

now be effective as of January 1, 2018, to maintain our policy of aligning these changes with the EPMS.

### III. Out of Scope Public Comments Received

We received public comments suggesting changes to the overall design of the EPMS, CR incentive payment model and CJR model that were outside of the scope of the March 21, 2017 IFC. These comments touched on participation requirements, data, pricing, quality measures, episode length, CR and SNF waivers, beneficiary exclusions and notification requirements, repayment, coding, and model overlap issues. We consider these public comments to be outside of the scope of the March 21, 2017 IFC; and therefore, we are not addressing them in this final rule. We may consider these public comments in future rulemaking.

### IV. Waiver of the Delay in Effective Date

Section 553(d) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) normally requires a 30-day delay in the effective date of a rule, but this delay can be waived for good cause. Because in the March 21, 2017 IFC we immediately adjusted the applicability dates of the EPMS and CR incentive payment model (and the effective date of certain conforming CJR model changes) by 3 months, but believed a 6-month delay might be warranted, in the March 21, 2017 IFC we solicited public comment on the appropriateness of a further delay in the applicability (model start) date of the EPMS and CR incentive payment model, and took those comments into consideration in this final rule. In light of the comments, we are implementing a further delay in the applicability (model start) date for the EPMS and CR incentive payment model (as well as a further delay in the effective date of the conforming CJR model changes specified in the **DATES** section of this final rule). We believe that a 30-day delay in the effective date of this final rule would be contrary to the public interest because it would cause confusion for affected participants. Specifically, as of May 20, 2017, the EPM final rule would become effective and would specify an October 1, 2017 start date for the EPMS and CR incentive payment model, and then this final rule would subsequently specify a January 1, 2018 start date for the EPMS and CR incentive payment model. Such an outcome could cause participants to take needless compliance steps in anticipation of an October 1, 2017 start date, and before any potential modifications, if warranted, can be

effectuated. For these reasons, we find good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effective date provided for in 5 U.S.C. 553(d). Based on these findings, this final rule is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 12, 2017.

**Seema Verma**,  
*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

Approved: May 15, 2017.

**Thomas E. Price**,  
*Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### 44 CFR Part 64

[Docket ID FEMA-2017-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8479]

#### Suspension of Community Eligibility

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule identifies communities where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that are scheduled for suspension on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will not occur and a notice of this will be provided by publication in the **Federal Register** on a subsequent date. Also, information identifying the current participation status of a community can be obtained from FEMA's Community Status Book (CSB). The CSB is available at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-status-book>.

**DATES:** The effective date of each community's scheduled suspension is the third date ("Susp.") listed in the third column of the following tables.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you want to determine whether a particular community was suspended

on the suspension date or for further information, contact Patricia Suber, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NFIP enables property owners to purchase Federal flood insurance that is not otherwise generally available from private insurers. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management measures aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits the sale of NFIP flood insurance unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59. Accordingly, the communities will be suspended on the effective date in the third column. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the community. We recognize that some of these communities may adopt and submit the required documentation of legally enforceable floodplain management measures after this rule is published but prior to the actual suspension date. These communities will not be suspended and will continue to be eligible for the sale of NFIP flood insurance. A notice withdrawing the suspension of such communities will be published in the **Federal Register**.

In addition, FEMA publishes a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that identifies the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in these communities. The date of the FIRM, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. No direct Federal financial assistance (except assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act not in connection with a flood) may be provided for construction or acquisition of buildings in identified SFHAs for communities not participating in the NFIP and identified for more than a year on FEMA's initial FIRM for the community as having flood-prone areas (section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4106(a), as amended). This prohibition against certain types of Federal assistance becomes effective for the communities listed on the date shown in the last column. The Administrator finds that notice and public comment procedures under 5

U.S.C. 553(b), are impracticable and unnecessary because communities listed in this final rule have been adequately notified.

Each community receives 6-month, 90-day, and 30-day notification letters addressed to the Chief Executive Officer stating that the community will be suspended unless the required floodplain management measures are met prior to the effective suspension date. Since these notifications were made, this final rule may take effect within less than 30 days.

*National Environmental Policy Act.* FEMA has determined that the community suspension(s) included in this rule is a non-discretionary action and therefore the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) does not apply.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act.* The Administrator has determined that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the National Flood Insurance Act of

1968, as amended, Section 1315, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed no longer comply with the statutory requirements, and after the effective date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the communities unless remedial action takes place.

*Regulatory Classification.* This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

*Executive Order 13132, Federalism.* This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

*Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.* This rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

*Paperwork Reduction Act.* This rule does not involve any collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 64**

Flood insurance, Floodplains.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 64 is amended as follows:

**PART 64—[AMENDED]**

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 64 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp.; p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp.; p. 376.

**§ 64.6 [Amended]**

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 64.6 are amended as follows:

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
<b>Region I</b>				
Connecticut:				
Ansonia, City of, New Haven County ....	090071	November 2, 1974, Emerg; September 2, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	May 16, 2017 ...	May 16, 2017
Branford, Town of, New Haven County	090073	April 5, 1973, Emerg; December 15, 1977, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do* .....	Do.
Bristol, City of, Hartford County .....	090023	May 2, 1975, Emerg; November 18, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cheshire, Town of, New Haven County	090074	March 13, 1975, Emerg; July 16, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Derby, City of, New Haven County .....	090075	February 4, 1972, Emerg; September 15, 1977, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
East Haven, Town of, New Haven County.	090076	April 19, 1973, Emerg; February 1, 1978, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Guilford, Town of, New Haven County	090077	October 20, 1972, Emerg; May 1, 1978, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Hamden, Town of, New Haven County	090078	May 3, 1973, Emerg; June 15, 1979, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
New Britain, City of, Hartford County ....	090032	August 22, 1973, Emerg; July 16, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
New Haven, City of, New Haven County.	090084	October 25, 1973, Emerg; July 16, 1980, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
North Haven, Town of, New Haven County.	090086	July 13, 1973, Emerg; September 17, 1980, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Orange, Town of, New Haven County ..	090087	May 25, 1973, Emerg; March 18, 1980, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Prospect, Town of, New Haven County	090151	July 1, 1975, Emerg; February 4, 1977, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Southington, Town of, Hartford County	090037	July 3, 1975, Emerg; July 16, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Wallingford, Town of, New Haven County.	090090	June 25, 1973, Emerg; September 15, 1978, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Woodbridge, Town of, New Haven County.	090153	June 18, 1975, Emerg; March 16, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region IV</b>				
Mississippi:				
Charleston, City of, Tallahatchie County	280169	May 19, 1975, Emerg; August 4, 1987, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Crowder, City of, Panola and Quitman Counties.	280128	August 6, 1975, Emerg; August 1, 1986, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
Glendora, City of, Tallahatchie County	280210	April 9, 1974, Emerg; September 27, 1985, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Marks, City of, Quitman County .....	280140	March 4, 1974, Emerg; September 4, 1985, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Quitman County, Unincorporated Areas	280207	March 4, 1974, Emerg; September 4, 1985, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Sumner, Town of, Tallahatchie County	280194	January 28, 1974, Emerg; September 4, 1985, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Tutwiler, Town of, Tallahatchie County	280197	January 28, 1974, Emerg; September 1, 1986, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Webb, Town of, Tallahatchie County ....	280213	May 3, 1975, Emerg; August 1, 1986, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
South Carolina:				
Chester County, Unincorporated Areas	450047	August 20, 1975, Emerg; July 5, 1982, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Lancaster, City of, Lancaster County ....	450121	December 7, 1973, Emerg; July 5, 1982, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Lancaster County, Unincorporated Areas.	450120	July 3, 1975, Emerg; January 6, 1983, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Tega Cay, City of, York County .....	450036	N/A, Emerg; January 28, 2009, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
York County, Unincorporated Areas .....	450193	June 18, 1975, Emerg; November 4, 1981, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region VII</b>				
Iowa:				
Anita, City of, Cass County .....	190048	April 11, 1975, Emerg; June 17, 1986, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cass County, Unincorporated Areas .....	190852	August 25, 1975, Emerg; September 1, 1986, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Fonda, City of, Pocahontas County .....	190483	May 26, 2010, Emerg; May 1, 2011, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Griswold, City of, Cass County .....	190346	October 26, 1976, Emerg; May 1, 1987, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Marne, City of, Cass County .....	190348	September 11, 2008, Emerg; January 6, 2011, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Massena, City of, Cass County .....	190349	January 15, 2008, Emerg; January 6, 2011, Reg; May 16, 2017, Susp.	.....do .....	Do.

\*do = Ditto.

Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Susp.—Suspension.

Dated: May 4, 2017.

**Michael M. Grimm,**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 54**

[WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, CC Docket No. 01-92; FCC 17-36]

**Connect America Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) grants the Petition for Reconsideration filed by NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association (NTCA) of the Commission’s *Rate-of-Return Reform Order* with respect to the average per-location, per-project construction limitation on universal service support provided for in the *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*. Amending the rule as described below will encourage carriers to plan cost-effective broadband deployment projects that include higher-cost locations, while maintaining adequate incentives for the efficient use of universal service funds.

**DATES:** Effective June 19, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Minard, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-0428 or TTY: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission’s Order on Reconsideration in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, CC Docket No. 01-92; FCC 17-36, adopted on April 20, 2017 and released on April 21, 2017. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554, or at the following Internet address: [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2017/db0421/FCC-17-36A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0421/FCC-17-36A1.pdf).

**I. Order on Reconsideration**

1. By this Order, the Commission grants the Petition for Reconsideration filed by NTCA of the Commission’s *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*, 81 FR 24282, April 25, 2016, with respect to the average per-location, per-project construction limitation on universal service support provided for in the *Rate-*