

National Service Criminal History Checks

The Puerto Rico sex offender registry is still affected by the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and is sporadically reporting to NSOPW.gov.

The [exemption](#) CNCS granted on September 22, 2017 has been extended.

CNCS will consider any NSOPW check that is conducted from September 19, 2017 through December 1, 2017 to be compliant, without Puerto Rico results, as long as all other aspects of the NSCHC have been timely, comprehensive, and documented. NSOPW results will be considered compliant, **as long as the following conditions are met:**

- You retain a record of timely compliance of your NSOPW search results prior to the start of service for all jurisdictions except Puerto Rico.
- The member or staff starts(ed) service sometime between September 19 and December 1, 2017.
- Grantees re-conduct the checks that include NSOPW search results for Puerto Rico by December 15. All grantees **must** retain a result that indicates that Puerto Rico's results were completed no later than December 15. If you do not conduct the check again or retain the result of Puerto Rico's check, the NSOPW check will be noncompliant.
- You must maintain both the on-time, incomplete NSOPW and the supplemental NSOPW results. The supplemental NSOPW check must reflect a search of the Puerto Rico sex offender registry by the December 15 deadline

All other eligibility requirements according to the NSCHC regulations will apply and disallowance will be enforced in accordance with CNCS policy.

If the Puerto Rico sex offender registry is not operational before or on December 1, 2017, CNCS will notify you and provide further instructions.

If you have questions, please contact your Program Officer or Grants Officer.

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