A Guide to Exiting or Renewing COVID-19 Forbearance

As loans reach 180 days in forbearance, borrowers arrive at an important decision point in the forbearance process. Depending on how your financial circumstances have changed since you first took forbearance, you will need to decide whether you want to extend your forbearance period for up to an additional 180 days or begin working with your servicer to find a plan to pay back your missed payments. The CARES Act allows for up to 360 days total in forbearance for federally-backed loans. Use the following flow chart to understand what your options may be depending on your financial circumstances, please review the list of Homeownership Centers in your area they can assist you with navigating this process.

For borrowers ready to exit forbearance: Repayment options vary by servicer. After identifying which option best fits your circumstances, contact your servicer and tell them you are ready to leave forbearance and develop a loss mitigation plan. Depending on your servicer, you may be required to provide documentation verifying your financial situation to be eligible for certain plans.

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