

# Overview of the Status of Final Rule Revisions

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The Final Rule revisions to the federal Common Rule (45 CFR 46, Subpart A) were published the day before President Trump's administration began. One of the first actions the new administration took on inauguration night was issuing a memorandum to all executive departments and agencies, which froze new or pending regulations to allow the new administration time to review them.

The memo stopped implementation of any new regulations published in the *Federal Register*, but not yet in effect. As a result, the Final Rule was delayed pending executive review.



### Possible Outcomes of this Review

1. No changes are made and the Final Rule goes into effect as published
2. The Final Rule is rescinded in total
3. The Final Rule is revised (with a potential of a new NPRM for reopening the regulation)
4. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) could be ordered to not enforce the Final Rule