

**Approving Forbearance Requests for Borrowers Affected by COVID-19**

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Circular is to extend the rescission date to align with the end of the National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic, including conforming changes to VA's expectation as to the completion of forbearance periods.

2. Therefore, Circular 26-21-20 is changed as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 3: Delete "September 30, 2022" and replace with "six months after the end of the National Emergency Concerning the Novel COVID-19 Pandemic."

Page 1, paragraph 4: Delete "October 1, 2022" and replace with "March 1, 2023."

3. Rescission. This Circular is rescinded March 1, 2023.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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