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Subject: Implementation of Program Integrity Regulations

Summary: This letter provides guidance on three areas of the final regulations published on October 29, 2010, addressing program integrity issues: State authorization, incentive compensation, and misrepresentation.

Dear Colleague:

On October 29, 2010, the Department published in the Federal Register final regulations on program integrity issues (75 FR 66832). The final regulations are available at

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/110110PubFinalRulesforTitleIVStudentAidPrgrms.html>.

These final regulations make a number of changes to the regulations governing the programs authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The regulations are generally effective July 1, 2011, except for revisions to Subpart E of part 668 of the Student Assistance General Provision regulations, Verification and Updating of Student Aid Application Information, which are effective July 1, 2012.

The enclosure to this letter provides additional guidance on three areas of these final regulations: State authorization, incentive compensation, and misrepresentation. This guidance is provided to assist institutions with understanding the changes to the regulations in these areas, and does not make any changes to the regulations. Affected parties are responsible for taking the steps necessary to comply by the effective dates established by the final regulations.

We encourage you to review the preambles to the notice of proposed rulemaking (75 FR 34806-34890, June 18, 2010) and the final regulations (75 FR 66833-66932, Oct. 29, 2010), as well as the final regulations themselves (75 FR 66946-66975, Oct. 29, 2010).

We thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to implement these regulations.

Sincerely,

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Attachments/Enclosures:

GEN-11-05: Implementation of Program Integrity Regulations in PDF Format, 690KB, 15 Pages