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## **APPLICANT/TENANT DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)**

The effective date of the Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and Assisted Housing Programs, Final Rule has been delayed to January 31, 2010, as announced in the Federal Register on August 28, 2009. This final rule will revise HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 5.216 to require disclosure of SSNs by all individuals applying for or participating in HUD's rental assistance programs except for those who do not contend to have eligible immigration status.

Although the effective date of the rule has been delayed, owners and management agents are encouraged to continue informing applicants and tenants of the revisions to the SSN disclosure and verification requirements. Once the Final Rule is in effect, applicants will be required to disclose and provide verification of the SSN for all members of their household before they can be admitted. Current tenants will be required to disclose and provide verification of SSNs 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 continue informing applicants and tenants who have not disclosed their SSN, or the SSN of a child under the age of 6, or who have certified they do not have a SSN, of this upcoming revision to the regulations and their need to begin the process of obtaining a SSN.

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

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