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Commissioner of Social Security
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RE: Agency: Social Security Administration; 20 CFR Parts 404 and 416; (Regulation Nos 4 and 16) RIN 0960- AF32;
Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Impairments That Affect Multiple Body Systems
Action: Proposed Rules

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the proposed revision criteria in the Listing of Impairments that are used to evaluate claims involving impairments that affect multiple body systems.

Comments: Pages 78200 and 78201 , Part 404-Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance-Subpart P (10.00A vs 110.00A) - Why do they say they're evaluating only non-mosaic Down syndrome in the adult listing and both mosaic and non-mosaic Down syndrome in the childhood listing? There is no listing for mosaic in the childhood listing, and the instructions for evaluating mosaic are the same for adults and children (10.00A4 and 110.00A4). I don't see that they're evaluating mosaic in the childhood listing any more than they're evaluating it in the adult listing. I suggest that the second sentence of 110.00A.1 be reworded "...due to non-mosaic Down syndrome and a catastrophic congenital abnormality or disease."

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann S. Williamson".

Ann S. Williamson
Assistant Secretary

cc: Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Secretary