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## Description

On September 21, 2016, HUD published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/21/2016-22589/equal-access-in-accordance-with-an-individuals-gender-identity-in-community-planning-and-development>) entitled "Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs." Through this final rule, HUD ensures equal access to individuals in accordance with their gender identity in programs and shelter funded under programs administered by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). This rule builds upon HUD's February 2012 final rule entitled "**Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity**" (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-02-03/pdf/2012-2343.pdf>) (2012 Equal Access Rule), which aimed to ensure that HUD's housing programs would be open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. The final rule requires that recipients and subrecipients of CPD funding, as well as owners, operators, and managers of shelters, and other buildings and facilities and providers of services funded in whole or in part by any CPD program to grant equal access to such facilities, and other buildings and facilities, benefits, accommodations and services to individuals in accordance with the individual's gender identity, and in a manner that affords equal access to the individual's family.

## Resource Links

- **Equal Access in Accordance with Gender Identity Final Rule - 2016** (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-09-21/pdf/2016-22589.pdf>) (PDF)
- **Equal Access to Housing Final Rule - 2012** (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-02-03/pdf/2012-2343.pdf>) (PDF)

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