



## **HHS BULLETIN B-05-001**

### **Health and Human Services Enterprise Expedited Process for the Development and Approval of Rules**

#### **Purpose**

To establish an enterprise-wide expedited rules process that ensures processing of rules that must be effective September 1, 2005, conforms to that timeframe. The expedited process will only be used for rules that are legislatively mandated to be effective September 1, 2005.

#### **Directive**

HHS agencies and HHSC divisions initiating rules, and HHS offices reviewing and processing rules, will be responsible for meeting the expedited rules process timeframes for rules subject to the expedited process.

#### **Summary**

The attached timelines identify two optional timeframes for expedited rule processing, one allowing proposed rules to be published prior to the agency council meeting. If an agency determines that a rule is legislatively mandated to be effective September 1, 2005, the agency should contact its relevant HHS Senior Policy Advisor and develop a plan to meet the timeframes to ensure an effective date as outlined in the attached Expedited Rulemaking Process Timeline.

#### **Bulletin Expiration**

This bulletin will expire September 1, 2005.



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