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MOBILE FINANCIAL SERVICES

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Summary: The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has issued a new appendix, *Mobile Financial Services*, to the Retail Payment Systems booklet of the *FFIEC Information Technology Handbook*. The appendix provides guidance to assist examiners in evaluating the risks associated with mobile financial services.

Statement of Applicability to Institutions Under \$1 Billion in Total Assets: This Financial Institution Letter applies to all FDIC-supervised institutions.

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Highlights:

- The appendix emphasizes an enterprise-wide risk management approach for effectively managing and mitigating risks associated with mobile financial services.
- The appendix discusses the technologies used in the mobile delivery channel, elevated risks that may result, and appropriate controls implemented by institutions and third-party providers.
- The appendix contains a work program to assist examiners in determining risks posed by an institution's mobile financial services and assessing the controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.
- An electronic version of the appendix, as well as an FFIEC press release, is available at <http://www.ffiec.gov/press.htm>.