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HUD Publishes AFFH Interim Final Rule in *Federal Register*

On February 27, we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) issued a [prepublication copy](#) of an interim final rule titled “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Revisions.” Today HUD has officially published the [interim final rule](#) in the *Federal Register*. Under the new rule:

- *Fair housing* means housing that, among other attributes, is affordable, safe, decent, free of unlawful discrimination, and accessible as required under civil rights laws.
- *Affirmatively further* means to take any action rationally related to promoting any attribute or attributes of fair housing as defined above.
- Rather than completing an Analysis of Impediments (AI) or any mandated fair housing planning mechanisms that were previously in place, a PHA’s certification that it will affirmatively further fair housing is sufficient if the PHA takes, in the relevant period, any action that is rationally related to promoting one or more attributes of fair housing as defined above.

The effective date of the interim final rule is April 2, 2025. The due date for comments is May 2, 2025.



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