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PIH Issues Notice on Running an Optimized HCV Program

Late last Friday, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2020-29](#) providing guidance and tools on optimizing Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program budget and unit utilization. As per the notice, running an *optimized* HCV program involves maximizing both effectiveness and efficacy, that is, "maximizing the number of families served while minimizing rent burden within a given PHA's financial constraints." In addition to listing the primary obstacles to running an optimized HCV program, the notice covers the following topics to assist PHAs in improving their efficiency and efficacy:

- Available program [tools](#) and guidance, such as the Two-Year Forecasting Tool (TYT), the Payment Standard Tool (PST), the HCV Analysis Tool and PIC Drill-Down, and the [HCV Guidebook](#). Discussion includes the various useful features and aspects of the tools and guidance as well.
- An HCV program planning timeline, from the end of the fiscal year through final funding.
- Best practices regarding voucher success rates, including ensuring payment standards and subsidy standards are optimally set, conducting quality landlord outreach, providing high quality briefings and communications during the search process, and the development of Project-Based Voucher ([PBV](#)) housing.

Further details on each of the above topics, in addition to relevant contact information for HCV program-related needs, can be found in the [notice](#).



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