

Subject: NSOPW Check Temporary Exemption Extended through March 1, 2018
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National Service Criminal History Check



Dear Grantees,

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 October 30, 2017 **has been extended through March 1, 2018.**

CNCS will consider any NSOPW check that is conducted from September 19, 2017 through March 1, 2018 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, 2017 and March 1, 2018.
- Grantees re-conduct the checks that include NSOPW search results for Puerto Rico by March 15, 2018. All grantees **must** retain a result that indicates that Puerto Rico's results were completed no later than March 15, 2018. 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 March 15, 2018 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 March 1, 2018, CNCS will notify you and provide further instructions.

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

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