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As Kansas continues to deal with the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), this bulletin will serve to provide additional resources of interest to Kansas credit unions. For general information, visit the new State of Kansas COVID-19 [resource](#) page.

In late April, the Department of Treasury was to begin mailing stimulus payment checks to individuals. On April 20, 2020, the Secret Service issued a [Press Release](#) highlighting the security features of the Treasury checks. This information should be reviewed by credit union staff in preparation for the checks being presented for payment.

With additional funds being available through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the NCUA issued Letter to Credit Unions [No. 20-CU-11](#) on April 28, 2020. The Board approved a number of regulatory changes, including how PPP loans will be classified for regulatory capital and commercial underwriting purposes and PPP loans made to small businesses owned, in whole or in part, by a member of the credit union's board of directors. On April 24, 2020, the NCUA updated Letter to Credit Unions [No. 20-CU-06](#) to include additional information from the SBA on how to become a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) lender.

Letter to Credit Unions No. [20-CU-13](#), issued on April 30, 2020, describes a variety of strategies credit unions can use to work with borrowers who experience financial hardship because of the pandemic.

On April 16, 2020, the NCUA Board [approved](#) a number of items at its board meeting and, subsequently, issued Letter to Credit Unions [No. 20-CU-10](#). Those approvals included (1) a temporary final rule granting regulatory relief to help ensure credit unions remained in operation and liquid during the COVID-19 crisis; (2) an interim final rule temporarily deferring real estate-related appraisals and evaluations under the NCUA's appraisal regulations as the public health crisis, including social distancing, have made it difficult for lenders to obtain the required appraisals in a timely manner; and (3) a final rule increasing the threshold level below which appraisals would not be required for residential real estate-related transactions from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

Letter to Credit Unions [No. 20-CU-09](#) provides information about temporary regulatory relief, which includes allowing credit unions leniency in meeting the April 26, 2020, call report deadline by providing a 30 day grace period.

Also, on April 16, 2020, the NCUA issued Letter to Credit Unions [No. 20-CU-08](#) making key changes to the Central Liquidity Facility (CLF). Regulatory changes include elimination of the six-month waiting period for new members to receive a loan, temporarily amending the waiting period for a credit union to terminate its CLF membership and permanently easing collateral requirements.

Additionally, in the continued flurry of activity on April 16, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued its [final rule](#) raising the loan-volume coverage thresholds for financial institutions reporting data under the Home Mortgage Reporting Act (HMDA). The FFIEC provided APR/APY Federal Disclosure Computational [Tools](#).

NOTE: As the State of Kansas begins the transition to a post-coronavirus environment, KDCU examination staff will continue to work remotely through May 29, 2020. This is being done in coordination with the NCUA.