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[Notice of Automatic Extension of Performance Period for All Open Grants Issued Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\), 87 Federal Register 19496, April 4, 2022](#)

NOTICE: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) is issuing this notice regarding the automatic extension of HEERF grantees' performance period. The performance period for all open HEERF grants with a balance greater than \$1,000 is extended through June 30, 2023.

[Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 87 Federal Register 20405, April 7, 2022](#)

NOTICE: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has amended its Order issued October 20, 2021, to align with revised CDC guidance published on January 4, 2022, related to isolation and quarantine after travel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2022

[Notification of Interpretation of Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 87 Federal Register 20321, April 7, 2022](#)

NOTIFICATION OF INTERPRETATION: This Notification is to inform the public that, consistent with the Supreme Court's 2020 decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County* and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), beginning April 7, 2022, will interpret the prohibition on discrimination on the basis of sex that is codified in Section 188 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. DOL will continue to interpret and enforce Section 188's prohibition on discrimination on the basis of sex to include discrimination on the basis of gender identity and transgender status. This interpretation will guide DOL's Civil Rights Center in processing complaints and conducting investigations and compliance reviews, but does not determine the outcome in any particular case or set of facts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 2022

[Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Affordable Care Act Advance Notice of Rescission, 87 Federal Register 20468, April 7, 2022](#)

NOTICE: Section 2712 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), as added by the Affordable Care Act, and the Departments' final regulations ([26 CFR 54.9815-2712](#), [29 CFR 2590.715-2712](#), [45 CFR 147.2712](#)), provide rules regarding rescissions of health coverage for group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage. Under the statute and final regulations, a group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage, generally must not rescind coverage except in the case of fraud or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact. The rescission notice will be used by health plans to provide advance notice to certain individuals that their coverage may be rescinded. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2021 ([86 FR 70866](#)).

COMMENTS DUE: May 9, 2022

[Employment Authorization for Ukrainian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Ongoing Armed Conflict in Ukraine, 87 Federal Register 23189, April 19, 2022](#)

NOTICE: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Ukraine, regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in

	<p>Ukraine), and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the ongoing armed conflict in Ukraine. The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to these Ukrainian students who are lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students, so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while the school is in session and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant student status. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2022 – October 19, 2023</p>
<p>Employment Authorization for Sudanese F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Sudan, 87 Federal Register 23195, April 19, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has suspended certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is the Republic of Sudan (Sudan), regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Sudan), and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Sudan. The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to Sudanese students who are lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students so they may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant student status. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2022</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Public Comment on Revisions to the National Medical Support Notice-Part B, 87 Federal Register 23570, April 20, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: This notice requests comments on a revision to the ICR included in Part B of the NMSN. The changes are generally formatting changes and additional spaces intended to facilitate completion of the Form and conform to similar changes made to Part A. Specific changes include check boxes added to the Plan Administrator Response, expanded space on the Form to allow for the identification of up to six children, and minor text edits for clarity. An addendum provides additional space to identify insurance provider information and to list the children that are no longer eligible for coverage because they are above the age at which dependents are eligible for coverage under the plan. Spaces are also added for email contact information for both the issuing agency and the plan administrator. Finally, the changes add an instruction that the Plan Administrator Response must be returned to the child support agency that issued the Form, so as to avoid parties inadvertently providing the response to the Department of Labor.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 21, 2022</p>

<p>60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Electronic Medical Examination for Visa or Refugee Applicant, 87 Federal Register 23908, April 21, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: This electronic collection records medical information necessary to determine whether visa applicants have medical conditions affecting the applicants' eligibility for a visa. This collection is also used to collect medical examination information from follow-to-join refugees and certain individuals who have been paroled into or are seeking parole into the United States.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: June 21, 2022</p>
<p>Estate and Gift Taxes; Limitation on the Special Rule Regarding a Difference in the Basic Exclusion Amount, 87 Federal Register 24918, April 27, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING: This document contains proposed amendments to the Estate Tax Regulations relating to the basic exclusion amount (BEA) applicable to the computation of Federal estate and gift taxes. The proposed regulations affect the estates of decedents dying after a reduction in the BEA who made certain types of gifts after 2017 and before a reduction in the BEA.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: July 26, 2022</p>
<p>Filing Patent Applications in DOCX Format, 87 Federal Register 25226, April 28, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) recently announced a delay in the effective date of the surcharge fee for certain patent applications that are not filed in DOCX format until January 1, 2023. During the period before the non-DOCX filing surcharge fee becomes effective, the USPTO is encouraging applicants to begin filing patent applications in DOCX format. To address concerns some applicants have raised and to allow applicants to get acclimated to the process of filing applications in DOCX format, the USPTO is providing applicants with the option, on a temporary basis, to submit an applicant-generated PDF version of the application along with the DOCX file(s) when filing an application in Patent Center.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: April 28, 2022</p>
<h2>Virginia Register – April 2022</h2>	
<p>16VAC25-220. Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 (repealing 16VAC25-220-10 through 16VAC25-220-90), Volume 38, Issue 17, Virginia Register of Regulations, April 11, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the action repealing the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARSCoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19 (16VAC25-220) on March 21, 2022. The regulation being repealed provides requirements for employers to control, prevent, and mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2, thereby protecting employees and the general public. The Safety and Health Codes Board conducted (i) a 30-day comment period from February 17, 2022, to March 19, 2022, and (ii) a public hearing on March 14, 2022, to provide opportunity for public comment prior to the final vote to repeal the standard. The repeal is effective upon publication in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on March 23, 2022.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 2022</p>
<p>SCHEV Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and Memorial Program Guidelines, Volume 38, Issue 18, Virginia Register of Regulations, April 25, 2022</p>	<p>NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of GUIDELINES</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: May 25, 2022</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: May 26, 2022</p>