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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

7 CFR Part 3560

[Docket No.: RHS–23–MFH–0013]

RIN 0575–AD36

Updates to the Off-Farm Labor Housing (Off-FLH), Loan and Grant Rates and Terms; Clarification of Grant Agreement Terms; Announcement of Enforcement Date

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of enforcement date.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2024, Rural Development’s Multifamily Housing (MFH or Agency), an Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), published a final rule. The final rule amended the current regulation for the Off-Farm Labor Housing (Off-FLH) program to clarify the grant agreement term and adopted the period of performance as required by Federal award information requirements. The changes clarified for applicants and grantees their obligations and requirements as Federal award recipients. The effective date set out in the preamble of the final rule was October 25, 2024 (the date the final rule published in the **Federal Register**). The effective date should have been November 25, 2024 (30 days after the final rule published in the **Federal Register**). This document sets November 25, 2024, as the enforcement date for the amendments in the October 25, 2024, final rule.

DATES: The enforcement date for the amendments to 7 CFR 3560.5668 in the final rule published at 89 FR 85035 on October 25, 2024, is November 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christa Lindsey, Finance and Loan Analyst, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 25, 2024, RHS published a final rule amending 7 CFR 3560.5668. RHS incorrectly established the effective date as October 25, 2024. The intention was for the final rule to become effective on November 25, 2024. Because the amendments in the rule were incorporated into the CFR on October 25, 2024, RHS is announcing in this document that enforcement of, and compliance with, the amended regulations is November 25, 2024.

Joaquin Altoro,

Administrator, Rural Housing Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 685

[Docket ID ED–2024–OPE–0135]

RIN 1840–AD97

Income Contingent Repayment Plan Options

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) issues this interim final rule (IFR) to amend the regulations governing income contingent repayment (ICR) plans available to Federal student loan borrowers to make certain that the Department meets its statutory obligation under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA) to offer borrowers access to an income contingent repayment plan. The scope of this rule is narrow. It just revises the end date for most borrowers to enroll in ICR or Pay as You Earn plans from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2027. This time-limited change to eligibility restrictions that went into effect on July 1, 2024, will allow the Department to meet its statutory obligations while it undertakes the necessary administrative changes to make its repayment plans that would otherwise be available for borrowers compliant with the terms of an injunction from the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (Eighth Circuit).

DATES:

Effective date: These regulations are effective on July 1, 2026.

Implementation date: For the implementation date of these regulatory changes, see the *Implementation Date of These Regulations* section of this document.

Comments due date: We must receive your comments on or before December 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For more information regarding submission of comments, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please email the Help Desk at regulationshelpdesk@gsa.gov or contact by phone at 866–498–2945.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Please go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for finding a rule on the site and submitting comments, is available on the site under “FAQ.”

A summary of the rule is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/ED-2024-OPE-0135>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Tamy Abernathy, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245–4595. Email: NegRegNPRMHelp@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Implementation Date of These Regulations: These regulations are effective on July 1, 2026. Section 482(c) of the HEA requires that regulations affecting programs under title IV of the HEA be published in final form by November 1, prior to the start of the award year (July 1) to which they apply. However, that section also permits the Secretary to designate any regulation as one that an entity subject to the regulations may choose to implement earlier, as well as the conditions for early implementation.