Policy Changes Approved

Batch 219: Proposals 1330

The nation's guarantors provide the following summaries to inform schools, lenders, and servicers of the latest Common Manual policy changes. These changes will appear in the manual's next annual update. These changes will also be incorporated into the Integrated Common Manual. The Integrated Common Manual is available on several guarantor websites, and it is also available on the Common Manual's website at http://commonmanual.org. Please carefully note the effective date of each policy change.

IDR Request as a Cure
The Common Manual has been updated to clarify that a signed Income-Driven Repayment Plan Request qualifies as a repayment agreement for purposes of curing a loan that has lost its guarantee.

Affected Section(s): 14.5 Cures and Reinstatement of the Guarantee
Effective Date: Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plan Requests received after October 28, 2019, unless guarantor implemented earlier.
Basis: Private letter guidance from the Department (Jon Utz) dated October 28, 2019.
Policy Information: 1330/Batch 219
Guarantor Comments: Guarantors will accept a signed Income-Driven Repayment Plan Request as a curing instrument in the same manner as any other signed repayment agreement.