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To: Lenders, Holders, and Servicers Participating in the Health Education
Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program

Subject: Year 2000 Strategy: Data Submission Requirements
Lender Policy Memorandum L-1998-14

Starting as early as the Fall 1998, the HEAL Program will require all data submissions to be year 2000 compliant. In order to accomplish this we will require all date fields to occupy 8 positions and be in the format YYYYMMDD. The exact date for the switch to the 8 position date fields has not yet been determined but it will coincide with the transfer of the HEAL database from the current Model 204 System to an Oracle based System. Lenders/holders/servicers will be given a minimum of 60 calendar days' advance notice to submit data conforming with the 8 position date fields; we will not accept data with the 8 position date fields before then.

We encourage you to plan for necessary changes in your data systems to meet this new HEAL data submission requirement.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Dr. Ram B. Jain, Chief, HEAL Program Operations at (301) 443-1540 or at Rjain@HRSA.DHHS.GOV.

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