

¹¹ Each regional lipectomy shall carry a separate charge. Regions include head and neck, abdomen, flanks, and hips.

¹² These procedures are inclusive in the minor skin lesions. However, CHAMPUS separates them as noted here. All charges shall be for the entire treatment, regardless of the number of visits required.

¹³ Dental service rates are based on a dental rate multiplier times the American Dental Association (ADA) code and the DoD established weight for that code.

¹⁴ Ambulance charges shall be based on hours of service in 15 minute increments. The rates listed in Section III.I are for 60 minutes or 1 hour of service. Providers shall calculate the charges based on the number of

hours (and/or fractions of an hour) that the ambulance is logged out on a patient run. Fractions of an hour shall be rounded to the next 15 minute increment (e.g., 31 minutes shall be charged as 45 minutes).

¹⁵ Air in-flight medical care reimbursement charges are determined by the status of the patient (ambulatory or litter) and are per patient. The appropriate charges are billed only by the Air Force Global Patient Movement Requirement Center (GPMRC).

¹⁶ Observation Services are billed at either the hourly or daily charge. Begin counting when the patient is placed in the observation bed, and round to the nearest hour. The daily rate for full/third party, for example, would be \$660 based on 24 hours of service. If a

patient status changes to inpatient, the charges for observation services are added to the DRG assigned to the case and not billed separately. If a patient is released from Observation status and is sent to an APV, the charges for Observation services are not billed separately, but are added to the APV rate in order to recover all expenses.

1. Department of Health and Human Services

For the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, effective October 1, 1998 and thereafter:

Hospital Care Inpatient Day

General Medical Care:

Alaska	\$1,798
Rest of the United States	1,049

Outpatient Medical Treatment

Outpatient Visit:

Alaska	\$360
Rest of the United States	210

For the period beginning October 1, 1998, the rates prescribed herein superseded those established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget October 31, 1997 (61 FR 56360).

Jacob Lew,

Director, Office of Management and Budget.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Clearance of a Revised Information Collection: SF 3104 and SF 3104B

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection. SF 3104, Application for Death Benefits/Federal Employees Retirement System, is used to apply for death benefits under the Federal Employees Retirement System based on the death of an employee, former employee or retiree who was covered by FERS at the time of his/her death or separation from Federal Service. SF 3104B, Documentation and Elections in Support of Application for

Death Benefits when Deceased was an Employee at the Time of Death, is used by applicants for death benefits under FERS if the deceased was a Federal Employee at the time of death.

It is estimated that approximately 4,873 SF 3104s are expected to be processed annually. This form requires approximately 60 minutes to complete. An annual burden of 4,873 hours is estimated. Approximately 3,188 SF 3104Bs are expected to be processed annually. It is estimated that the form requires approximately 60 minutes to complete. An annual burden of 3,188 hours is estimated. The total annual burden is 8,061.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request Investigations Forms 41-44

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Title 44, U. S. Code, Chapter 35), this notice announces that OPM has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of four information collections and solicits comments on them. OPM uses these form to request information by mail for use in OPM investigations.

These investigations are conducted to determine suitability for Federal employment and/or the ability to hold a security clearance as prescribed in Executive Orders 10450, 12968 and 10577 (5 CFR Part V) and 5 U.S.C. 3301.

INV Form 41, Investigative Request for Employment Data and Supervisor Information, is sent to former employers and/or supervisors.

INV Form 42, Investigative Request for Personal Information, is sent to references.

INV Form 43, Investigative Request for Educational Registrar and Dean of Students Record Data, is sent to educational institutions.

INV Form 44, Investigative Request for Law Enforcement Data, is sent to local law enforcement agencies.

INV Form 40, General Request for Investigative Data, is no longer being used for public information collection and has been removed from this collection.

Based upon current usage it is estimated that 1,609,000 individuals will respond annually (770,000 to INV Form 41; 412,000 to INV Form 42; 98,000 to INV Form 43; and 329,000 to INV Form 44) with each response requiring approximately 5 minutes. The total burden requested is 134,083 hours.

To obtain copies of this proposal please contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey at (202) 606-8358 or by E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Richard A. Ferris, Associate Director, Investigations Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 5416, 1900 E. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Extension of the Exchange's Pilot Program for Specialists in Portfolio Depository Receipts, Investment Trust Securities and Index Fund Shares to Participate in the After-Hours Trading Facility

October 8, 1998.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,²

notice is hereby given that on October 2, 1998, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested person.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is proposing to extend the pilot program permitting specialists in Portfolio Depository Receipts ("PDRs")³, investment trust securities and Index Fund Shares to participate in the After-Hours Trading ("AHT") facility to "clean-up" order imbalances and to effect closing price coupled orders. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

³The Exchange currently lists three Portfolio Depository Receipts: Depository Receipts on the Standard and Poor's 500® and Mid Cap® Indexes and Depository Receipts on the Dow Jones Industrial Average™. The Exchange also lists 17 Index Fund Shares which are commonly referred to as WEBSSM. WEBS are shares issued by an open-end management investment company that seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specified foreign or domestic equity market index. The Exchange currently lists WEBS based on the following Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") indices: MSCI Australia Index, MSCI Austria Index, MSCI Belgium Index, MSCI Canada Index, MSCI France Index, MSCI Germany Index, MSCI Hong Kong Index, MSCI Italy Index, MSCI Japan Index, MSCI Malaysia Index, MSCI Mexico Index, MSCI Netherlands Index, MSCI Singapore (Free) Index, MSCI Spain Index, MSCI Sweden Index, MSCI Switzerland Index, and MSCI United Kingdom Index. The Commission notes that due to certain restrictions imposed by the Malaysian government WEBS based on the MSCI Malaysia Index currently trade differently than the other WEBS trading on Amex.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange seeks an extension to October 31, 1998, of the pilot program permitting specialists in PDRs, investment trust securities and Index Fund Shares to participate in the AHT facility to "clean-up" order imbalances and to effect closing price coupled orders.

The Exchange believes that an extension of the Exchange's pilot program to permit specialists in PDRs, investment trust securities and Index Fund Shares to participate in the AHT facility in order to "clean-up" order imbalances and effect closing price coupled orders would benefit investors by providing additional liquidity to the listed cash market for derivative securities based upon well known market indexes. Investor interest in these securities is rapidly increasing, and specialist participant in the AHT session provides necessary liquidity after the close of the regular trading session. In addition, the market price of these exchange traded funds is based upon transactions largely effected in markets other than the Amex. (In the case of Index Fund Shares, the market price of these securities is based exclusively on transaction occurring outside the Amex.) The specialist in the Amex listed securities has no unique access to market sensitive information regarding the market for the underlying securities or closing index values. The Exchange, therefore, believes that specialist participation in the AHT facility in PDRs, investment trust securities and Index Fund Shares in the manner previously approved by the Commission on a pilot basis does not raise any market integrity issues. In addition, should a customer not care for an execution at the closing price, the rules of the Exchange's AHT facility permit cancellation of an order up to the close of the AHT session at 5:00 p.m. (Orders in the AHT facility are not executed until the 5:00 p.m. close of the After-Hours session.) A customer, therefore, has approximately 40 minutes to determine if an execution at the closing price suits his needs and may cancel the order if he believes that the closing price does not suit his objectives.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.