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Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to the following subchapters:

9 FAM 42.63 Notes,

Revisions since the last update **do not** appear in *italics* and *dark magenta* since over half the subchapter has been updated by adding new material beginning at N3, Release of Information Regarding Petitioner's Criminal Convictions, to the end of the subchapter.

9 FAM 42.63 Procedural Notes,

Revisions since the last update **do not** appear in *italics* and *dark magenta*. Beginning at PN4.2, Reviewing the Files, the subchapter has been renumbered which leaves over half the subchapter material being treated as new.

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