

principal sponsored immigrant, an affidavit of support that meets the requirements of this section. If the original sponsor is deceased and no other eligible sponsor is available, the principal sponsored immigrant may sign an affidavit of support on behalf of the alien seeking to follow-to-join the principal immigrant, if the principal sponsored immigrant can meet the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

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§ 213a.3 Notice of change of address.

(a) *General.* If the address of a sponsor (including a joint sponsor) changes for any reason while the sponsor's support obligation under the affidavit of support remains in effect with respect to any sponsored immigrant, the sponsor shall file Form I-865, Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address, with the Service no later than 30 days after the change of address becomes effective.

(b) *Civil penalty—(1) Amount of penalty.* (i) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, if the sponsor fails to give notice in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the Service may impose on the sponsor a civil penalty in an amount within the penalty range established in section 213A(d)(2)(A) of the Act.

(ii) If the sponsor, knowing that the sponsored immigrant has received any means-tested public benefit, fails to give notice in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the Service may impose on the sponsor a civil penalty in an amount within the penalty range established in section 213A(d)(2)(B) of the Act.

(2) *Procedure for imposing penalty.* The procedure for imposing a civil penalty under this paragraph follows that which is established at 8 CFR part 280.

(c) *Change of address.* If the sponsor is an alien, filing Form I-865 under this section does not satisfy or substitute for the change of address notice required under § 265.1 of this chapter.

§ 213a.4 Actions for reimbursement, public notice, and congressional reports.

(a) *Requests for reimbursement.* Requests for reimbursement under section 213A(b)(2) of the Act must be

served by personal service, as defined by § 103.5a(a)(2) of this chapter. The request for reimbursement shall specify the date the sponsor's affidavit of support was received by the Service, the sponsored immigrant's name, alien registration number, address, and date of birth, as well as the types of means-tested public benefit(s) that the sponsored immigrant received, the dates the sponsored immigrant received the means-tested public benefit(s), and the total amount of the means-tested public benefit(s) received. It is not necessary to make a separate request for each type of means-tested public benefit, nor for each separate payment. The agency may instead aggregate in a single request all benefit payments the agency has made as of the date of the request. The request for reimbursement shall also notify the sponsor that the sponsor must, within 45 days of the date of service, respond to the request for reimbursement either by paying the reimbursement or by arranging to commence payments pursuant to a payment schedule that is agreeable to the program official. Prior to filing a lawsuit against a sponsor to enforce the sponsor's support obligation under section 213A(b)(2) of the Act, a Federal, State, or local governmental agency or a private entity must wait 45 days from the date it issues a written request for reimbursement under section 213A(b)(1) of the Act. If a sponsored immigrant, a Federal, State, or local agency, or a private entity sues the sponsor and obtains a final civil judgment against the sponsor, the sponsored immigrant, the Federal, State, or local agency, or the private entity shall mail a certified copy of the final civil judgment to the Service's Statistics Branch, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. The copy should be accompanied by a cover letter that includes the reference "Civil Judgments for Congressional Reports under section 213A(i)(3) of the Act." Failure to file a certified copy of the final civil judgment in accordance with this section has no effect on the plaintiff's ability to collect on the judgment pursuant to law.

(b) Federal, State, and local government agencies should issue public notice of determinations regarding which benefits are considered "means-tested