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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Notice Implementing FSHO Amendments

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [notice](#) implementing and providing guidance on the provisions of the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) Act amendments, which made changes to the assistance provided to eligible youth under the Family Unification Program ([FUP](#)), including those who received vouchers through the Foster Youth to Independence ([FYI](#)) initiative. Below are some highlights of the notice:

- FSHO provides an extension of the assistance provided to eligible youth for up to 24 months beyond the 36-month time limit of assistance if the youth is participating in a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program and for youth who are unable to enroll in an FSS program who engaged in education, workforce development, or employment activities for at least nine months of the 12-month period preceding the extension.
- FSHO also provides an extension of assistance for up to 24 months beyond the 36-month time limit of assistance for eligible youth who meet one of three statutory exceptions: being responsible for the care of a dependent child under the age of six or an incapacitated person, regularly and actively participating in a drug addiction or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program, or being incapable of complying with the requirement to participate in an FSS program or engage in education, workforce development, or employment activities, as applicable, due to a documented medical condition.
- PHAs must inform eligible youth, including those who were issued a voucher prior to the publication of today's notice, of the availability of the extension and the requirements that they must meet to receive such an extension. FSHO does not restart or otherwise impact the initial 36-month time limit of assistance but does make youth who first leased or leases a unit after 12/27/2020 eligible for an extension of assistance of up to 24 months.
- HUD is providing PHAs with flexibility in applying these requirements and encourages PHAs to consider how they can provide extensions of assistance to the broadest population possible consistent with the statutory requirements.
- PHAs must update their administrative plans to include written policies regarding how they will implement the provisions of FSHO.

HUD seeks public comment on certain provisions of FSHO. However, it welcomes public comment on any of the notice's provisions. The due date for comments is **March 25, 2022**. The effective date of the amendments is **April 25, 2022**.

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) and the Tool of Tools ([ToT](#)) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of January 21, 2022. For further details, visit the [Tools](#) page.



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