

POLICY UPDATE

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Why make policy?

- Increase predictability
- Enhance transparency
- Reduce burden
- Improve customer service

Framework

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- Constitution
 - Statute and Appropriations Language
 - Regulations
 - Provisions, Terms and Conditions, Policies
 - Guidance (Notice, Application Instructions)
 - “How to” or Best Practices

Year in review

- Refill
- Prior approval for healthcare and childcare benefits for less-than-full-time serving in a full-time capacity
- Electronic timekeeping
- Time and attendance for Professional Corps
- Living allowance waiver for state formula Professional Corps
- Single match

Proposed Rule

- Performance measurement
- Member evaluation
- National service insignia

Proposed Rule

- False or misleading statements
- IG access to grantee records
- State service plans
- Definition of participant
- Voter registration
- Living allowance waiver
- Definition of same project

2008 Provisions

- 1 structural change, 2 new elements
- 3 deleted altogether
- 6 clarified/changed/re-titled
- 19 moved to Policy FAQs
- 17 already in regulation

What's New

- Structural change: one set of Provisions
- New Provision: Human Trafficking
- New Attachment: Grant Program Civil Rights and Non-harassment Policy

Deleted Provisions

- Definitions: Faith Based Organization, Parent Organization, Service Recipient
- Enrollment
- Materials Provided to the Corporation

Revised Provisions

- Part-time serving in a full-time capacity
- Member contracts
- Enrollment
- Program income
- Training, Supervision, and Support
- Ownership and Sharing of Grant Products

2009 Notice

- Deleted large redundant chart and detailed “how to apply” information
- New deadline for planning
- Eligibility for single state EAPs
- Funds available
- Disaster strategic initiative
- Special consideration for Veteran’s programs

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2009 Application Instructions

- Available in September
- Edited for clarity
- Budget instructions revised to reflect single match

On the horizon: CCRAA

- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Income-Based Repayment Plan
- Questions? Send to
AmeriCorpsloanforgiveness@cns.gov

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On the horizon

- Final Rule
- Best Practices web site
- “Mega-search” function
- Online Corporation Guidance Reading Room
- Corporation-wide Terms and Conditions

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