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To: Clients and Friends

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Subject: Regulation Z HOEPA and Qualified Mortgage Annual Threshold Adjustments

In the September 21, 2023, issue of the *Federal Register* (88 FR 65113, <u>click here</u>), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau established the following 2024 thresholds for high-cost and qualified mortgages under §§1026.32 and 1026.43, respectively.

HOEPA (High-cost Mortgages) 2024 Threshold Adjustments

Effective January 1, 2024, a consumer loan secured by the consumer's principal dwelling and not otherwise exempt is a high-cost mortgage based on the total points and fees payable by the consumer under §1026.32(a)(1)(ii) if the points and fees exceed: (A) 5 percent of the total loan amount for a loan with a loan amount of \$26,092 or more, or (B) the lesser of 8 percent of the total loan amount or \$1,305 for a loan with a loan amount of less than \$26,092. Comment 32(a)(1)(ii)—1.x is added to reflect the new \$1,305 threshold amount for 2024. Comment 32(a)(1)(ii)—3.x is added to reflect the new \$26,092 threshold loan amount for 2024.

Qualified Mortgages 2024 Threshold Adjustments APOR Spread

Effective January 1, 2024, for purposes of determining whether a covered transaction is a qualified mortgage under the §1026.43(e)(2) general definition, a covered transaction is not a qualified mortgage unless the transaction's annual percentage rate does not exceed the average prime offer rate (APOR) as of the date the interest rate is set by: (A) For a first-lien covered transaction with a loan amount greater than or equal to \$130,461, 2.25 or more percentage points; (B) For a first-lien covered transaction with a loan amount greater than or equal to \$78,277 but less than \$130,461, 3.5 or more percentage points; (C) For a first-lien covered transaction with a loan amount less than \$78,277, 6.5 or more percentage points; (D) For a first-lien covered transaction secured by a manufactured home with a loan amount less than \$130,461, 6.5 or more percentage points; (E) For a subordinate-lien covered transaction with a loan amount greater than or equal to \$78,277, 3.5 or more percentage points; (F) For a subordinate-lien covered transaction with a loan amount less than \$78,277, 6.5 or more percentage points. Comment 43(e)(2)(vi)-3.iiii is added to reflect the new threshold amounts for 2024.

Qualified Mortgages 2024 Threshold Adjustments Points and Fees

Effective January 1, 2021, for purposes of determining whether a covered transaction is a qualified mortgage under \$1026.43(e), a covered transaction is not a qualified mortgage unless the transaction's total points and fees in \$1026.43(e)(3)(i) do not exceed: (A) 3 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$130,641; (B) \$3,914 for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$78,277 but less than \$130,641; (C) 5 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$26,092 but less than \$78,277; (D) \$1,305 for a loan amount greater than or equal to \$16,308 but less than \$26,092; and (E) 8 percent of the total loan amount for a loan amount less than \$16,308. Comment 43(e)(3)(ii)-1.x is added to reflect the new threshold amounts for 2024.

The above threshold adjustments are effective January 1, 2024 and will require updates to your software calculations for high-cost and qualified mortgages closing on and after the effective date.

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