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Re: Revision of PPA Addendum
OPE ID: «OPEID8»

Dear «Pres_Name»:

As you are aware, «School_Name» accepted the terms and conditions set forth in the Addendum to the provisional Program Participation Agreement (PPA) that was issued by the U.S. Department of Education ("Department") as a result of the withdrawal of federal recognition of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) on December 12, 2016. According to our records, «School_Name» was placed on a provisional certification on «Date_Prov_PPA_Executed» as a result of ACICS's loss of recognition.

The Department has been contacted by several recognized accrediting agencies, requesting that the Department relax various deadlines in the PPA Addendum to facilitate their ability to review ACICS- accredited institutions that are seeking alternative recognized accreditation. The 18 month deadline for compliance set in the PPA Addendum is statutory and the Department has no authority to extend it. Other deadlines in the Addendum rely on the institution to take the initiative and the Department believes reflect appropriate protections for students and taxpayers. However, to allow recognized accreditors additional flexibility to assist ACICS-accredited institutions, the Department has decided to modify Condition # 20 of the PPA Addendum for all signatory institutions, including your institution. That condition formerly set a deadline for a site visit by an alternative recognized accreditor to occur on or before 300 calendar days from the Secretary's December 12, 2016 withdrawal of ACICS's recognition. As of the date of this letter and going forward, condition 20 of the PPA Addendum for your institution and other ACICS-accredited institutions as modified provides as follows:

20. No Accrediting Agency Site Visit by December 31, 2017. If the Institution has an In Process Application with an accrediting agency, but a site visit has not occurred by December 31, 2017, all of the foregoing conditions will apply, even though the Institution had an In Process Application within the 90 day or 180 day periods set forth above. In the event that the site visit has not occurred by

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December 31, 2017, all deadlines set forth in these provisions are immediately triggered, and must be complied with by February 28, 2018.

Because the above modification eases rather than tightens Condition #20, your institution is not required to return an executed copy of this modification and it is automatically incorporated into your Provisional PPA. However, your institution should maintain a copy of this letter with its eligibility documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the above request, please contact «CM_Name» at «CM_Ph_Nbr» or by email at «CM_Email».

Sincerely,

Ron Bennett, Director
School Eligibility Service Group

cc: «ST_Agencies»