TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

TDHCA Governing Board Approved Draft of

10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410

Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries

#### Disclaimer

Attached is a draft of proposed 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries. This draft was approved by the TDHCA Governing Board on November 6, 2025. This action entails repeal of the current rule and replacement with a new rule. This document, including its preamble, is expected to be published in November 21, 2025, edition of the *Texas Register* and that published version will constitute the official version for purposes of public comment and can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml">https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml</a>.

In compliance with §2001.023, Texas Government Code, a summary of the proposed rule follows:

This rule relates to no longer allowing program recipients to receive benefits if they do not have legal residency/citizenship status. This rule revision makes checking for legal status a requirement for all of the Department's single-family, homeless and Community Affairs programs. It already does apply to some of them, but this adds the requirement to all of them now and provides the mechanism for how to do so. The rule action item is specific only to the Single Family, Homeless, and Community Affairs programs operated by the Department – no action at this time is being taken relating to the Department's multifamily portfolio of rental properties or the single family bond or TBA activities. This rule will be returned to the Board for final adoption.

#### **Public Comment**

Public Comment Period: Start: 8:00 a.m. Austin local time on November 21, 2025

End: 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on December 21, 2025

Comments received after 5:00 p.m. Austin local time on December 21, 2025, will not be accepted. Written comments may be submitted electronically within the designated public comment period to: brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us.

Those making public comment are encouraged to reference the specific draft rule, policy, or plan related to their comment as well as a specific reference or cite associated with each comment. Please be aware that all comments submitted to the TDHCA will be considered public information.

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respecto a la sección [§] 1.410 ["Determinación de la condición de extranjero para beneficiarios de programas"] del subcapítulo D ["Directriz uniforme para receptores de fondos federales y estatales"] del capítulo 1 del título 10 del Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC)

## Descargo de responsabilidad

Se adjunta un borrador de la propuesta para la respecto a la sección [§] 1.410 ["Determinación de la condición de extranjero para beneficiarios de programas"] del subcapítulo D ["Directriz uniforme para receptores de fondos federales y estatales"] del capítulo 1 del título 10 del Código Administrativo de Texas (TAC). Este borrador recibió aprobación por parte de la Junta Directiva del TDHCA el 6 de noviembre de 2025. Esta acción implica la derogación de la regla actual y su sustitución por una nueva. Se espera que este documento, incluyendo su preámbulo, se publique en la edición del Texas Register del 21 de noviembre de 2025. Esa versión publicada constituirá la versión oficial para fines comentarios públicos У se puede encontrar en siguiente enlace: https://www.sos.texas.gov/texreg/index.shtml.

<u>De conformidad con la sección [§] 2001.023 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, se incluye a continuación un resumen de la regla propuesta:</u>

Esta regla hace referencia a no permitir que los beneficiarios de programas reciban beneficios si no cuentan con una condición legal de residencia o ciudadanía. Esta modificación reglamentaria hace que la verificación de la condición legal sea un requisito respecto a todos los programas del Departamento de viviendas unifamiliares, personas sin hogar y asuntos comunitarios. Ya se aplica a algunos de ellos, pero esto añade ahora el requisito a todos y brinda el mecanismo para hacerlo. La acción reglamentaria es específica únicamente para los programas de viviendas unifamiliares, personas sin hogar y asuntos comunitarios operados por el Departamento. En este momento, no se está tomando ninguna medida relacionada con la cartera multifamiliar de propiedades en alquiler del Departamento ni con las actividades de bonos para viviendas unifamiliares o TBA. Esta regla será devuelta a la Junta para su adopción final.

## Comentarios del público

Periodo de comentarios del público: Inicio: 8:00 a. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de noviembre de 2025 Finalización: 5:00 p. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de diciembre de 2025

No se aceptarán los comentarios que se reciban después de las 5:00 p. m., hora local de Austin, del 21 de diciembre de 2025. Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse de manera electrónica dentro del período designado de comentarios del público a <a href="mailto:brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us">brooke.boston@tdhca.state.tx.us</a>.

Se anima a quienes formulen comentarios públicos a que hagan referencia al borrador de la regla, política o plan específico relacionado con su comentario, así como una referencia o cita específica asociada a cada comentario. Tenga en cuenta que todos los comentarios enviados al TDHCA se considerarán información pública.

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# Attachment 1: Preamble, including required analysis, for proposed repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes the repeal of 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries. The purpose of the proposed repeal is to eliminate the outdated rule and replace it simultaneously with a new rule that more closely aligns with Executive Order 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders) issued on February 19, 2025 by President Trump; A.G. Order No. 6335-2025 by the U.S. Attorney General (Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), the federal direction provided in 2025 grant agreements from the Unites States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and with Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) on Department programs, which provides that an alien who is not a qualified alien is not eligible for any federal public benefit.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does not apply to the rule proposed for repeal because there are no costs associated with the repeal.

The Department has analyzed this proposed rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

- a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.
- Mr. Bobby Wilkinson has determined that, for the first five years the repeal would be in effect:
- 1. The repeal does not create or eliminate a government program but relates to changes to an existing activity: the implementation of Executive Order 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders) issued on February 19, 2025 by President Trump, A.G. Order No. 6335-2025 by the U.S. Attorney General (Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), and in the implementation and applicability of Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA).
- 2. The repeal does not require a change in work that creates new employee positions.
- 3. The repeal does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
- 4. The repeal will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
- 5. The repeal is not creating a new regulation, except that it is being replaced by a new rule simultaneously to provide for revisions.
- 6. The repeal is not considered to expand an existing regulation.
- 7. The repeal does not increase the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability.
- 8. The repeal will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.
- b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated the repeal and determined that the repeal will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

- c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The repeal does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.
- d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the repeal as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the repeal would be in effect there would be no economic effect

on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

- e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson has determined that, for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the changed sections would be an updated and more germane rule. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the repealed section.
- f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, enforcing or administering the repeal does not have any foreseeable implications related to costs or revenues of the state or local governments.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COST, BENEFIT OR EFFECT. The Department requests comments on the rule and also requests information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis from any person required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person. The public comment period will be held November 21 to December 21, 2025, to receive input on the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Brooke Boston at brooke.boston@tdhca.texas.gov. ALL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, December 21, 2025.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeal is made pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the repeal affects no other code, article, or statute.

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**Attachment 2: Preamble, including required analysis, for proposed new** 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) proposes new 10 TAC Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Uniform Guidance for Recipients of Federal and State Funds, §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries. The purpose of the proposed rule is to eliminate the outdated rule and replace it simultaneously with a new rule that more closely aligns with Executive Order 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders) issued on February 19, 2025 by President Trump, A.G. Order No. 6335-2025 by the U.S. Attorney General (Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), the federal direction provided in 2025 grant agreements from the Unites States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and in the implementation and applicability of Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) on Department programs, which provides that an alien who is not a qualified alien is not eligible for any federal public benefit.

Tex. Gov't Code §2001.0045(b) does apply to the rule proposed because there are some costs associated with this action. However, in order to ensure compliance with Executive Order 14218, A.G. Order No. 6335-2025 by the U.S. Attorney General (Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), the federal HUD grant agreements, and PRWORA this rule is being revised. Sufficient existing state and/or federal administrative funds associated with the applicable programs are available to offset costs. No additional funds will be needed to implement this rule.

The Department has analyzed this rulemaking and the analysis is described below for each category of analysis performed.

a. GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.0221.

Mr. Bobby Wilkinson has determined that, for the first five years the new sections would be in effect:

- 1. The rule does not create or eliminate a government program but relates to changes to an existing activity: the verification of program participant eligibility as it relates to the implementation of Executive Order 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders) issued on February 19, 2025 by President Trump, A.G. Order No. 6335-2025 by the U.S. Attorney General (Revised Specification Pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), the federal direction provided in the Department's 2025 grant agreements from HUD, and in the implementation and applicability of Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA).
- 2. The rule may require a change in work that could require the creation of approximately 2 new employee positions to perform the client verifications.
- 3. The new section does not require additional future legislative appropriations.
- 4. The new section will not result in an increase in fees paid to the Department, nor in a decrease in fees paid to the Department.
- 5. The new section is not creating a new regulation.
- 6. The new section does expand on an existing regulation.
- 7. The new section will increase the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability as well as increase the number of Department subrecipients subject to the rule in an effort to ensure that public benefits are being used only for qualified households.
- 8. The new section will not negatively or positively affect the state's economy.

b. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL OR MICRO-BUSINESSES OR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2006.002.

The Department has evaluated the new section and determined that it will not create an economic effect on small or micro-businesses or rural communities.

- c. TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2007.043. The new section does not contemplate or authorize a taking by the Department; therefore, no Takings Impact Assessment is required.
- d. LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(6).

The Department has evaluated the new section as to its possible effects on local economies and has determined that for the first five years the new section would be in effect there would be no economic effect on local employment; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required to be prepared for the rule.

e. PUBLIC BENEFIT/COST NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(5). Mr. Wilkinson has determined that, for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of the new section would be a rule that is in alignment with Executive Order 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders) issued on February 19, 2025 by President Trump, in compliance with direction provided by HUD for the HOME and NHTF programs, and in the implementation and applicability of Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) and therefore ensures that public benefits are not received by unqualified aliens. There will not be economic costs to individuals required to comply with the new section.

f. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.024(a)(4). Mr. Wilkinson also has determined that for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, enforcing or administering the sections may have some costs to the state to implement the verification process and to the Department's subrecipients in administering the rule changes. However, sufficient state or federal administrative funds associated with the applicable programs are already available to offset costs. No additional funds will be required.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION RELATED TO COST, BENEFIT OR EFFECT. The Department requests comments on the rule and also requests information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule, including any applicable data, research, or analysis from any person required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person. The public comment period will be held November 21 to December 21, 2025, to receive input on the proposed action. Comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Attn: Brooke Boston at brooke.boston@tdhca.texas.gov. ALL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m., Austin local (Central) time, December 21, 2025.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new section is made pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.053, which authorizes the Department to adopt rules. Except as described herein the new section affects no other code, article, or statute.

# §1.410 Determination of Alien Status for Program Beneficiaries

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide uniform Department guidance on Section 401(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 19<u>9</u>86 (PRWORA), which provides that an alien who is not a Qualified Alien is not eligible for any federal or state public benefit.
- (b) Definitions. The words and terms in this chapter shall have the meanings described in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Capitalized words used herein have the meaning assigned in the specific Chapters and Rules of this Title that govern the program under which program eligibility is seeking to be determined, or assigned by federal or state law.
- (1) Administrator--An entity that receives federal or state funds passed through the Department. The term includes, but is not limited, to a Subrecipient, State Recipient, Recipient, or a Developer of single-family housing for homeownership. The term also applies to a For Profit Entity having been procured by the Department to determine eligibility for federal or state funds and as otherwise reflected in the Contract.
- (2) For Profit Entity--an Administrator that is neither a Public Organization nor a Nonprofit Charitable Organization.
- (3) Nonprofit Charitable Organization--An entity that is organized and operated for purposes other than making gains or profits for the organization, its members or its shareholders, and is precluded from distributing any gains or profits to its members or shareholders; and is organized and operated for charitable purposes.
- (24) Public Organization--An entity that is a Unit of Government or an organization established by a Unit of Government.
- (35) Qualified Alien--A person that is not a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. National and is described at 8 U.S.C. §1641(b) or (c).
- (46) State--The State of Texas or the Department, as indicated by context.
- (5) Subrecipient—An entity that receives federal or state funds passed through the Department. The definition does apply to a vendor having been procured by the Department to determine eligibility for federal or state funds and as otherwise reflected in the Contract.
- (67) Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE)--Automated intergovernmental database that allows authorized users to verify the immigration status of program applicants.
- (c) Applicability for Federal Funds.
- (1) The determination of whether a federal program, or activity type under a federal program, is a federal public benefit for purposes of PRWORA is made by the federal agency with administration of a program or activity. The Department. Only in cases in which the federal agency has given clear interpretation that it requires PRWORA to be applicable to a program or activity will this rule be applied by the Department. Block grants have been determined to be subject to PRWORA. The only circumstance in which the Department will not apply this section is in cases in which the PRWORA statute provides, or the administering federal agency has given clear direction, that an activity is explicitly not a federal public benefit and does not require verification.
- (2) At the time of the publication of this rule, this rule applies to Contracts administered in the Single Family and Homeless Division and the Community Affairs Division for applicable federally funded Department programs including Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant Program, Community

Development Block Grant Program, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and to the extent used for single-family activities National Housing Trust Fund Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the HOME Program and other programs as provided for in Administrator's Contracts or state guidance with an initial effective date on or after February 1, 2026, or for the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME 2025 or later year funds added to an existing Contract. For those programs that operate reservation based funding methods this rule applies to Household Commitment Contracts with an initial effective date on or after February 1, 2026.

- (<u>32</u>) The requirements of this section are applicable to Subrecipients of federal funds passed through the Department <u>as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.</u> for which the federal program has made a determination that the activity performed by the Subrecipient requires compliance with PRWORA. However, certain exemptions under PRWORA may exist on a case specific, or activity specific basis as further provided by the applicable federal agency described in this rule.
- (d) Applicability for State Funds. The Department has determined that State Housing Trust Ffunds that are provided to a Subrecipient that is a Public Organization or acting on behalf of a Public Organization to be distributed directly to individuals, are a state public benefit. At the time of the publication of this rule, applicable state funded Department programs include TCAP-RF (to the extent used for single-family activities), the Homeless Housing and Services Program, the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program, and the Bootstrap Program and other programs as provided for in Administrator's Contracts or state guidance with an initial effective date on or after February 1, 2026. For those programs that operate reservation based funding methods this rule applies to Activity level commitment documents with an initial effective date on or after February 1, 2026.
- (e) No Applicable Exemptions and Benefit Calculations under PRWORA.
- (1) If no exemptions under PRWORA are applicable to the Subrecipient\_or-to the activity type, as provided for by the federal agency or by the statute further detailed in this section, then the Subrecipient must verify U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien status ("legal status") using the methods provided for in subsection (f) of this section SAVE-and evaluate eligibility using the rules for the applicable program under this Title.
- (2) Administrators should review Program Rules and Contracts for additional information, including how benefit calculations are adjusted for households in which not all members can be verified.
- (f) Verification Process Exemptions-Under PRWORA for Programs with Subrecipients.
- (1) Administrators may first seek to verify legal status through the use of several established documents as described more fully in guidance provided by the Department and in the Administrator's Contract. Only if unable to verify legal status with those documents will the SAVE system be utilized as described in this subsection.
- (21) <u>Public Organizations</u>. Administrators that are <u>Public Organizations</u> are required to perform the <u>verifications through the SAVE system.</u>
- U.S.C. §1642(d), a Subrecipient that is a Nonprofit Charitable Organization receiving funds from the Department for which the federal program or activity requirement is that a household be verified for eligibility status, is not required to verify that an individual is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien.

- (2) For activities in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Low Income Household Water and Wastewater Program, and the Department of Energy Weatherization Program performed by a Nonprofit Charitable Organization (identified as a Private Nonprofit Organization in the Subrecipient's Contract with the Department), where the Department must ensure that an individual is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien, a Subrecipient
- (3) An Administrator is required tomust ensure compliance with the verification requirement as provided for in subparagraphs (A), (B) or (C) of this paragraph. Records must be maintained as required by subparagraph (D) of this paragraph. Notification of election of method must be provided in accordance with subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. through electing to proceed under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph. Subrecipients will submit in writing to the Director of Community Affairs or his/her designee no later than six months prior to the beginning of a Contract Term its election under one of the subparagraphs in this subsection. For existing Subrecipients, an election made under this subsection does not need to be restated annually, but will continue from the election made in the prior year unless the Subrecipient notifies the Department otherwise in writing before the deadline. For new Subrecipients, if the election must be made with the Application or if there is no Application before Contract execution. If the existing Subrecipient does not notify the Department of the election in writing by the deadline but refuses to abide by its election the Subrecipient will not be eligible to perform as a Subrecipient in the program as further provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Failure by the Subrecipient to select an option by the deadline is good cause for nonrenewal or termination of a Contract.
- (A) <u>Subject to affirmation by U.S. Health and Human Services, tThe Subrecipient may voluntarily elect to-requesting</u> from the household and transmitting to the Department, or a party contracted by the Department, sufficient information or documentation so that the Department <u>or its vendor can perform such verification and provide a determination to the Subrecipient; OR is able to ensure an individual is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien.</u>
- (i) The Nonprofit Charitable Organization must provide and maintain a sufficient method of electronic transmittal system that allows for such information to be provided to the Department or its contractor, and ensures the secure safekeeping of such paper and/or electronic files, and receipt of subsequent response back from the Department or its contracted party.
- (ii) Upon receipt of the results of the verification performed by the Department, or its contracted party, the Nonprofit Charitable Organization must utilize those results in determining household eligibility, benefits, income, or other programmatic designations as required by applicable federal program guidance or as determined by other program rules under this Title.
- (B) <u>As eligible, t</u>The <u>Subrecipient Administrator may voluntarily</u> electing to perform <u>the verifications</u> through the SAVE system, as authorized through the Department's access to such system; <u>OR</u>. (C) The Subrecipient <u>may voluntarily</u> electing to procure an eligible qualified organization to perform
- such verifications on itstheir behalf, subject to Department approval.
- (D) In the administration of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Administrator must provide and maintain a sufficient method of electronic transmittal system that allows for such information to be provided to the Department or its vendor, and ensures the secure safekeeping of such paper and/or electronic files, and receipt of subsequent response back from the Department or its contracted party. In the administration of subparagraphs (B) or (C) of this paragraph, the Subrecipient or its procured provider (i) The Nonprofit Charitable Organization and/or its procured provider must maintain sufficient evidence and documentation that verification has taken place so that such verification can be

confirmed by the Department, and must ensure the secure safekeeping of such paper and/or electronic files.

- (ii) Upon receipt of the results of the verification performed by the procured provider, the Nonprofit Charitable Organization must utilize those results in determining household eligibility, benefits, income, or other programmatic designations as required by applicable federal program guidance or as determined by other program rules under this Title.
- (E) Notification of Election of method under subsection (f)(4)(A) through (C) of this section by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations and For Profit Entities must be provided to the Department as specified in this subparagraph.
- (i) For existing Applicants, Administrators with a Contract that is subject to Automatic Renewal, and Awardees or Administrators with a Reservation Contract. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this rule, all entities shall <u>submit</u> their election under subsection (f)(4)(A) through (C) of this section in writing to the <u>applicable program director or his/her designee</u>.
- (ii) A new Applicant must make its election under subsection (f)(4)(A) through (C) of this section in its application, or if there is no Application prior to Contract execution.
- (iii) For Administrators with no Application or Automatic Renewal once an election is <u>made under this</u> <u>subsection</u> or was made under a prior version of this rule, it <u>does not need to be</u> resubmitted or reelected, but will continue from the election made in the prior year unless the Administrator notifies the Department otherwise in writing at least three months prior to the renewal of the Contract (as applicable).
- (iv) If an Administrator does not notify the Department of the election in writing by the deadline or refuses to abide by its election the Administrator will not be eligible to perform as an Administrator in the program, which is considered good cause for nonrenewal or termination of a Contract.
- (3) Other activities that do not require verification by Public Organizations or Nonprofit Charitable Organizations are described in the August 5, 2016, HUD, HHS, and DOJ Joint Letter Regarding Immigrant Access to Housing and Services.
- (ghg) The Department may further describe an Subrecipient's Administrator's responsibilities under PRWORA, including but not limited to use of the SAVE system, in its Contract with the SubrecipientAdministrator or in further guidance. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to be a waiver, ratification, or acceptance of noncompliant administration of a program prior to the rule becoming effective.
- (hih) Regardless of method of verification, the results of the verification performed or received by the Administrator must be utilized by the Administrator in determining household eligibility, benefits, income, or other programmatic designations as required by applicable federal program guidance or as determined by other Program Rules under this Title.
- (i) A Subrecipient must establish that an individual is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Qualified Alien using the documents deemed acceptable by the Department, and which have been published on the Department's website. This information may be updated by the Department from time to time, and highly encourages Subrecipients or other concerned parties to contact the Department if revisions are suggested.