

To: Ohio AmeriCorps Programs
Re: NSCHC 2018 Exemption Period
Date: January 17, 2019
From: Director of AmeriCorps

Ohio AmeriCorps Programs:

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the Office of the Inspector General and ServeOhio continue to see high rates of noncompliance with National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) requirements.

NSCHC is a vital safety requirement to protect our program beneficiaries. In addition, noncompliance with the NSCHC statutory mandate has resulted in financial consequences for grant recipients and continues to adversely impact the agency's improper payment rate. **As a result, ServeOhio is requiring all 2018-2019 Ohio AmeriCorps programs to participate in the 2018 NSCHC Exemption Period.** The Exemption Period allows programs to conduct NSCHC rechecks for all covered positions serving or working as of November 15, 2018.

CNCS has identified two vendors who can perform the rechecks during the Exemption Period and CNCS will provide funding, access, and parameters to be conducted via these vendors to bring every program and grantee into compliance.

CNCS will not take disallowance enforcement action against the grant recipients for past noncompliant NSCHCs for eligible individuals if the grant recipient does the following:

1. Establish accounts with Truescreen through <https://applicationstation.truescreen.com> with the CNCS specific agreement code "CNCSAgreement" and Fieldprint through <https://fieldprintcnscs.com>; and
2. Conducts NSCHC rechecks no later than March 31, 2019 through said accounts on individuals who are serving or working in covered positions as of November 15, 2018; and
3. Adjudicates these checks before March 31, 2019.

NOTE: Rechecks conducted through methods other than with CNCS accounts established with Truescreen, through <https://applicationstation.truescreen.com> with the CNCS specific agreement code, and Fieldprint, through <https://fieldprintcnscs.com>, will not qualify for this Exemption Period.

Ohio AmeriCorps programs will be reimbursed based on the number of covered positions on the 2018-2019 NSCHC Augmentation Grant Covered Position List [spreadsheet found here](#). Each program will be reimbursed up to the maximum cost allocated per program. To be reimbursed, programs must provide

an invoice to ServeOhio with a list of rechecked members, including the per position recheck cost, when all positions have been rechecked but no later than March 31, 2019.

Additional guidance and information about the 2018 Exemption Period can be found on the [CNCS website](#) and [ServeOhio training website](#). As well, please contact your Program Officer with questions.

We thank you for your attention to this important step ensuring program compliance and beneficiary safety.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Cannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mary E. Cannon
Director of AmeriCorps