



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Housing Counseling: New Certification Requirements; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 14, 2016, HUD published a final rule implementing changes to HUD's housing counseling statute to improve the effectiveness of housing counseling in HUD programs by, among other things: establishing the Office of Housing Counseling and giving this office the authority over the establishment, coordination, and administration of all regulations, requirements, standards, and performance measures under programs and laws administered by HUD that relate to housing counseling; requiring that organizations providing housing counseling required under or in connection with HUD programs be approved to participate in the Housing Counseling Program (Housing Counseling Agencies, or HCAs) and have all individuals providing such housing counseling certified by HUD as competent to provide such services; prohibiting the distribution of housing counseling grant funds awarded to agencies participating in HUD's Housing Counseling Program that are found in violation of Federal election laws or that have employees found in violation of Federal election laws; and requiring the reimbursement to HUD of housing counseling grant funds that HUD finds were misused. After publication, HUD discovered an incorrect amendatory instruction. This document makes the necessary correction. The effective date for HUD's final rule of January 13, 2017 is unchanged.

DATES: Effective [Insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule FR Doc. 2016-29822, published in the Federal Register on December 14, 2016 (81 FR 90632), the following correction is made:

On page 90659, in the third column, revise amendatory instruction 17 to read “Add § 574.660 to read as follows:”.

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