

AOBPMR board-certified physician has certified that the individual requires a full-time caregiver for activities of daily living, as defined by the Katz Index of Independence of Daily Living.

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**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### 24 CFR Parts 5 and 200

[Docket No. FR-6160-N-03]

#### Notice of Modification to the Demonstration To Assess the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Demonstration modification.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notification, HUD announces changes to the Demonstration to Assess the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols (NSPIRE). This demonstration allows HUD to test the NSPIRE standards and protocols as the means for assessing the physical conditions of HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing. Through this notification, HUD is informing Demonstration participants who are subject to HUD's Multifamily Housing program that Demonstration participants will receive an inspection of record through the NSPIRE demonstration unless they opt out of the demonstration, in which case they will receive an inspection of record through the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS). HUD is also revising this demonstration so that the demonstration ends on the effective date of the NSPIRE final rule.

**DATES:** This demonstration modification is effective January 25, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marcel M. Jemio, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number 202-708-1112 (this is not a toll-free number)

or via email to [NSPIRE-Demo-Opt-Out@hud.gov](mailto:NSPIRE-Demo-Opt-Out@hud.gov). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 21, 2019 (84 FR 43536), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development published a document implementing the "Demonstration To Assess the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols." ("the 2019 document"). Through this demonstration, HUD is collecting, processing, and evaluating physical inspection data and information, and is improving and refining the NSPIRE model. On September 28, 2021 (86 FR 53570), HUD extended this demonstration through October 1, 2021.

During this demonstration, participants have not received an inspection of record, meaning the result of the inspection is provisional and does not result in a traditional score that is recorded in Multifamily Housing's system of record, the Integrated Real Estate Management System (iREMS). Because the demonstration has been running since 2019, demonstration participants have not received an inspection of record for several years, longer than HUD intended when HUD initially established the demonstration. Therefore, HUD seeks to prioritize providing demonstration participants an inspection of record. Through this notification, HUD is informing Multifamily Housing program participants who are currently in this demonstration and have yet to receive an inspection of record since joining the demonstration that between April 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, HUD intends to conduct an inspection using the NSPIRE standards and scoring and that this inspection will be considered an inspection of record.

Demonstration participants who do not wish to be subject to an NSPIRE inspection of record before October 1, 2023, may choose to opt out of the NSPIRE demonstration by submitting a request via email to [NSPIRE-Demo-Opt-Out@hud.gov](mailto:NSPIRE-Demo-Opt-Out@hud.gov) no later than March 1, 2023. Demonstration participants who opt out of the demonstration will be subject to a UPCS inspection of record.

Additionally, through this notification, HUD is revising the end of this demonstration to align with the NSPIRE final rule. The demonstration

will end for Public Housing participants on June 30, 2023, the day before HUD intends to begin inspections under NSPIRE for Public Housing, and the demonstration will end for Multifamily Housing participants on September 30, 2023, one day before the day HUD intends the NSPIRE final rule to take effect for Multifamily Housing. HUD will provide additional notice through **Federal Register** notice should these dates change.

This Notification provides operating instructions and procedures in connection with activities under a **Federal Register** document that has previously been subject to a required environmental review. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(4), this Notification is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*)

**Dominique G. Blom,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

### 29 CFR Part 1400

RIN 3076-AA22

#### Code of Professional Conduct for Labor Mediators

**AGENCY:** Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) hereby publishes this final rule on the decision to draft a new code of professional conduct for FMCS mediators.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective February 24, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Davis, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 250 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20427; Office/Fax/Mobile 202-606-3737; [register@fmcs.gov](mailto:register@fmcs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1964, a Code of Professional Conduct for Labor Mediators was drafted by a Federal-State Liaison Committee and approved by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and the Association of Labor Mediation Agencies. On April 13, 1968, at 33 FR 5765, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) published

a final rule entitled “Code of Professional Conduct for Labor Mediators.” This final rule adopted and codified the Code of Conduct for Labor Mediators. This Code has not been updated in nearly sixty years and no longer reflects the agency’s values, scope of services provided by FMCS mediators, or best practices for conflict management and resolution services. Therefore, FMCS is creating a new code of professional conduct and is updating this rule to reference this internal Code of Professional Conduct for FMCS Mediators.

**List of Subjects in 29 CFR 1400**

Administrative practice and procedure and Labor management relations.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, and under the authority 29 U.S.C. 172 of the Taft Harley Act of 1947, FMCS propose to amend 29 CFR chapter XII part 1400 as follows:

**PART 1400—STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DISCIPLINE**

- 1. The authority citation for part 1400 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** E.O. 11222, 30 FR 6469, 3 CFR, 1965 Supp.; 5 CFR 735.104. Section 1400.735–20 also issued under 29 U.S.C. 172.

**Subpart B—Employees: Ethical and Other Conduct and Responsibilities**

- 2. Revise § 1400.735–20 to read as follows:

**§ 1400.735–20 Code of Professional Conduct for FMCS Mediators.**

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has a Code of Professional Conduct for FMCS Mediators. Mediators in the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the responsibilities outlined therein.

Dated: January 18, 2023.

**Anna Davis,**

*General Counsel.*

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**39 CFR Part 111**

**Post Office Box Fee Refund**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is amending *Mailing Standards of the*

*United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to clarify the refund policy for customers who qualified for a Group “E” (free) Post Office Box™. The Postal Service is also making an amendment for consistency with refund standards.

**DATES:** Effective March 1, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phong T. Quang at (202) 268–2857 or Garry Rodriguez at (202) 268–7281.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 13, 2022, the Postal Service published a notice of proposed rulemaking (87 FR 76170–76171) to clarify the refund policy for customers who qualified for a Group “E” (free) P.O. Box. The Postal Service did not receive any customer comments.

To ensure uniform treatment of customers who were not provided Group E P.O. Box service, the Postal Service is providing a refund policy if it has been determined that a customer paying for P.O. Box service is entitled to Group E P.O. Box service. A refund of prorated fees may be issued for each full consecutive month preceding the determination, up to a maximum of 24 months. Interest will not be paid on the amount refunded.

The Postal Service is also making a minor revision to the text in subsection 508.4.5.2c for clarity in the standard and in subsection 604.9.0 to establish a link to the P.O. Box fee refund standards in subsection 508.4.6.

We believe the proposed revisions will provide customers with a more efficient mailing experience.

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. See 39 CFR 111.1.

We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111**

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

**PART 111—[AMENDED]**

- 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401–404, 414, 416, 3001–3018, 3201–3220, 3401–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3629, 3631–3633, 3641, 3681–3685, and 5001.

- 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

**Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)**

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**500 Additional Services**

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**508 Recipient Services**

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**4.0 Post Office Box Service**

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**4.5 Fee Group Assignments**

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**4.5.2 Fee Group E—Free P.O. Box Service**

Customers may qualify for Group E (free) P.O. Box service at a Post Office if their physical address location meets all of the following criteria:

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[Revise the first sentence of item c to read as follows:]

c. USPS does not provide carrier delivery to a mail receptacle at or near a physical address for reasons other than those in 4.5.3b. \* \* \*

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**4.6 Fee Refund**

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[Add new 4.6.3 to read as follows:]

**4.6.3 Group E P.O. Box Service Fee Refund**

If a postmaster determines that a customer paying for P.O. Box service was entitled to Group E (free) P.O. Box service under 4.5.2, a refund of prorated fees may be issued for each full consecutive month preceding the determination, up to a maximum of 24 months. Interest is not paid on the amount refunded.

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**600 Basic Standards for All Mailing Services**

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**604 Postage Payment Methods and Refunds**

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**9.0 Exchanges and Refunds**

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[Add new 9.6 to read as follows:]