

If you . . .	And you opt to conduct your own Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program, you must . . .
b. Are a contractor .....	i. Register with the FAA, Office of Aerospace Medicine, Drug Abatement Division (AAM-800), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, ii. Implement an FAA Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program no later than the date you start performing safety-sensitive functions for a part 119 certificate holder with authority to operate under parts 121 and/or 135, or operator as defined in § 91.147 of this chapter, and iii. Meet the requirements of this appendix as if you were an employer.

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e. Whether you have 50 or more covered employees, or 49 or fewer covered employees. (Part 119 certificate holders with authority to operate only under part 121 are not required to provide this information.)

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f. A signed statement indicating that: Your company will comply with this appendix, appendix I of this part, and 49 CFR part 40; and, if you are a contractor, you intend to provide safety-sensitive functions by contract to a part 119 certificate holder with authority to operate under part 121 and/or 135, an operator as defined by § 91.147 of this chapter, or an air traffic control facility not operated by the FAA or by or under contract to the U.S. Military.

2. Send this information in the form and manner prescribed by the Administrator, in duplicate to the appropriate address below:

a. For § 91.147 operators: The Flight Standards District Office nearest to your principal place of business.

b. For all others: The Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Aerospace Medicine, Drug Abatement Division (AAM-800), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

3. Update the registration information as changes occur. Send the updates in duplicate to the address specified in paragraph 2.

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Issued in Washington, DC, on March 7, 2007.

**Rebecca B. MacPherson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Bureau of Prisons

### 28 CFR Part 552

[BOP-1107-F]

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### Suicide Prevention Program

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Prisons, Justice.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) revises its regulations on the suicide prevention program for clarity and to remove agency management procedures which do not need to be stated in regulations.

We intend the revised regulations to provide for the health and safety of inmates.

**DATES:** March 15, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Rules Unit, Office of General Counsel, Bureau of Prisons, HOLC Room 977, 320 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20534.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Qureshi, Office of General Counsel, Bureau of Prisons, phone (202) 207-2105.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau is revising its regulations on the suicide prevention program (28 CFR part 552, subpart E). We published a proposed rule on November 13, 2000 (65 FR 67670). We received one comment.

### What change is the Bureau making?

We are revising the regulations generally for clarity and to remove procedures relating to agency management. The revised regulations more clearly describe for the inmate how we identify and protect inmates at risk for suicide.

Procedures relating to agency management are exempt from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). Removing these procedures from the regulations allows us to speak more directly to inmates.

Revised § 552.40 more precisely states the purpose of our suicide prevention program and summarizes how we place inmates in and remove them from the program. Former §§ 552.41 through 552.43 are combined in a new § 552.41 which details the specific procedures we use to identify, refer, assess, and treat potentially suicidal inmates.

We combined provisions for the conditions of a suicide watch in former §§ 552.44, 552.46, and 552.48 in the new § 552.42. The revised regulations are more objective based. For example, the revised regulations require that rooms designated for housing an inmate on suicide watch must allow staff to maintain adequate control of the inmate without compromising the ability to observe and protect the inmate.

Previously, the regulations relied upon a more prescriptive approach of describing the location of the room

(“\* \* \* a non-administrative detention/segregation cell ordinarily in the health services area”). This prescriptive approach does not take into account recent developments in correctional facility design and construction, and has become unnecessarily restrictive.

Former §§ 552.45 and 552.49 addressed agency management procedures, and former § 552.47 affirms that a previously imposed sanction remains in effect for an inmate when that inmate is removed from a suicide watch. Because our regulations on inmate discipline sufficiently support that statement, we removed these three sections.

### Response to Comment

We received one comment on our proposed rulemaking. The commenter had three main areas of concern, which we address below:

**Section 552.40:** The commenter stated that “there should be a brief explanation of what a suicide watch is” in the rules.

We present just such a brief explanation of “suicide watch” in § 552.42. In this section, we explain in detail the housing arrangements and conditions under which the suicidal inmate is constantly observed. Therefore, it is not necessary to define the term suicide watch in § 552.40.

**Section 552.41:** The commenter recommended the use of a “buddy system” to prevent suicide, suggesting that highly-regarded inmates might be chosen to “look after” or “befriend” the suicidal inmate. The commenter also suggested that we have a “small team working together” so that the suicidal inmate would “get to know and associate and even depend on that team.”

Each new inmate who enters a Bureau facility receives written material and an orientation that explains what to expect and how to get help from staff. Additionally, all new inmates receive a confidential medical and mental health screening by a medical professional to identify those who need assistance or have the potential for becoming suicidal. These inmates are immediately referred to a mental health professional for individual assessment and appropriate treatment. Therefore, an

inmate "Buddy System" is not necessary.

*Section 552.42:* Finally, the commenter stated that the "Warden should not have so much power." Particularly, the commenter referred to § 552.42(b)(2), which states that "[o]nly the Warden may authorize the use of inmate observers." The commenter suggests that inmates instead go through training to become suicide watch observers.

In fact, the commenter's suggestion is our current practice. The Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator selects, trains, and evaluates inmate observers. A great responsibility rests with those assigned to observe the inmate and immediately report any attempt to do self-harm.

For that reason, the decision to use Bureau staff or inmates is a critical decision which the Warden must make after input from the Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator. Elevating this decision to the Warden level ensures that all staff understand the importance of properly observing the inmate and providing appropriate care.

For the reasons stated above, we do not change the final rule in light of the comment we received.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This regulation has been drafted and reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review", section 1(b), Principles of Regulation. The Director, Bureau of Prisons has determined that this rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866, section 3(f), and accordingly this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### **Executive Order 13132**

This regulation will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, under Executive Order 13132, we determine that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism assessment.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Director of the Bureau of Prisons, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), reviewed this regulation and by approving it certifies that it will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: This rule pertains to the correctional management of offenders committed to

the custody of the Attorney General or the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and its economic impact is limited to the Bureau's appropriated funds.

#### **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995**

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

#### **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996**

This rule is not a major rule as defined by § 804 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This rule will not result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based companies to compete with foreign-based companies in domestic and export markets.

#### **List of Subjects in 28 CFR Part 552**

Prisoners.

**Harley G. Lappin,**

*Director, Bureau of Prisons.*

■ Under the rulemaking authority vested in the Attorney General in 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and delegated to the Director, Bureau of Prisons, we amend 28 CFR part 552, chapter V, subchapter C, as follows.

#### **SUBCHAPTER C—INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT**

#### **PART 552—CUSTODY**

■ 1. Revise the authority citation for 28 CFR part 552 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 18 U.S.C. 3621, 3622, 3624, 4001, 4042, 4081, 4082 (Repealed in part as to offenses committed on or after November 1, 1987), 5006–5024 (Repealed October 12, 1984, as to offenses committed after that date), 5039; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510.

■ 2. Revise subpart E to read as follows:

#### **Subpart E—Suicide Prevention Program**

Sec.

552.40 Purpose and scope.

552.41 Program procedures.

552.42 Suicide watch conditions.

#### **Subpart E—Suicide Prevention Program**

##### **§ 552.40 Purpose and scope.**

The Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) operates a suicide prevention program to assist staff in identifying and managing potentially suicidal inmates. When staff identify an inmate as being at risk for suicide, staff will place the inmate on suicide watch. Based upon clinical findings, staff will either terminate the suicide watch when the inmate is no longer at imminent risk for suicide or arrange for the inmate's transfer to a medical referral center or contract health care facility.

##### **§ 552.41 Program procedures.**

(a) *Program Coordinator.* Each institution must have a Program Coordinator for the institution's suicide prevention program.

(b) *Training.* The Program Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that appropriate training is available to staff and to inmates selected as inmate observers.

(c) *Identification of at risk inmates.* (1) Medical staff are to screen a newly admitted inmate for signs that the inmate is at risk for suicide. Ordinarily, this screening is to take place within twenty-four hours of the inmate's admission to the institution.

(2) Staff (whether medical or non-medical) may make an identification at any time based upon the inmate's observed behavior.

(d) *Referral.* Staff who identify an inmate to be at risk for suicide will have the inmate placed on suicide watch.

(e) *Assessment.* A psychologist will clinically assess each inmate placed on suicide watch.

(f) *Intervention.* Upon completion of the clinical assessment, the Program Coordinator or designee will determine the appropriate intervention that best meets the needs of the inmate.

##### **§ 552.42 Suicide watch conditions.**

(a) *Housing.* Each institution must have one or more rooms designated specifically for housing an inmate on suicide watch. The designated room must allow staff to maintain adequate control of the inmate without compromising the ability to observe and protect the inmate.

(b) *Observation.* (1) Staff or trained inmate observers operating in scheduled shifts are responsible for keeping the inmate under constant observation.

(2) Only the Warden may authorize the use of inmate observers.

(3) Inmate observers are considered to be on an institution work assignment when they are on their scheduled shift.

(c) *Suicide watch log.* Observers are to document significant observed behavior in a log book.

(d) *Termination.* Based upon clinical findings, the Program Coordinator or designee will:

(1) Remove the inmate from suicide watch when the inmate is no longer at imminent risk for suicide, or

(2) Arrange for the inmate's transfer to a medical referral center or health care facility.

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### 29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044

#### Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's regulations on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans and Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans prescribe interest assumptions for valuing and paying benefits under terminating single-employer plans. This final rule amends the regulations to adopt interest assumptions for plans with valuation dates in April 2007. Interest assumptions are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbtc.gov>).

**DATES:** Effective April 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PBGC's regulations prescribe actuarial assumptions—including interest assumptions—for valuing and paying plan benefits of terminating single-employer plans covered by title IV of

the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets.

Three sets of interest assumptions are prescribed: (1) A set for the valuation of benefits for allocation purposes under section 4044 (found in Appendix B to part 4044), (2) a set for the PBGC to use to determine whether a benefit is payable as a lump sum and to determine lump-sum amounts to be paid by the PBGC (found in Appendix B to part 4022), and (3) a set for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC's historical methodology (found in Appendix C to part 4022).

This amendment (1) Adds to Appendix B to part 4044 the interest assumptions for valuing benefits for allocation purposes in plans with valuation dates during April 2007, (2) adds to Appendix B to part 4022 the interest assumptions for the PBGC to use for its own lump-sum payments in plans with valuation dates during April 2007, and (3) adds to Appendix C to part 4022 the interest assumptions for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using the PBGC's historical methodology for valuation dates during April 2007.

For valuation of benefits for allocation purposes, the interest assumptions that the PBGC will use (set forth in Appendix B to part 4044) will be 4.99 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 4.66 percent thereafter. These interest assumptions represent a decrease (from those in effect for March 2007) of 0.23 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 0.23 percent for all years thereafter.

The interest assumptions that the PBGC will use for its own lump-sum payments (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022) will be 2.75 percent for the period during which a benefit is in pay status and 4.00 percent during any years preceding the benefit's placement in pay status. These interest assumptions represent a decrease (from those in effect for March 2007) of 0.25 percent in the immediate annuity rate and are otherwise unchanged. For private-sector payments, the interest assumptions (set

forth in Appendix C to part 4022) will be the same as those used by the PBGC for determining and paying lump sums (set forth in Appendix B to part 4022).

The PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect current market conditions as accurately as possible.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation and payment of benefits in plans with valuation dates during April 2007, the PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

The PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

#### List of Subjects

##### 29 CFR Part 4022

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### 29 CFR Part 4044

Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

■ In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044 are amended as follows:

#### PART 4022—BENEFITS PAYABLE IN TERMINATED SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

■ 2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 162, as set forth below, is added to the table.

#### Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates For PBGC Payments

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