurance business. Moreover, Medical Mutual's enrollment has been steadily increasing in market share among commercial insurers for the last five years. Medical Mutual's increasing domination of the commercial insurance market makes its refusal to deal with UHC for SuperMed products a growing concern for Cleveland area patients and businesses and for competition as a whole.

The Target provision will have significantly negative financial effects in the Cleveland area marketplace. The two biggest, most diversified hospitals in the Cleveland area are UHC and CCF. Both hospitals offer a wide range of primary through tertiary inpatient and ambulatory services; both hospitals have over 1,000 beds and hundreds of physicians on staff; and both hospitals discharged approximately 40,000 patients last year. Meanwhile, the other secondary hospitals in the Cleveland area are not thriving or have become part of the CCF system. Mount Sinai Medical Center's financial problems have been reported in the press. Meridia Hillcrest Hospital, Fairview General Hospital and Metrohealth medical Center have all either merged with or become affiliated with CCF. It is not unrealistic to project that through acquisitions or attrition, the future of the Cleveland area market will devolve to the two largest competitors, UHC and CCF. Because of these economic realities, Cleveland area residents and businesses have a substantial interest in free and unfettered competition in order to ensure the long-term health of all competitors.

In the years that the Contract has been in place, UHC has aggressively worked to counteract the effects of the Target provision by actively marketing its services, reconfiguring its finances, and focusing on other sectors of the population. However, these measures cannot sustain UHC in the long term. UHC increasingly has been meeting its operating expenses by relying on its endowment as opposed to its operating revenues.

The purpose and effect of the Target provision is to alter UHC's patient mix in a way which seriously reduces UHC's operating revenue. Equally important, patient choice is being undermined by the anticompetitive agreement between Medical Mutual, the area's most prolific private health insurer, and CCF.

Conclusion

The proposed Consent Decree purports to restore competition in the health insurance and hospital services markets in the Cleveland area. Although it takes a much needed and significant step in that direction, its failure to address the Target provision in the Medical Mutual/CCF SuperMed contract substantially undercuts the effectiveness of the Consent Decree in achieving its stated purpose. UHC urges the Department of Justice to expand the inquiry into Medical Mutual's anticompetitive practices and to rectify Medical Mutual's blatantly restrictive and unlawful agreement with CCF. Failure to do so will deprive consumers of choice of their health care providers, reduce competition in the Cleveland area and drive up UHC's costs of doing business.

Very truly yours,
Charles E. Koob.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; application for certificate of citizenship in behalf of an adopted child.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until March 15, 1999.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement without change of previously approved collection.

(2) *Title of Form/Collection:* Application for Certificate of Citizenship in Behalf of an Adopted Child.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-643, Adjudications

Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection allows United States citizen parents to apply for a certificate of citizenship on behalf of their adopted alien children.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 11,159 responses at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 11,159 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1971-99]

Announcement of District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters Fifth Meeting

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) has established a District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters (DACOIM) to provide the New York District Director

of the Service with recommendations on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction, and to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices. The purpose of this notice is to announce the forthcoming meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: The Fifth meeting of the DACOIM is scheduled for January 28, 1999, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Meeting Hall, 134 Jackson Street, Hempstead, New York, 11550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings will be held tri-annually on the fourth Thursday during the months of January, May, and September 1999.

Summary of Agenda

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct general business, review subcommittee reports, and facilitate public participation. The DACOIM will be chaired by Charles Troy, Assistant District Director for Management, New York District, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Public Participation

The DACOIM meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting for consideration by the DACOIM. Written statements should be sent to Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736. Only written statements received by 5 p.m. on January 22, 1999, will be considered for presentation at the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting can be obtained by contacting Susan Young, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York, 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting; Record of Vote of Meeting Closure (Public Law 94-409) (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b)

I, Michael J. Gaines, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission which started at approximately nine-thirty a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, at 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide two appeals from the National Commissioners' decisions pursuant to 28 CFR 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Michael J. Gaines, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., and John R. Simpson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

Michael J. Gaines,

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Jackson Valley Energy Partners, L.P.

[Docket No. M-98-106-C]

Jackson Valley Energy Partners, L.P., 4655 Coal Mine Road, P.O. Box 1066, Ione, California 95640 has filed a

petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.502 (electric equipment; examination, testing, and maintenance) to its Jackson Valley Open Pit Mine (I.D. No. 04-05157) located in Amador County, California. The petitioner requests a variance to operate typical shops where welding and normal maintenance is done without conducting mandatory monthly inspections required for electrical circuits and breakers for maintenance shops. The shops include the normal 120 volt outlets and 480 volt circuit for welders and air compressors. The petitioner states that the electrical circuits in these shops originate in the cogeneration plant which has a complete grounding system and ground fault system that protect from any and all ground fault conditions; and that the lack of monthly inspections would in no way create situations that would compromise the safety of the employees.

2. Clinchfield Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-107-C]

Clinchfield Coal Company, P.O. Box 7, Dante, Virginia 24237 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1(a) (canopies or cabs; self-propelled diesel-powered and electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its McClure No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 44-04946) located in Dickenson County, Virginia. The petitioner proposes to operate self-propelled electric face equipment without canopies or cabs. The petitioner asserts that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

3. The Ohio Valley Coal Company

[Docket No. M-98-108-C]

The Ohio Valley Coal Company, 56854 Pleasant Ridge Road, Alledonia, Ohio 43902 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) and (b)(4) (weekly examination) to its Powhatan No. 6 Mine (I.D. No. 33-01159) located in Belmont County, Ohio. Due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions in certain areas of the intake air course, traveling the affected area would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation and monitoring stations instead of examining seals and traveling the entry in its entirety; to maintain the evaluation and monitoring stations in safe travelable condition; to have a certified person take readings for methane, oxygen, and air quantity at the evaluation and monitoring stations for each shift during pre-shift examination, and record the results of the readings on a date board at the evaluation and