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HUD MAKES INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS TO CIVIL FINES

On February 6, 2007, HUD issued a Final Rule effective March 8, 2007 that adjusts certain of HUD's civil money penalties for inflation. The adjustments are mandated by statute. The most relevant changes to the civil fines are:

■ False claim or written statement: From \$6,500 to \$7,500 (24 CFR 28.10)

■ Applicant's failure to disclose information: From \$11k to \$16k (24 CFR 30.25(b))

■ HUD employees' improper disclosure of funding decision: From \$11k to \$16k (24 CFR 30.20(b))

■ Discriminatory housing practices (based upon # of violations): From \$11k to \$16k, \$32,500 - \$37,500, and \$60k - \$65k (24 CFR 180.671(a)(1),(2), and (3))

The Rule also deletes duplicative language for hearing procedures in civil rights matters, which imposes multiple penalties for multiple acts of discrimination.