

NAC-UMS, Amendment 1 Rulemaking Schedule Info

Assumptions:

- SFPO delivers proposed CoC and preliminary SER for Amendment No. 1 to IMNS by 10/3/00.
- The final rule on the original NAC-UMS CoC is estimated to be published by 10/31/00. The final rule is currently under review to be issued for Office concurrence.

Direct Final Rule:

- A direct final rule would be effective in approximately 5 months (March 2001) after the CoC and SER are delivered to IMNS.
- If significant adverse comments were received (Yes/No decision estimated approximately 3.5 months after the CoC/SER is delivered to IMNS), then a subsequent normal final rule would be effective 6 approximately months later (August 2001)

NOTE: Staff processing of the direct final rule for amendment No. 1 can proceed in parallel with actions to issue the final rule on the original certificate for the NAC-UMS, only up to a point. This point is 1.5 months into the 5 month direct final duration. Therefore, any slippage in the publication of the final rule for the original NAC-UMS CoC after 11/15/00, will cause corresponding slippage in the effective date of Amendment No. 1.

Normal Proposed and Final Rule:

- A final rule would be typically be effective 12 months after the CoC is delivered to IMNS (11 months for rulemaking + 30 days for effectiveness)..

Standard Proposed Rule 75-day Comment period

- The standard minium comment period for a proposed rule is 75 days. This period was chosen to meet the U.S. Government's commitments under NAFTA to permit our international trading partners sufficient time to comment on a proposed rule.

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