

Route Recalculation: New GPS Guides HHS Grants

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For the first time since 2007, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released a new [Grants Policy Statement](#) (GPS). The GPS, which is incorporated as a standard term and condition in a grantee’s Notice of Award, provides information on the award process and legal rules that apply to HHS awards. The new GPS applies to awards made on or after October 1, 2024, including supplements and continuations.

This update follows HHS’s [recent decision to adopt](#) the Office of Management and Budget’s version of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) at 2 CFR Part 200. The new GPS reflects HHS’s separate existing codification of the Uniform Guidance at 45 CFR Part 75 and the eight flexibilities from 2 CFR Part 200 that HHS recently adopted effective October 1, 2024. In 2025, HHS intends to further update the GPS to reflect their forthcoming adoption of 2 CFR Part 200 and the HHS-specific provisions in the new 2 CFR Part 300.

The new GPS is structured to follow the “lifespan” of an HHS award from application to closeout and audits. It details specific procedures that grantees may need to comply with, such as notifying HHS of a change in key personnel, and provides links and citations to laws and other resources that could impact Community Action Agencies and other grant recipients. The GPS is intended to be an accessible way to find basic information about HHS awards, rather than the only source a grantee references. Grantees should continue to work with an attorney to ensure compliance with all of the rules governing HHS grants.

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