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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Provides Guidance on Use of PH Funds to Support Internet Connectivity for Residents

In an email sent Tuesday to executive directors, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) provided guidance on the use of public housing funding to support internet connectivity for residents of public housing.

The [four-page document](#) provides a comprehensive summary of how capital funds and operating funds can be used to support access to broadband internet and devices. It also provides an interpretation that operating funds may be used to provide internet services to residents both in their units and in common areas.

As the document states, the CARES Act provided additional funding and flexibilities as described in Notice [PIH 2020-07](#) and relevant [FAQs](#). These flexibilities permitted CARES Act funds to be used to cover in-unit internet service and shared devices to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates HCV Mobility Demonstration FAQs

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has released an updated version of its [FAQs](#) on the new Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) [Mobility Demonstration](#). The document is current as of January 14, 2020, and updated questions have been indicated by adding "New" next to the question.

As you know, on July 15, 2020, HUD published a [notice](#) implementing the HCV Mobility Demonstration, which defines PHA eligibility criteria and establishes the application process and factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications. Later, on November 25, the Department published another [notice](#) extending the application due date to **February 1, 2021**. Further details on the implementation and application process can be found in the [implementation notice](#). For more information and additional resources, visit the [HCV Mobility Demonstration webpage](#).

The HCV Mobility Demonstration was authorized and funded through the 2019 and 2020 Appropriations Acts. Through the demonstration, HUD will implement, test, and evaluate whether housing mobility programs expand access to opportunity neighborhoods.

MTW PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Selectees and Summaries of Cohort #1

Last week, we reported that the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [announced](#) that it has selected the first 30 PHAs to join the Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) demonstration program through the first cohort of the MTW Expansion. This week, HUD posted a complete list of the [selectees and summaries of cohort #1](#) on the [Cohort #1](#) webpage. Through the 30 agencies selected in this initial cohort, HUD will evaluate the overall impact of MTW flexibilities on PHAs with 1,000 or fewer aggregate authorized public housing and HCV units.

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Releases "Picture of Subsidized Households" for 2020

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has released the 2020 edition of "[A Picture of Subsidized Households](#)." The data set for 2020 is based on 2010 census data.



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