

Federal Register – March 2025

[HHS Policy Statement, 90 Federal Register 11029, March 3, 2025](#)

POLICY STATEMENT: The Department of Health and Human Services' (the Department) Immediate Office of the Secretary is rescinding the policy on Public Participation in Rule Making (Richardson Waiver) and re-aligning the Department's rule-making procedures with the Administrative Procedure Act. An agency generally is required to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register ; give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking through the submission of written data, views, or arguments; and publish a final rule that is accompanied by a statement of the rule's basis and purpose. The APA exempts from these requirements "matter(s) relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts." 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2). The APA also permits an agency to forgo these requirements for "good cause" when the agency finds that the procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). Effective immediately, the Richardson Waiver is rescinded and is no longer the policy of the Department. In accordance with the APA, "matters relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts," are exempt from the notice and comment procedures of 5 U.S.C. 553, except as otherwise required by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2025

[Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Cost Efficiency Initiative, 90 Federal Register 11095, March 3, 2025](#)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14222: This order commences a transformation in Federal spending on contracts, grants, and loans to ensure Government spending is transparent and Government employees are accountable to the American public. Each Agency Head shall, with assistance as requested from the agency's DOGE Team Lead, build a centralized technological system within the agency to seamlessly record every payment issued by the agency pursuant to each of the agency's covered contracts and grants, along with a brief, written justification for each payment submitted by the agency employee who approved the payment. This system shall include a mechanism for the Agency Head to pause and rapidly review any payment for which the approving employee has not submitted a brief, written justification within the technological system.

- (i) Once the system described in subsection (a) of this section is in place, the Agency Head shall issue guidance, in consultation with the agency's DOGE Team Lead, to require that the relevant agency employee promptly submit a brief, written justification prior to that employee's approval of a payment under covered contracts and grants, subject to any exceptions the Agency Head deems appropriate.

	<p>(ii) Each Agency Head, in consultation with the agency's DOGE Team Lead, shall review all existing covered contracts and grants and, where appropriate and consistent with applicable law, terminate or modify (including through renegotiation) such covered contracts and grants to reduce overall Federal spending or reallocate spending to promote efficiency and advance the policies of my Administration. This process shall commence immediately and shall prioritize the review of funds disbursed under covered contracts and grants to educational institutions and foreign entities for waste, fraud, and abuse. Each Agency Head shall complete this review within 30 days of the date of this order.</p> <p>Click on FR link to access the full Executive Order.</p>
<p>Executive Order 14242: Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities, 90 Federal Register 13679, March 25, 2025</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE ORDER: Closing the Department of Education and Returning Authority to the States.</p> <p>The Secretary of Education shall, to the maximum extent appropriate and permitted by law, take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return authority over education to the States and local communities while ensuring the effective and uninterrupted delivery of services, programs, and benefits on which Americans rely.</p>
<p>Electronic Payment of Royalties Using Pay.gov, 90 Federal Register 14206, March 31, 2025</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: The Copyright Office is issuing a final rule to amend its regulations regarding the submission of royalty fees to the Copyright Office to require that all such fees be paid using Pay.gov.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2025</p>
<h2>Virginia Register – March 2025</h2>	
<p>Executive Order #46 - BANNING THE USE OF DEEPSEEK ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON STATE GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY, Virginia Register of Regulations, Vol 41, Issue 15, March 10, 2025</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE ORDER: This executive order guards “the security of the Commonwealth's information technology infrastructure and the sensitive data it protects by banning the use of DeepSeek on government-owned or government-leased devices or over government-owned or government-maintained networks. Any employee of the Commonwealth, or person or entity contracting with the Commonwealth, who has already downloaded the DeepSeek AI application, or any other application developed by DeepSeek to any government-issued devices as listed above is hereby directed to remove, delete, and uninstall these applications by February 12, 2025.</p>
<p>18VAC90-27. Regulations for Nursing Education Programs (amending 18VAC90-27-30, 18VAC90-27-190), Virginia Register of Regulations, Vol 41, Issue 16, March 24, 2025</p>	<p>FAST-TRACK LEGISLATION: The amendments remove limitations on out-of-state clinical education.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2025</p>