

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:

I. Background

On January 6, 2025 (90 FR 746), HUD published the HOME Final Rule in the **Federal Register**. The HOME Final Rule revises the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME program) regulations to update, simplify, or streamline requirements, better align the program with other Federal housing programs, and implement recent amendments to the HOME program statute.¹ The HOME Final Rule also includes minor revisions to the regulations for the Community Development Block Grant and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs consistent with the implementation of the changes to the HOME program. The January 6, 2025, HOME Final Rule provides for the rule to take effect on February 5, 2025.

On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum titled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” to executive departments and agencies.² The memorandum, among other things, asks executive departments and agencies to consider postponing for 60 days from the date of the memorandum the effective date of rules that have been published in the **Federal Register** but that have not yet taken effect. This postponement of the effective date of rules that have not yet taken effect is to allow executive departments and agencies time to review any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise.

II. Delayed Effective Date of HOME Final Rule

HUD is delaying the effective date of the HOME Final Rule by 90 days from January 20, 2025. With this delay, the effective date for the HOME Final Rule is now April 20, 2025.

This delay will provide HUD time to review the HOME Final Rule for any

questions of fact, law, and policy that the HOME Final Rule may raise, as directed by the memorandum.

Accordingly, the HOME Final Rule published on January 6, 2025, at 90 FR 746 will take effect on April 20, 2025.

Matthew Ammon,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Privacy Act; Implementation

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Direct final rule; delay of effective date and reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department) published a direct final rule in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2024, which was to become effective February 6, 2025. As a result of administrative technical issues, including an incorrect email address, HHS is reopening the public comment period with a new email address for the public to submit comments and delaying the effective date to March 21, 2025. The purpose of the direct final rule was to exempt a new Privacy Act system of records maintained by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Unaccompanied Children Bureau (UCB), System No. 09–80–0323, “ORR Unaccompanied Children Bureau (UCB) Child Abuse or Neglect Investigation Records and Central Registry,” from certain requirements of the Privacy Act, in accordance with subsection (k)(2) of the Privacy Act.

DATES: The comment period for the direct final rule published at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024, is reopened. Comments should be received on or before March 5, 2025. As of February 3, 2025, the effective date for the direct final rule published at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024, is delayed to March 21, 2025, without

further action, unless adverse comments are received. If adverse comments are received, a timely notification of withdrawal will be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by agency name and Docket No. ACF–2024–0015, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Written Submissions

Submit written submissions in the following ways:

- **Mail:** ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, at Administration for Children and Families, Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201.
- **Email:** ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, at ucpolicy-regulatoryaffairs@acf.hhs.gov.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket No. for this rulemaking. All comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions provided for conducting a search, using the docket number(s) found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Toby Biswas, ORR UC Bureau Regulatory Affairs, by phone at 202–205–4440 or by email at ucpolicy-regulatoryaffairs@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department published a direct final rule in the **Federal Register** at 89 FR 104450 on December 23, 2024. For the reasons stated in the **SUMMARY**, HHS is reopening the public comment period and delaying the effective date for the direct final rule.

Dorothy A. Fink,

Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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¹ The HOME program is authorized by title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 *et seq.*) and has been in operation since 1992.

² The memorandum is available on the White House’s website, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/regulatory-freeze-pending-review/>.