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If the rule is finalized, HUD will no longer have a codified regulatory test for disparate impact under the FHA, according to a client alert from Troutman Pepper Locke. HUD does not state that disparate impact claims are invalid but argues that whether and how disparate impact applies under the FHA are questions for the courts to decide rather than agency regulations, the firm stated.

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