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- >> Thank you for joining for this paid family and medical leave rule making. If you're looking for PFML rulemaking, you're in the right place. We will get started in just a few moments, thank you.
- >> Thank you again for joining us for this paid family and medical leave rule making meeting. A friendly reminder to mute your phones until you are ready to address the group. We will get started in just a moment here. Thank you.

All right, we're a minute passed the hour, so we will get started. Welcome to this paid family and medical leave rule making stakeholder meeting. I am joined by two other members of the paid family and medical leave policy staff, who I will allow them to introduce themselves right now.

- >> Good morning. I'm Janette. I'm the coordinator for paid family and medical leave.
- >> Good morning, Brett Kane with the medical leave division and analyst.
- >> A quick reminder this is a rule making meeting. We are not able to discuss any current claims or information about filing a claim on this call. If you are looking for information about your particular claim or seeking information about how to file a claim or paid family or medical leave benefits, I encourage you to call 833-717-2273, again that number is 833-717-2273. Our customer care team staff will absolutely be able to help you with any questions about your claim that you may have.

The topics for today's rule making meeting are definitions, hours worked, small business grants and appeals. The draft rules can be found by typing bit.ly/commentforum that is bit.ly/commentforum into your browser under the current rule making tab in the info box, you will see about the third heading down, the list of definitions, hours worked, small businesses appeals heading and under that heading, you will see the draft rules. If anybody needs me to repeat that, feel free to ask when I am done with introductions.

We do have a stenographer for this call, if and when you choose to submit comments, I would ask you to spell your name and let us know which organization, if any, you are representing today. Once the call concludes, we will make any applicable changes to the rules and we will proceed with the filing of the CR102 documents pertaining to today's rules. Once the filing date and hearing date become final, we will post them on the website and send those out on the listsery, so everyone is up to date on the rule-making agendas for the rules we are discussing today. One more time, I want to repeat two things before we begin, the first is where you can find the rules. The rules can be found at bit.ly/commentforum, click on rule making and the third heading down, you will see the topics of today's meeting, which are definitions, hours works, small business grants and appeals. You will see links to all of the draft rules under that heading.

The second item I want to repeat is mute your phone until you are ready to speak. Are there any questions about the order of operations or how we will be conducting today's meeting

before I open the floor for comments? OK, hearing none. I will go ahead and open the floor for any comments that our attendees have today on the rules. Again, the topics are definitions, hours work, small business grants and appeals. If anyone needs me to repeat the draft rules, please ask and I will do so, otherwise, the floor is open for any comments the attendees would like to provide on today's rules. The floor is open for any comments on the rules being discussed today. If you have any comments on the rule, go ahead and un-mute yourselves and speak whenever you are ready.

Any comments on the rules being discussed today? All right, I will do one last call for any comments before I close the meeting. Are there any comments about the rules being discussed today, the rules being discussed pertaining to definitions, hours worked, small business grants and appeals within paid family and medical leave. Final call for any comments. All right, hearing no comments, we can wrap up. If you decide to post comments after the meeting has ended, you may do so at the same URL that I provided early, bit.ly/commentforum. As the name applies, we do have a forum where people can submit comments on the draft rules before they are submitted in the CR102 filings, so if you decided to submit comments after today's meeting, head to that website and you can do so at that web page. Other than that, thank you all very much for joining us this morning and enjoy the rest of your day.

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