Pre-Approved Alternative Search Procedures
Expire on Dec. 31, 2019

Dear Grantees,

On Nov. 15, 2018, CNCS announced a series of National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) changes, including the Dec. 31, 2019 expiration of all approved individual ASP/Exemptions and the expiration of several Pre-Approved Alternative Search Procedures (ASPs). Individual ASPs/Exemptions are specific ASPs/Exemptions requested by the grantee. Pre-Approved ASPs are ASPs approved for all grantees to use and do not need separate written approval from CNCS.

As of Jan. 1, 2020, grantees need to ensure they follow policy and procedures that do not rely on expired ASPs/Exemptions and/or Pre-Approved ASPs.

As of Jan. 1, 2020, any existing, individual ASP/Exemption requests will no longer be available for use.

The following Pre-Approved ASPs will expire on Dec. 31, 2019 and can no longer be used:

- Ceasing Accompaniment
- Maintaining Clearance Letters in Lieu of Actual NSCHC Results
- Unreadable Fingerprint Rejected during Departmental Order FBI Checks
- Prohibited by State Law from Maintaining Results or Sharing Results
As of Jan. 1, 2020, there will only be three Pre-Approved ASPs:

- Use of Truescreen for NSOPW and/or State Checks
- National Fingerprint File States
- Disability Accommodation Exemption for FBI Fingerprint Checks

If you have any questions, please reach out to CHC@cns.gov. Thank you for your continued commitment to National Service.

Please Note: The expiration of the Ceasing Accompaniment ASP will mean that a grantee must maintain accompaniment of an individual who has cleared the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW) check until it has also received results clearing the individual through all applicable the State checks (including State of residence AND State of service) AND the fingerprint-based FBI check. The ability to end accompaniment earlier than this full clearance (which was provided through the ASP) has ended.

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