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ERISA Removal of Definition of “Plan Assets”-Insurance Company General Accounts, 90 Federal Register 28009, July 1, 2025	<p>RULE: This DFR removes 29 CFR 2550.401c-1 from the Code of Federal Regulations, which the Department of Labor (DOL) believes is obsolete. The regulation applies only to certain insurance policies or contracts issued to (or on behalf of) employee benefit plans on or before December 31, 1998. Given the unlikelihood that any of these policies or contracts remain in effect, the DOL believes the regulation is no longer needed.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2025</p>
Removal of Interpretive Bulletins Relating to ERISA, 90 Federal Register 28004, July 1, 2025.	<p>RULE: This DFR removes from the Code of Federal Regulations prospectively certain interpretive bulletins under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 that the Department of Labor (DOL) believes are obsolete. The obsolete interpretive bulletins were published shortly after ERISA's enactment in 1974 to provide compliance assistance for employee benefit plans, plan sponsors and fiduciaries. Because of subsequent guidance issued by the DOL, and the effect of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, the DOL believes the interpretive bulletins are no longer needed</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2025</p>
Selection of Annuity Providers-Safe Harbor for Individual Account Plans, 90 Federal Register 28007, July 1, 2025	<p>RULE: This direct final rule (DFR) removes 29 CFR 2550.404a-4 from the Code of Federal Regulations, which is a regulation published in 2008 that provides a fiduciary safe harbor for the selection of annuity providers for the purpose of benefit distributions from individual account retirement plans covered by title I of the Employee Retirement Income Act of 1974 (ERISA). The regulatory safe harbor became unnecessary in 2019 when Congress amended ERISA to add a more streamlined fiduciary safe harbor covering the same activity. Although the statutory safe harbor did not technically nullify or repeal the regulatory safe harbor, its existence offers an unnecessary and inefficient alternative and may inadvertently be a trap for the unwary.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2025</p>
ED Classification of Revenue Under Title IV, 90 Federal Register 29374, July 7, 2025	<p>RULE: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) is revising its prior interpretation and clarifying its classification of revenue received by a proprietary institution of higher education under the Title IV Revenue and Non-Federal Education Assistance Funds regulations called the “90/10 Rule”.</p>
HHS Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA); Interpretation of “Federal Public Benefit”, 90 Federal Register 31232, July 14, 2025	<p>NOTICE: This notice sets forth the interpretation that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) uses for the term “Federal public benefit” as used in Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), Public Law 104-193, 8 U.S.C. 1611. In doing so, this notice revises the interpretation of the term set forth in a prior notice, 63 FR 41658 (Aug. 4, 1998) (“the 1998 HHS PRWORA Notice” or “1998 Notice”). This notice also describes and</p>

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	<p>preliminarily identifies the HHS programs that provide “Federal public benefits” within the scope of PRWORA, including HHS programs that were not listed in the 1998 HHS PRWORA Notice.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: August 13, 2025</p>
DOJ Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 90 Federal Register 32023, July 16, 2025	<p>NOTICE: This document contains an Order of the Attorney General issued pursuant to sections 401 and 411 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (“PRWORA” or the “Act”). This Order withdraws the Attorney General's January 5, 2001, order issued pursuant to PRWORA.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2025</p>
ED Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Information To Be Verified for the 2025-2026 Award Year, 90 Federal Register 34486, July 22, 2025	<p>NOTICE: For each award year, the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a notice announcing the FAFSA information that an institution and an applicant may be required to verify, as well as the acceptable documentation for verifying FAFSA information. This updated notice supersedes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Information To Be Verified for the 2025-2026 Award year (89 FR 71893) published on September 4, 2024. This notice is for the 2025-2026 award year.....s part of the Department's efforts to streamline the verification process and address fraud concerns, this notice makes changes to the identity confirmation requirements for verification tracking groups V4 and V5 for the 2025-2026 award year. The Statement of Educational Purpose is no longer required for the 2025-2026 award year. The Department has also added two new methods for institutions to use when verifying identity, namely a video call between the student and institutional personnel, and documentation that the student had his or her identity verified by a third party using a method satisfying the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Identity Assurance Level 2 (NIST IAL2) standard. See entry for additional details.</p>
USCIS Immigration Fees Required by HR-1 Reconciliation Bill, 90 Federal Register 34511, July 22, 2025	<p>NOTICE OF IMMIGRATION FEES: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is announcing a series of fees to be collected by USCIS. Recently enacted legislation that provided for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of House Concurrent Resolution 14, titled HR-1, establishes specific fees for various immigration-related forms, benefits, statuses, petitions, applications, and requests administered by multiple government agencies. This notice announces the new fees that are administered by USCIS, a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to whom those fees apply, when the new fees take effect, instructions on their payment, when and if the fees may be waived, and consequences of the failure to pay. This notice is intended to provide the information needed for the public to comply with the new law.</p> <p>DATES: The fees announced in this notice must be submitted for any immigration benefit requests postmarked on or after July</p>

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	22, 2025. Any form postmarked on or after August 21, 2025 without the proper filing fee will be rejected
Executive Order 14322 – Saving College Sports, 90 Federal Register 35821, July 29, 2025	EXECUTIVE ORDER:the future of college sports is under unprecedented threat. Waves of recent litigation against collegiate athletics governing rules have eliminated limits on athlete compensation, pay-for-play recruiting inducements, and transfers between universities, unleashing a sea change that threatens the viability of college sports. While changes providing some increased benefits and flexibility to student-athletes were overdue and should be maintained, the inability to maintain reasonable rules and guardrails is a mortal threat to most college sports.....A national solution is urgently needed to prevent this situation from deteriorating beyond repair and to protect non-revenue sports, including many women's sports, that comprise the backbone of intercollegiate athletics, drive American superiority at the Olympics and other international competitions, and catalyze hundreds of thousands of student-athletes to fuel American success in myriad ways....Attempting to create some guardrails and shelter from litigation, colleges have adopted a new regime, deciding to pay athletes directly and simultaneously limit the total number of athletes on their campuses. Given that the new roster limits, by exceeding the scholarship limits they replace, will increase the potential number of scholarships available in many sports, this opportunity must be utilized to strengthen and expand non-revenue sports. Simultaneously, the third-party market of pay-for-play inducements must be eliminated before its insatiable demand for resources dries up support for non-revenue sports. Otherwise, a crucial American asset will be lost. The Executive Order outlines several policies: “Protecting and Expanding Women’s and non-Revenue Sports and Prohibiting Third-Part Pay-for-Play payments”, clarifying the status of collegiate athletes through guidance, rules, or other appropriate actions, that will maximize the educational benefits and opportunities provided by higher education institutions through athletics, and stabilizing and preserving college athletics through litigation, guidelines, policies, or other actions, as appropriate, by protecting the rights and interests of student-athletes and the long-term availability of collegiate athletic scholarships and opportunities when such elements are unreasonably challenged under antitrust or other legal theories.

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[18VAC110-20. Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy \(amending 18VAC110-20-110; adding 18VAC110-20-113\), Volume 41, Issue 25, Virginia Register of Regulations, July 28, 2025](#)

FINAL REGULATION: ...The amendments add a new section addressing pharmacy work environments, ensuring that (i) the decisions of the pharmacist are not overridden by the pharmacy permit holder, including staffing decisions and the decision of whether pharmacy staff can safely provide vaccines at a given time; (ii) pharmacy permit holders provide sufficient staffing levels to avoid interference with a pharmacist's ability to practice with reasonable competence and safety; (iii) pharmacists and pharmacy personnel are provided with proper and functioning equipment; (iv) pharmacists and pharmacy staff are not burdened with external factors that may inhibit the ability to provide services to the public; (v) staff are properly trained to provide the services with which they are tasked; (vi) pharmacists are provided appropriate breaks while maintaining drug stock integrity and providing required consultation services to the public; (vii) pharmacists are provided adequate time to perform professional duties; and (viii) a reporting mechanism exists for staffing concerns.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2025