

Data Points

A Newsletter Update from the Data Equity Coalition

Key Update

In the final days of the quarter, the Office of Management and Budget issued an additional update on March 27, 2026, further extending the SPD 15 implementation timeline for the **Agency Action Plans** by one year, to **March 27, 2027**. This late development reinforces what has been evident throughout Q1: implementation is actively underway, but timelines remain fluid as agencies navigate operational complexity and a refusal to commit to the 2024 update on race and ethnicity standards.

NOTE: Implementation of SPD 15 Delay Risks Accountability

Recent timeline adjustments have raised broader concerns about enforcement and consistency across federal agencies. Delays in Federal Agency Action Plan requirements introduce the potential for uneven adoption and reduced accountability at a critical point in implementation.

This reflects a transition point, where policy direction is maintained, but execution and enforcement remain ambiguous, requiring our advocacy to elevate the importance of sustained engagement, visibility, and coordination.

Federal Policy Activation

Recap: Federal Action Opportunities Engaged

- [CDC public comment opportunity](#) through the Federal Register on proposed data collection and recommendations.
- Federal Regulations Web Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Following is an excerpt from the **2026 American Community Survey 60day Federal Register Notice (FRN)**, posted by the Bureau of the Census on Dec 19, 2025. Full text available here: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/USBC-2025-0203-0001>

Data Equity Tools & Infrastructure

- Highlighting [MAP's SOGI data tool](#), designed to create a safe and structured approach to capturing and archiving SOGI data in response to the evolving policy environment.
- This work reflects a broader shift toward implementation-focused infrastructure, ensuring organizations are equipped to operationalize data standards in practice.

State-Level Strategy & Policy Alignment

- State-level activity continues to accelerate, with increased focus on data disaggregation policies and legislative pathways.
- We have model policy language and toolkits that can be shared across states to support adoption and advocacy.

Highlighting our Partners and Colleagues

[Movement Advancement Project](#)

[AAPI Data](#)

[Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights](#)

- Planning is underway for key convenings, including the [2026 Annual Leadership Summit](#)
- Elevating state data disaggregation and cross-community perspectives.



*Take the **Data Equity Coalition** on the road with you to your conferences!!!*

We are pleased to join or sponsor a panel session!

FEATURED SESSION

State Activation of Data Disaggregation: Implementing SPD 15 to Improve Equitable Health Outcomes

The update to Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 (SPD 15) creates a clear opportunity for states to modernize and align demographic data collection by adopting more detailed standards for race and ethnicity across the health care system. Moving from federal guidance to statewide implementation requires coordinated strategies, cross-agency adoption, legislative alignment, integrated technology platforms, and sustained community partnership.

This session will explore how states can operationalize SPD 15 data disaggregation standards as the baseline for improving decision-making, strengthening quality measurement, and increasing accountability to achieve better health outcomes. Speakers will highlight data priorities, real-world use cases, and cross-sector partnerships that support long-term adoption. The discussion will also extend to broader dimensions of data equity, including language, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity, offering practical insights for advancing statewide implementation and collective progress toward more equitable data systems.

FYI - Visibility Alert

We have received indications that some federal rules related to disability data collection and reporting, which were previously finalized, may not be actively enforced. We will continue to monitor developments closely and keep the DEC updated on any opportunities for engagement. Please also notify us of any public comments concerning disability, including issues with non-enforcement or non-compliance of previous orders. We remain committed to advocating for data integrity on behalf of people living with disabilities.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/24/2024-07758/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-disability-accessibility-of-web-information-and-services-of-state>

Looking Ahead: Q2 Priorities



Post responses to federal agency action plans following the March timeline adjustment to March 27, 2027.



Advance state-level policy alignment, including model legislation and resolution strategies



Launch and scale data tools, state resources on data disaggregation, and prioritization of SOGI and disability resources.