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HUD Publishes NSPIRE Final Rule in *Federal Register*

Yesterday we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) released a [prepublication copy](#) of its final rule for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ([NSPIRE](#)), which establishes a new approach to defining and assessing housing quality and reduces regulatory burden. Today HUD has officially published the [final rule](#) in the *Federal Register*.

As we mentioned yesterday, some of the changes the final rule makes have to do with self-inspection requirements and report, deficiency categories, timeline for deficiencies correction, tenant involvement, and new affirmative standards, which include basic requirements for habitability, like kitchen area and bathrooms, as well as safety requirements, like smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets, a permanent heating source, and safe drinking water. The final rule also removes the regulation requiring separate bedrooms for children of the opposite sex.

The effective date for the public housing program is **July 1, 2023**. The effective date for the Multifamily Housing, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Project-Based Voucher (PBV), and CPD programs is **October 1, 2023**. HUD will provide further information in three subsequent notices that will outline the NSPIRE standards, scoring, and administrative procedures. All updated standards and scoring methodologies will be published through a *Federal Register* notice at least once every three years with the opportunity for public comment prior to implementation.

For more information on NSPIRE, visit the [NSPIRE Resources](#) webpage.



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