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**HHS finalizes risk corridor and cost-sharing parameters**

HHS published a final rule establishing payment parameters and oversight provisions related to the risk adjustment, reinsurance, and risk corridors programs, along with cost sharing parameters and cost-sharing reductions.

**Rulemaking**

**EPA extends comment deadline for limits on CO2 emissions**

EPA announced that it is extending the public comment period for its proposal to limit carbon dioxide emissions from new power plants. Comments are now due on May 9.

**IRS rule sets PPACA reporting requirements for employers**

IRS published a final rule providing guidance to employers with more than 50 employees on how to report information about the health care coverage, if any, they offered to full-time employees. The information will be used to implement the "employer shared responsibility provisions" of the PPACA.

**Fed defers advanced stress testing requirements until 2015**

The Federal Reserve Board published a final rule deferring use of the advanced approaches rule for capital planning and stress testing rules until 2015. Other than this deferral, the rule maintains the capital plan rule and stress test rules that were required under two interim final rules issued in September 2013.

**DHS rule responds to sexual abuse in confinement facilities**

DHS published a final rule setting standards to curb sexual abuse in DHS confinement facilities, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) immigration detention facilities. The final rule contains provisions for prevention planning, training and education, assessment for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness, reporting, investigations, discipline, and medical and mental care.

**EPA proposes revisions to GHG reporting rule**

EPA published a proposed rule revising and establishing confidentiality determinations for the petroleum and natural gas systems source category subject to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule.

**FDA extends scoping period for food safety rule EIS**

FDA is extending the public scoping period of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for its proposed rule to establish standards for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of produce for human consumption. FDA is also extending the comment period for its EIS.

**Agencies**

**EPA releases draft review plan for sulfur dioxide NAAQS**

EPA announced the release of its draft Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide. EPA is seeking comment on its draft.

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