

**Subject:** IBANYS Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update: Monday, March 23, 2020

**March 23, 2020**

**To: New York Community Banks**

- Attached are the latest announcements from the Federal Reserve, as well as an interagency statement on loan modifications.
- We are also including (below) information on the Interagency statement issued by the FDIC on Loan Modifications by Financial Institutions Working with Customers Affected by the Coronavirus. (See attached as well)

**Interagency Statement on Loan Modifications By Financial Institutions Working With Customers Affected By The Coronavirus**

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This Financial Institution Letter (FIL) applies to all FDIC-supervised institutions.

**Here is the official FIL From the FDIC**

**Financial Institution Letters**

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**Highlights:**

As described in the interagency statement, the FDIC:

- Encourages financial institutions to work constructively with borrowers affected by COVID-19;
- Will not criticize institutions for prudent loan modifications and will not direct supervised institutions to automatically categorize COVID-19-related loan modifications as troubled debt restructurings (TDRs);
- Confirmed with staff of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) that short-term modifications made on a good faith basis in response to COVID-19 to borrowers who were current prior to any relief are not TDRs;
- Views that modification efforts described in the interagency statement for borrowers of one-to-four family residential mortgages where loans are prudently underwritten and not past due or carried in nonaccrual status do not result in loans being considered restructured or modified for the purpose of respective risk-based capital rules; and
- Views prudent loan modification programs to financial institution customers affected by COVID-19 as positive actions that can effectively manage or mitigate adverse impacts on borrowers due to COVID-19, and lead to improved loan performance and reduced credit risk.

The interagency statement also provides supervisory views on regulatory reporting of past due and nonaccrual status for loan modification programs whereby past due status should be based on the due date stipulated in the legal loan documents as modified within such modification program. Additionally, the interagency statement reminds institutions that loans that have been restructured as described under the statement will continue to be eligible as collateral at the FRB's discount window based on the usual criteria.

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**Related Topics**

- [Frequently Asked Questions for Financial Institutions Affected by the](#)

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(Referred to as COVID-19\)](#) – Updated March 19, 2020

- [FIL-50-2013, Interagency Supervisory Guidance Addressing Certain Issues Related to Troubled Debt Restructurings](#)

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IBANYS will continue to provide updates as additional information and details become available.

Thank you for your continued participation and support.

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