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On page 2916 Subchapter E is proposed to replace 127.153-127.161. Isn't this actually replacing 127.401-127.670?

127.806 and 127.1005 differ from the current regulations by excluding the word "random". Does this mean the BWC will no longer make assignments randomly, or in rotating fashion through the list of approved URO's?

127.863 and 127.1012 both mention reviewers "having the same specialty", but do not specify same board certification. If board certification will remain the standard, this should be clearly stated in the regulations.

127.870(c) does not specify that the determination shall be served upon all parties by certified mail, which is the current requirement. Is this an oversight, or is this requirement being lifted?

Subchapter E says nothing about reviewer contact with the Provider Under Review, either for URO or Peer review. Is this part of the existing process being dropped with the proposal of Subchapter E?

Thank you. I will be attending the 7/10 meeting.

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