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Other: ESG and HTBA Updates Follow Up - NSPIRE

**Message:**

Good afternoon subgrantees,

On Wednesday, April 17th, OHCS hosted a virtual network-wide meeting titled “ESG and HTBA Updates,” in which OHCS announced that it would send guidance and more information to implement the new HUD-mandated inspections system, NSPIRE.

Since that meeting, it has come to our attention that HUD has paused the inspector certification program and will announce additional information in a proposed rulemaking later this year.

Because of this development, OHCS is reassessing the inspections requirements to ensure that any additional requirements are consistent with federal regulations while also not being overly burdensome. For that reason, HSS is delaying when it will release guidance and information on complying with NSPIRE rules for ESG and HTBRA.

While we recognize the uncertainty this email may cause, we are communicating to promote transparency and to ensure agencies that we plan to give ample time for the network to implement these new requirements.

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