

99313	Nursing fac care, subseq	\$ 84.34	\$ 85.71	2%	70.95	\$ 71.73	1%
99348	Home visit, est patient	\$ 73.85	\$ 74.31	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
99350	Home visit, est patient	\$166.52	\$167.74	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
G0008	Admin influenza virus vac	\$ 3.98	\$ 7.72	94%	N/A	N/A	N/A
G0009	Admin pneumococcal vaccine	\$ 3.98	\$ 7.72	94%	N/A	N/A	N/A
G0010	Admin hepatitis b vaccine	\$ 3.98	\$ 7.72	94%	N/A	N/A	N/A

BILLING CODE 4120-01-C**Impact on Beneficiaries**

We do not believe that any problems regarding beneficiary access to care will result from changes in this rule. Moreover, it is possible that potential problems regarding beneficiary access to care that could have resulted from the 4.4 percent reduction contained in the December 31, 2002, final rule (67 FR 79966) will be alleviated by the increase in payment being announced in this rule. Nevertheless, we believe it remains important to continue our efforts to monitor beneficiary access to care.

Any change in Medicare payments will have an impact on beneficiary cost-sharing. If the 4.4 percent reduction were to go into effect and beneficiary access to care were reduced, it is possible that beneficiaries would have lower coinsurance costs but might have problems with access to services (for example, whether physicians continue to see existing or new Medicare beneficiaries). Because we do not know the impact of the 4.4 percent reduction on beneficiary access to care, it is difficult to estimate the effect on out-of-pocket costs. Assuming beneficiary access to care were unaffected, we estimate that the increase in the 1.6 percent increase in the CF compared to a 4.4 percent reduction would increase beneficiary coinsurance liabilities by approximately \$300 million in FY 2003 or about \$80 million more than if the rates applied in 2002 remained in effect for the remainder of 2003. Some of the increased costs of beneficiary coinsurance may be incurred by the many policies that supplement Medicare. We would note that the 1.6 percent increase will only marginally increase out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries that do not have any insurance other than Medicare.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, the Office of Management and Budget reviewed this regulation.

This final rule is issued under the authority of sections 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: February 19, 2003.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Part 214****Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Technical Amendments; Correction**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Correction to final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a correction to the final rule published at 68 FR 7438-7441 on February 14, 2003, making technical amendments to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement. This correction is needed because the February 14, 2003, final rule contained an incorrect paragraph designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michele Peterson, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0311; facsimile (703) 602-0350.

Correction

In the issue of Friday, February 14, 2003, on page 7439, in the third column, amendatory instruction 16 and the corresponding regulatory text are corrected by removing “(vii)” and adding in its place “(viii)”.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 648**

[Docket No. 030108004-3044-02; ID 010303B]

RIN 0648-AQ28

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Framework Adjustment 15

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this final rule to implement Framework 15 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) developed by the New England Fishery Management Council (Council). This final rule implements management measures for the 2003 fishing year, including a days-at-sea (DAS) adjustment, and continuation of a Sea Scallop Area Access Program (Area Access Program) for 2003. The intent of this action is to achieve the goals and objectives of the FMP under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and to achieve optimum yield (OY) in the scallop fishery. In addition, this final rule includes regulatory text that codifies an additional gear stowage provision for scallop dredge gear that was established by the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) in 2001.

DATES: Effective March 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Framework Adjustment 15, its Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), and the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available on request from Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. These documents are also available online at <http://www.nefmc.org>. A copy of the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) is available from Patricia A. Kurkul,