

Subject: RHIIP Listserv #132 - Upcoming Change to Requirement for Resident Disclosure of Social Security Numbers
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**REMINDER OF UPCOMING CHANGE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
RESIDENT DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

On June 29, 2007, a Proposed Rule was published in the Federal Register proposing a revision to HUD's regulations at 24 C.F.R. 5.216 covering the requirements for disclosure of social security numbers. The proposed revision to the regulations requires disclosure of social security numbers by **all** individuals applying for or participating in HUD's rental assistance programs. The Final Rule implementing the revisions to the requirement for disclosure of social security numbers will be published in the Federal Register in the near future. Once the Final Rule is in effect, applicants will be required to disclose and provide verification of the social security number for all members of their household before they can be admitted. Current residents will be required to disclose and provide verification of social security numbers for all members of their household, where disclosure and verification has not occurred, at the time of their next interim or annual recertification.

Owners and management agents are encouraged to begin informing applicants and residents who have not disclosed their social security number, or the social security number of a child under the age of 6, or who have certified they do not have a social security number, of this upcoming revision to the regulations and their need to begin the process of obtaining a social security number.

In addition to the above, owners and management agents who have access to the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system should be verifying and correcting social security numbers for individuals listed on the Failed EIV Pre-screening and the Failed Verification Report as having invalid social security numbers.

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