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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Parts 224, 225, 226, 227, 228,
and 229

Miscellaneous Organizational Changes

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this rule is to revise the functional statements of the various Headquarters and field groups, divisions, and offices to reflect the reorganization and realignment of functions resulting from (1) the creation of a senior level position at Headquarters, that of Associate Postmaster General, and (2) a realigned management structure both at Headquarters and in the field.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 11, 1987.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Parts 224, 225,
226, 227, 228, and 229

Organization and functions
(Government agencies), Postal Service.

1. Part 224 is revised to read as follows:

PART 224—GROUPS AND DEPARTMENTS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Sec.

224.1 General.

224.2 Finance and Planning Group.

224.3 Inspection Service Department.

224.4 General Counsel.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404, and 409.

§ 224.1 General.

The Postmaster General is the chief executive officer of the Postal Service and serves as a member of the Board of Governors.

§ 224.2 Finance and Planning Group.

(a) *General.* The Finance and Planning Group is headed by a Senior Assistant Postmaster General (SAPMG). The group consists of three departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster

General, and the Office of the Treasurer, the USPS Records Officer, the Capital Investment Division, and the Management Analysis Division.

(b) *Planning Department.* The Planning Department is responsible for:

(1) Assisting departments and groups in developing and coordinating comprehensive, effective plans and programs.

(2) Identifying and forecasting economic, demographic, political, social, technical, and market trends and events affecting the Postal Service.

(3) Formulating alternative business strategies and projecting long-range business targets as a basis for setting goals and objectives.

(4) Management of the process to develop the five-year Strategic Plan.

(c) *Rates and Classification Department.* The Rates and Classification Department is responsible for:

(1) Designing and maintaining the rate and mail classification structure.

(2) Developing and administering standards and procedures related to cost analysis and attribution.

(3) Forecasting mail volume.

(4) Developing and litigating rate recommendations to the Postal Rate Commission.

(5) Developing policies, regulations, systems, and procedures for the management and control of the admissibility, classification, and application of rates and fees for domestic or international mail of all classes and the collection of revenue from bulk mailers and special service users.

(d) *Controller Department.* The Controller Department is responsible for:

(1) Developing financing policy and forecasting long-term financing, capital requirements, and borrowing needs.

(2) Establishing a comprehensive controllership program for financial management.

(3) Maintaining control of the financial activities.

(4) Developing accounting policy and procedures and operating the financial reporting programs and controls.

(5) Establishing budgeting, economic and cost benefit functions, payroll systems, policies, and procedures.

(6) Directing the formulation and presentation of a national budget to the Corporate Executive Committee, Board of Governors, Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

(e) *Office of the Treasurer.* The Treasurer is responsible for:

(1) Operating a nationwide network of primary and concentration banks to gather revenue.

(2) Developing cash management initiatives to speed cash flow.

(3) Implementing debt management strategies to meet long-term capital and short-term borrowing needs.

(4) Planning investment strategies to ensure liquidity and to earn a competitive rate of return.

(5) Managing the investment of excess cash.

§ 224.3 Inspection Service Department.

(a) The Inspection Service Department is headed by the Chief Postal Inspector.

(b) The Inspection Service is responsible for:

(1) Protecting mail matter.

(2) Enforcing postal laws governing facilities and employees.

(3) Carrying out investigations and presenting evidence to the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorneys in investigations of a criminal nature.

(4) Performing internal audits of postal operations.

(5) Providing liaison with law enforcement agencies and all levels of government on all activities related to security and defense coordination.

§ 224.4 General Counsel.

(a) *General.* The General Counsel heads the Law Department; the Government Relations Department reports to the General Counsel.

(b) *Law Department.* The Law Department is responsible for:

(1) Serving as legal advisor to the entire Postal Service and interpreting laws as they relate to the Postal Service.

(2) Making rulings, giving advisory opinions, drafting or approving legal instruments, instituting and maintaining administrative proceedings, representing the Postal Service in administrative proceedings, and in judicial proceedings, as authorized.

(3) Preparing the legislative program of the Postal Service and publishing regulations in the *Federal Register*.

(4) Administering activities under the Tort Claims Act, and other personal injury and physical loss claims.

(5) Acting as agent for the receipt of legal process on behalf of the Postal Service and the Postmaster General and other officials resulting from the performance of their official functions.

(6) Administering the Ethical Conduct Program.

(c) *Government Relations Department.* The Government Relations Department is responsible for:

(1) Maintaining cooperative relationships among Congress, Federal agencies within the Executive Branch, the White House, and state and local government officials.

(2) Advising postal officials on legislative or other policy matters in public areas involving congressional committees or individual members of Congress.

(3) Maintaining liaison with members of Congress and their staffs to exchange information on specific legislation and Postal Service policies and operations.

2. Part 225 is revised to read as follows:

**PART 225—GROUP REPORTING
DIRECTLY TO THE DEPUTY
POSTMASTER GENERAL**

Sec.

225.1 General.

225.2 Operations Support Group.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2) 402, 403, 404, and 409.

§ 225.1 General.

The Deputy Postmaster General is the Chief Operating Officer of the Postal Service and serves as a member of the Board of Governors.

§ 225.2 Operations Support Group.

(a) *General.* The Operations Support Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of three departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General.

(b) *Delivery Service Department.* The Delivery Service Department is responsible for:

(1) Establishing policy and procedure for the delivery of mail by letter carriers or through post office boxes.

(2) Developing, testing and implementing all vehicle operations and maintenance programs and procedures.

(3) Developing policies and procedures for holding mail at the point of delivery.

(4) Developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures relating to address changes and maintenance management.

(c) *Mail Processing Department.* The Mail Processing Department is responsible for:

(1) The distribution, processing and transportation of mail throughout the United States and to foreign countries.

(2) Planning and developing a national routing and transportation system and monitoring its performance.

(3) Controlling the inventory of equipment used to move mail between facilities.

(4) Managing all mail transportation contracting.

(5) Developing operating guidelines for the implementation of use of automated mail processing equipment.

(d) *Engineering and Technical Support Department.* The Engineering

and Technical Support Department is responsible for:

(1) Planning and approving all operating requirements and standards for mechanized and automated facilities.

(2) Developing engineering and quality control policy, programs, and guidance to improve productivity, reduce costs, and determine distribution and delivery quality and performance.

(3) Developing and implementing mail processing, delivery services and retail methods improvements and production control systems and procedures.

(4) Establishing national policy and programs for the maintenance of facilities and mail processing, customer services, and delivery services related mechanization.

(5) Maintaining a technical and field support capacity for new and modified equipment and providing for the overhaul of major mail processing equipment.

3. Part 226 is revised to read as follows:

**PART 226—GROUPS REPORTING
DIRECTLY TO THE ASSOCIATE
POSTMASTER GENERAL**

Sec.

226.1 General.

226.2 Facilities and Supply Group.

226.3 Human Resources Group.

226.4 Management Information and Research Technology Group.

226.5 Marketing and Communications Group.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404, and 409.

§ 226.1 General.

The Associate Postmaster General is responsible for managing four groups, headed by an SAPMG, which make up the support functions of the Postal Service.

§ 226.2 Facilities and Supply Group.

(a) *General.* The Facilities and Supply Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of two Departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General, and one office headed by the Judicial Officer.

(b) *Facilities Department.* The Facilities Department is responsible for:

(1) Designing, constructing, modifying, and repairing facilities.

(2) Leasing, purchasing, managing, and disposing of real estate.

(3) Developing policies, procedures, and new technology in support of facilities programs.

(4) Maximizing the use of real estate assets.

(c) *Procurement and Supply Department.* The Procurement and Supply Department is responsible for:

(1) Developing, implementing, and reviewing procurement and contracting policies and procedures.

(2) Developing, implementing, and reviewing warehousing and inventory of equipment and supplies.

(3) Directing the day-to-day maintenance and repair of the headquarters building.

(d) *Judicial Officer.*

(1) The Judicial Officer is responsible for:

(i) The performance of quasi-judicial duties and the issuance of final decisions and orders.

(ii) Serving as the agency for the purposes of the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(iii) Presiding at the reception of evidence as provided in rules of practice.

(iv) Revising or amending the rules governing eligibility to practice before the Postal Service, revising or amending Postal Service rules of practice governing proceedings conducted under the Administrative Procedure Act, and issuing and revising rules of practice for other proceedings.

(v) Serving as Chairman of the Board of Contract Appeals and performing the functions of the agency head under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended.

(vi) Administratively supervising Administrative Law Judges and hearing appeals from their decisions.

(2) Board of Contract Appeals is responsible for processing, hearing and issuing final agency decisions in connection with contract disputes.

(3) Office of Administrative Law Judges. Administrative Law Judges are responsible for presiding at administrative hearings as delegated by the Judicial Officer.

§ 226.3 Human Resources Group.

(a) *General.* The Human Resources Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of three Departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General.

(b) *Employee Relations Department.* The Employee Relations Department is responsible for:

(1) Managing programs and policies for new and revised organization structures, staffing patterns, and job descriptions.

(2) Establishing outside recruitment and selection and internal promotion procedures.

(3) Managing all employee compensation and benefits programs and policies.

(4) Administering all equal employment opportunity and affirmative action programs.

(5) Managing medical, safety, and injury compensation programs and policies.

(c) *Labor Relations Department.* The Labor Relations Department is responsible for:

(1) Negotiating and interpreting collective bargaining agreements.

(2) Coordinating programs that affect bargaining unit employees.

(3) Developing policies and procedures for administering the national grievance and arbitration programs.

(d) *Training and Development Department.* The Training and Development Department is responsible for:

(1) Developing all course materials for craft, supervisory, and management employees training.

(2) Providing training for employees at the Technical Training Center and the William F. Bolger Management Academy, and at other training centers.

(3) Designing in-service employee development programs.

§ 226.4 Management Information and Research Technology Group.

(a) *General.* The Management Information and Research Technology Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of two departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General.

(b) *Information Resource Management Department.* The Information Resource Management Department is responsible for:

(1) Providing data processing support services including systems analysis and programming.

(2) Establishing policy and procedures on the use of computers and telecommunications.

(3) Guiding the development of information systems.

(4) Managing a national data and voice communications system.

(5) Providing payroll processing and distribution services and general accounting services.

(6) Providing technical solutions to information requirements.

(c) *Technology Resource Department.* The Technology Resource Department is responsible for:

(1) Developing long-term technology development plans to meet changing technological trends and developments.

(2) Managing applies research and development directed to the application of new concepts to Postal Service functions.

(3) Monitoring the technological interaction between the Postal Service and the outside environment.

§ 226.5 Marketing and Communications Group.

(a) *General.* The Marketing and Communications Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of four Departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General.

(b) *Marketing Department.* The Marketing Department is responsible for:

(1) Market research, market analysis, customer feedback, and marketing management information system support.

(2) Product analysis, planning, development, and program management activities, including the development of advertising and sales promotion support.

(3) Development and management of sales and sales promotion programs that support implementation by the field marketing organization of programs designed for principal customer segments of national, key, major, and local accounts.

(c) *Communications Department.* The Communications Department is responsible for:

(1) Planning, approving, and managing public affairs programs.

(2) Providing information to employees through in-house publication of newsletters, posters, films, videotapes, and other periodicals.

(3) Providing senior management with assistance in the development and production of presentations and speeches.

(d) *International Postal Affairs Department.* The International Postal Affairs Department is responsible for:

(1) Representing the United States in the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the Postal Union of the Americas and Spain (PUAS).

(2) Providing liaison with all foreign postal administrations.

(3) Negotiating bilateral and multilateral postal treaties and agreements with foreign governments.

(4) Providing policy guidance on all aspects of international postal affairs.

(e) *Philatelic and Retail Services Department.*

(1) The Philatelic and Retail Services Department is responsible for:

(i) Designing, manufacturing, and distributing postage stamps and stationery items.

(ii) Establishing and implementing philatelic marketing programs.

(iii) Managing mail order services for philatelic products.

(iv) Resolving issues affecting the individual consumer.

(v) Managing special programs to promote philately and philatelic products and services.

(vi) Establishing policy, business strategy, and procedures for the retail sale of postal services, products, and postage and the acceptance of mail at retail outlets.

(2) Consumer Advocate. The Consumer Advocate is responsible for:

(i) Responding to customer inquiries and complaints regarding postal products and services.

(ii) Developing, with the Communications Department, programs to inform the public on mailing programs, procedures, and policies.

(iii) Tracking service problems and identifying trends to resolve operating programs.

4. Part 227 is added as follows:

PART 227—ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FACILITIES

Sec.

227.1 General.

227.2 Inspection Service.

227.3 Procurement and Supply Department.

227.4 Engineering and Technical Support Department.

227.5 Human Resources Group.

227.6 Information Resource Management Department.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 401, 402, 403, and 404.

§ 227.1 General.

Administrative Support Facilities are typically single function organizations that report directly to Headquarters and serve the entire Postal Service.

§ 227.2 Inspection Service.

(a) *General.* The Inspection Service is divided into regional and divisional entities. The region is headed by a Regional Chief Postal Inspector who reports to the Chief Postal Inspector and the divisions are headed by Inspectors in Charge who report to Regional Chief Postal Inspectors.

(b) *Inspection Service—Region.* The Inspection Service at the regional level is responsible for:

(1) Protecting the mails, enforcement of Postal laws, facility and employee security, and internal auditing.

(2) Managing the accomplishment of national programs and policies.

(3) Coordinating with other law enforcement organizations on security, audit, and other law enforcement matters.

(c) *Inspection Service—Division.* The Inspection Service at the division level is responsible for all inspection and investigation activities within the division area served.

§ 227.3 Procurement and Supply Department.**(a) Area Supply Centers.**

(1) Area supply centers are headed by Field Directors who report to the Director, Office of Materiel Management, at Headquarters. There are two area supply centers, the Eastern Area Supply Center (EASC) in Somerville, New Jersey, and the Western Area Supply Center (WESC) in Topeka, Kansas.

(2) Area Supply Centers are responsible for:

(i) Procuring, storing, and issuing basic supplies for use in all postal facilities.

(ii) Arranging for the transportation of supplies to facilities.

(iii) Printing and issuing pressure-sensitive labels used in postal facilities.

(b) Mail Equipment Shop.

(1) The Mail Equipment Shop is located in Washington, DC, and is headed by a Field Manager who reports to the Director, Office of Materiel Management, at Headquarters.

(2) The Mail Equipment Shop is responsible for:

(i) Manufacturing mail bags, sacks, and pouches.

(ii) Manufacturing locks and keys.

(iii) Manufacturing hardware items used for mail security and for customer service lobby equipment.

§ 227.4 Engineering and Technical Support Department.

(a) *Maintenance Technical Support Center (MTSC).* The Maintenance Technical Support Center is located in Norman, OK, and is headed by a Field Director who reports to the Director, Office of Maintenance Management.

(b) *Responsibilities.* The Maintenance Technical Support Center is responsible for:

(1) Developing policies, programs, methods, and standards for the maintenance of mail processing equipment.

§ 227.5 Human Resources Group.

(a) *National Test Administration Center (NTAC).*

(1) The National Test Administration Center, located in Alexandria, VA, is headed by a Field Manager who reports to the Director, Office of Selection and Evaluation.

(2) The National Test Administration Center is responsible for:

(i) Receipt and processing of requests to give examinations.

(ii) Preparing and distributing registers of eligible applicants and notices of ratings.

(b) Technical Training Center.

(1) The Technical Training Center, located in Norman, OK, is headed by a

Field Director and reports to the Director, Office of Training and Development.

(2) The Technical Training Center is responsible for:

(i) Developing training materials for craft employees in maintenance and related crafts.

(ii) Performing training for technical employees.

(c) *William F. Bolger Management Academy.*

(1) The William F. Bolger Management Academy, located in Potomac, MD, is headed by a Field Director who reports to the Director, Office of Training and Development.

(2) The William F. Bolger Management Academy is responsible for:

(i) Developing training materials for supervisors, postmasters and other managerial employees.

(ii) Performing training for managerial employees.

§ 227.6 Information Resource Management Department.

(a) *National Information Systems Development Center.* (1) The National Information Systems Development Center, located in Raleigh, NC, is headed by a Field Director who reports to the Director, Office of Data Processing, Information Resources Management Department.

(2) The National Information Systems Development Center is responsible for:

(i) Designing new large-scale automated systems and writing the supporting program code.

(ii) Managing the nationwide voice and data communications system.

(b) *Postal Data Centers.* (1) The Postal Data Centers located in Minneapolis, MN; New York, NY; St. Louis, MO; San Mateo, CA; and Wilkes-Barre, PA, are headed by Field Directors who report to the Director, Office of Data Processing, at Headquarters.

(2) Postal Data Centers are responsible for:

(i) Systems analysis, computer programming, and other systems development activities.

(ii) Accounting, accounts payable, payroll, money order disbursing, claims and loss settlement, and other financial services.

(iii) Data processing and related computer services.

5. Part 228 is added as follows:

PART 228—SERVICE CENTERS

Sec.

228.1 General.

228.2 Engineering and Technical Support Department—Maintenance Overhaul Centers.

Sec.

228.3 Mail Processing Department—Transportation Management Service Centers (TMSC).

228.4 Facilities Department—Facilities Services Centers.

228.5 Procurement and Supply Department—Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 401, 402, 403, and 404.

§ 228.1 General.

Service Centers typically serve a regional area only and report to headquarters, providing technical guidance and support to field division employees and carrying out the day-to-day responsibilities of a function.

§ 228.2 Engineering and Technical Support Department—Maintenance Overhaul Centers.

(a) Maintenance Overhaul Centers are headed by General Managers who report to the Director, Office of Maintenance Management.

(b) Maintenance Overhaul Centers are responsible for:

(1) Refurbishing mail processing equipment such as letter sorting machines, facer cancellers, and related equipment.

(2) Providing technical advice and guidance to field maintenance employees on procedures and practices to follow.

§ 228.3 Mail Processing Department—Transportation Management Service Centers (TMSC).

(a) Transportation Management Service Centers are headed by managers who report to the General Manager, Transportation Administration and Procurement Division, at Headquarters. There are 23 TMSCs located across the country.

(b) Transportation Management Service Centers are responsible for:

(1) Procuring mail transportation services between mail processing centers.

(2) Controlling the inventory of empty mail equipment.

(3) Coordinating the movement of mail between mail processing centers, bulk mail centers (BMCs), Management Sectional Center (MSCs), and Divisions.

§ 228.4 Facilities Department—Facilities Service Centers.

(a) Facilities Service Centers are headed by a Director, who reports to the Assistant Postmaster General, Facilities Department.

(b) Facilities Service Centers are responsible for:

(1) Developing functional design specifications for new or altered facilities.

(2) Investigating and evaluating sites for proposed postal facilities.

(3) Purchasing, leasing, disposing of, and managing real estate and facilities.

(4) Contracting for the design and construction of facilities.

§ 228.5 Procurement and Supply Department—Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers.

(a) There are five Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers, each headed by a Director who reports to the APMG, Procurement and Supply Department.

(b) Procurement and Materiel Management Service Centers are responsible for:

(1) Contracting for supplies, services and equipment;

(2) Maintaining systems for inventorying equipment and supplies.

6. Part 229 is added as follows:

PART 229—FIELD

Sec.

229.1 Regions.

229.2 Divisions.

229.3 Management Sectional Centers (MSCs).

229.4 Other Field Organizations.

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 401, 402, 403, and 404.

§ 229.1 Regions.

(a) *Region responsibilities.* The Regions are responsible for monitoring the performance of postal operations; assessing long-term solutions to operating problems; and performing long-range operational planning.

(b) *Functional division.* Each region is headed by a Regional Postmaster General who reports to the Deputy Postmaster General. Each region is organized into five functions: Finance, Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, Operations Support, and Planning, as follows:

(1) Finance is responsible for all accounting, budgeting, financial analysis, and management information programs.

(2) Human Resources is responsible for all employee and labor relations programs.

(3) Marketing and Communications is responsible for commercial accounts and merchandising programs, market and product analysis, and for providing information to the public and employees.

(4) Operations Support is responsible for operations planning and monitoring the performance of the mail processing network.

(5) Planning is responsible for long-range planning for the region and for support services to the regional building.

(c) *Regional areas.*—(1) *Central region.* The headquarters for the Central Region is in Chicago, IL. The regional area is made up of the states of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

(2) *Eastern region.* The headquarters for the Eastern Region is in Philadelphia, PA. The regional area is made up of the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey (ZIP Code areas 080-084, 189, 193 and 194), North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina (except ZIP Code areas 298 and 299), Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, DC.

(3) *Northeast region.* The headquarters for the Northeast Region is in Windsor, CT. The regional area is made up of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey (ZIP Code areas 074-079 and 085-089) New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Puerto Rico.

(4) *Southern region.* The headquarters for the Southern Region is in Memphis, TN. The regional area is made up of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina (ZIP Code areas 298 and 299), Tennessee and Texas (except ZIP Code areas 797-799).

(5) *Western region.* The headquarters for the Western Region is in San Bruno, CA. The regional area is made up of the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas (ZIP areas 797-799), Utah and Washington.

§ 229.2 Divisions.

2(a) *Division responsibilities.* The divisions are responsible for the day-to-day management of all operations and facilities within a geographic area.

(b) *Organizational structure.* Each division is headed by a Field Division General Manager/Postmaster who reports to the Regional Postmaster General.

(c) *Functional divisions.* Each division is organized into seven functions: Controller, City Operations, Operations Support, Marketing and Communications, Human Resources, Support Services, and Field Operations. Responsibilities are as follows:

(1) The Controller is responsible for the operation of all management information systems, accounting services, timekeeping, financial analysis, auditing, and compliance.

(2) City Operations is responsible for all mail processing within the host Field Division facility, including stations and branches and air mail operations; fleet operations; plant and equipment

engineering; and bulk mail center operations.

(3) Operations Support is primarily responsible for providing staff support to the operations function. The primary functions in operation support include logistics and distribution systems management, industrial engineering, data collection, address information programs, delivery and retail programs, and maintenance support.

(4) Marketing and Communications plans and implements Postal Service marketing strategies, account management, technical sales support, communications programs, merchandising and sales information systems, and employee communications and community relations. It directs the consumer affairs program, provides marketing data to operations and other functional areas on customer demand, and recommends locations of retail facilities, hours of operation, collection boxes, and similar retail and delivery programs.

(5) Human Resources is responsible for labor relations, EEO complaint processing, employment and recruitment, training, compensation and benefits, affirmative action, and safety and health.

(6) Support Services is responsible for procurement; materiel management; purchase, lease, and management of real estate and facilities; and design and construction of new and altered facilities.

(7) Field Operations is responsible for the management of grade 24 and below associate offices that report to the host division.

§ 229.3 Management Sectional Centers (MSCs).

(a) *Management Sectional Center responsibilities.* Management Sectional Centers (MSCs) are responsible for managing all mail processing, customer services, finance, and employee and labor relations activities within their area.

(b) *Organizational structure.* Each MSC is headed by an MSC Manager/Postmaster who reports to a Field Division General Manager/Postmaster.

(c) *Functional division.* MSCs are divided into four functions, mail processing, customer services, finance, and employee and labor relations, as follows:

(1) Mail processing is responsible for all mail processing and distribution, plant maintenance, and management of detached distribution units.

(2) Customer services is responsible for delivery and collection, retail sales and services, account management,

philately, fleet operations, and the management of stations and branches.

(3) Finance is responsible for budget and cost analysis, accounting and reporting systems, mail classification, and local procurements.

(4) Employee and Labor Relations is responsible for all employment and recruitment, safety, labor relations, and training.

§ 229.4 Other Field Organizations.

(a) *Bulk Mail Centers (BMCs)*. There are twenty-one highly mechanized BMCs, each serving a specific geographic area and headed by a manager who reports to a Director, City Operations, in a Field Division. BMCs are responsible for processing certain types of second- and third-class mail in bulk form and parcel post mail, normally in bulk or piece form.

(b) *Associate offices*. Associate offices are headed by a postmaster who reports to a MSC Manager/Postmaster or to a Director, Field Operations, in a Field Division or, in some cases, to a Field Division General Manager/Postmaster. Associate offices are responsible for receiving and dispatching all classes of mail for a small geographic area normally encompassing the boundaries of a city or town.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Part 417

[OPH-002-CN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Redesignation of Rules Concerning Federal Requirements for Health Maintenance Organizations

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: Federal Register document 87-22737 regarding Health Maintenance Organizations, beginning on page 36746 in the issue of Wednesday, September 30, 1987, redesignated 42 CFR Part 110 as 42 CFR Part 417, Subpart A. This document corrects two technical errors in the September 30 document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luisa V. Iglesias, (202) 245-0383.

Corrections

1. On page 36746, column 3, the first item of the rule is revised to read as follows:

The authority citation at the end of the table of contents is revised to read as follows and all other authority citations in Part 417 are removed.

Authority: Secs. 1102, 1833(a)(1)(A), 1861(s)(2)(H), 1871, 1874, and 1876 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302, 1395l(a)(1)(A), 1395x(s)(2)(H), 1395hh, 1395kk, and 1395mm); sec. 114(c) of Pub. L. 97-248 (42 U.S.C. 1395mm note); 31 U.S.C. 9701; and secs. 215 and 1301 through 1318 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 216 and 300e through 300e-17).

2. On page 36747, column 1, the heading of the table is revised to read: "Redesignation Table for 42 CFR Part 110"

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.773, Medicare-Hospital Insurance; No. 13.774, Medicare Supplementary Medical Insurance; No. 13.714, Medical Assistance Program)

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42 CFR Parts 466 and 476

[HSQ-145-CN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Entities Performing Quality of Care Review of Services Provided by Risk-Basis Health Maintenance Organizations and Competitive Medical Plans; Correction

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Correction of final rule with comment period.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the final rule that was published in the Federal Register on October 7, 1987 (52 FR 37454). The final rule provided for review by Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organizations (PROs) of the quality of care furnished by risk-basis health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and competitive medical plans (CMPs) under 24 CFR Part 417, Subpart C. It also provided for this same review by non-PRO entities and identified the requirements that these non-PRO entities must meet.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In Federal Register document 87-23092, beginning on page 37454 in the

issue of October 7, 1987, we redesignated paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of § 466.70 as paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively of new § 466.71. We inadvertently overlooked paragraph (f) of § 466.70, which we would have redesignated as paragraph (d) of § 466.71.

In addition, in the time between preparing the final rule and publishing it, we published another final rule (Federal Register document 87-19988) on September 1, 1987 (52 FR 33034) that revised paragraph (e)(2) of § 466.70, which we overlooked when we published the October 7, 1987 final rule. We have also noted two minor editorial corrections that should be made to the final rule. Therefore, the following corrections must be made to the October 7, 1987 final rule:

PART 466—[AMENDED]

1. On page 37457, in the first column, item 2 should read: "Section 466.70 is amended by revising the section heading, paragraphs (a) and (b), and redesignating paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) as paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d), respectively, of new § 466.71, which is added to read as follows:"

§ 466.71 [Amended]

2. On page 37457, in the second column, paragraph (b) of § 466.71, the first sentence should read "On the basis of the review specified under paragraphs (a)(1), (3), (6), (7), and (8) of this section, the PRO must determine whether payment may be made for these services."

3. On page 37457, in the third column, paragraph (2) of § 466.71(c) should read "The PRO must review every change in a DRG assignment that is a result of a review made under the provisions of § 412.60(d) if the change results in the assignment of a higher-weighted DRG and the PRO has not previously reviewed the case. The PRO must verify that the diagnostic and procedural information supplied by the hospital is substantiated by the information in the medical record."

4. On page 37457, in the third column, following § 466.71(c)(2), add:

(d) *Coordination of sanction activities.* The PRO must carry out the responsibilities specified in Subpart C of Part 1004 of this title regarding imposition of sanctions on providers and practitioners who violate their statutory obligations under section 1156 of the Act.

PART 476—[AMENDED]**§ 476.133 [Amended]**

5. On page 37458, in the first column, paragraph (a)(2)(ii)(A) of § 476.133, should read "Federal and State agencies that are responsible for the investigation of fraud and abuse of the Medicare or Medicaid programs, and".

(Secs. 1102, 1154, and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302, 1320c-3 and 1395hh); 42 CFR 466.71))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.714, Medical Assistance Program; No. 13.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 13.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: December 4, 1987.

James F. Trickett,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Administrative and Management Services.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 87-204; RM-5617]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Morro
Bay, CA**

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document allots Channel 259A to Morro Bay, California, as that community's first local FM service, in response to a petition filed by Morro Bay Investment Company. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective January 19, 1988; The window period for filing applications on channel 259A at Morro Bay, California, will open on January 20, 1988, and close on February 19, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530, regarding the allocation. For information related to the application process, contact Audio Services Division, FM Branch, (202) 632-0394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 87-204, adopted November 6, 1987, and released December 4, 1987. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors,

International Transcription Service,
(202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite
140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments, is amended by adding Morro Bay, Channel 259A, under California.

Federal Communications Commission.

Mark N. Lipp,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules
Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 86-243; RM-5080]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Ashland,
MO**

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document allocates FM Channel 291C2 to Ashland, Missouri, as that community's first FM broadcast service, in response to a petition filed by Stellar Broadcasting Corporation. There is a site restriction 6.4 kilometers (4 miles) southwest of the community. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective January 19, 1988; The window period for filing applications will open on January 20, 1988, and close on February 19, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 86-243, adopted November 12, 1987, and released December 4, 1987. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Missouri, is amended by adding Channel 291C2 at Ashland. Federal Communications Commission.

Mark N. Lipp,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules
Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 87-191; RM-5601]

**Television Broadcasting Services;
Athens, OH**

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document, at the request of Wendell A. Triplett, allocates Channel 63- to Athens, Ohio, as the community's first local television service. Channel 63- can be allocated to Athens in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 3.9 miles north to avoid a short-spacing to unused and unapplied for Channel *63 at Bluefield, West Virginia. Canadian concurrence in the allotment has been received. However, by Order, 52 FR 28346, July 29, 1987, the Commission instituted a temporary freeze on the filing of applications for new allotments to communities located within the required minimum co-channel separation distance to certain metropolitan areas. Athens is located within the proscribed distance to two such metropolitan areas, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. Therefore, no applications will be accepted for Channel 63- at Athens until further notice by the Commission. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 19, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 87-191, adopted November 12, 1987, and released December 4, 1987. The full text