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<p>PURPOSE: To inform Office of Apprenticeship (OA) staff, Registered Apprenticeship Program Sponsors and other Registered Apprenticeship partners as to the process for approval of Apprenticeship program standards registered in states where the OA is the Registration Agency.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Prior to this notice, in states where OA is the Registration Agency, OA State Directors were given the authority to review and approve new or revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards pursuant to Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, Labor Standards for Registration of Apprenticeship Programs. In October 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor issued a final rule that amended these regulations. Revisions to Title 29, CFR part 29.5, Standards of Apprenticeship include several new elements. To ensure conformity to the revised regulations and consistency throughout the National Apprenticeship Standards, OA is revising the approval process for all new and revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards to require that programs registered with OA must be reviewed, approved and signed by the appropriate OA Regional Director.</p> <p>ACTION: Effective immediately, all new and proposed revised program standards in states where OA is the Registration Agency must be reviewed, approved and signed by the appropriate OA Regional Director prior to implementation.</p> <p>If the Apprenticeship and Training Representative (ATR) is initiating the new or revised proposed Registered Apprenticeship program standards, the ATR must submit the standards to the State Director for review. After the State Director has reviewed the proposed new or proposed revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards for conformity to the Title 29, CFR part 29, the State Director will transmit the proposed new or revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards to the Regional Director for review, approval and signature. If the State Director initiates the program standards then the State Director will complete the review of the proposed new or revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards, and then transmit the proposed new or revised Registered Apprenticeship program standards to the Regional Director for review, approval and signature prior to implementation.</p> <p>OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin.</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact Franchella Kendall at 202-693-3813.</p> <p>NOTE: This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.</p>		