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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Extends Application Due Date for the HCV Mobility Demonstration

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [notice](#) announcing that it has extended the application due date for the HCV Mobility Demonstration to **December 14, 2020**. According to the notice, “HUD is extending the application submission deadline date to ensure that delays or complications due to the COVID–19 Coronavirus do not cause undue hardship or otherwise prevent applicants from submitting complete applications.”

As you recall, on July 15, HUD published a [notice](#) implementing the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration, which defines PHA eligibility criteria, establishes the application process and factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications, and explains the special rules and requirements applicable to PHAs selected for participation in the demonstration. The notice also identifies the specific waivers and alternative requirements established by the Secretary for the demonstration.

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. For more information and additional resources, visit the [HCV Mobility Demonstration webpage](#).

HUD Publishes HOTMA Proposed Rule

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [proposed rule](#) to implement several of the provisions of the Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act of 2016 ([HOTMA](#)) that impact the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) and Project-Based Voucher ([PBV](#)) programs. Specifically, the proposed rule would:

- Codify HOTMA provisions that have been implemented through notices published in the *Federal Register*
- Implement several HOTMA provisions that have not yet been implemented
- Make several changes to regulatory provisions not related to HOTMA
- Eliminate obsolete regulatory provisions

HUD is proposing to implement the following HOTMA HCV provisions that have not yet been implemented:

- Enforcement of housing quality standards
- Manufactured home space rental—PHA option to make single assistance payment to family instead of owner
- Entering into a PBV housing assistance payment (HAP) contract for rehabilitation and new construction projects without an agreement to enter a HAP contract
- Providing rent adjustments using an operating cost adjustment fact (OCAF)
- Owner-maintained site-based waiting lists
- Environmental requirements for existing housing

In addition to the HOTMA changes, HUD is also proposing numerous changes thar are not related to HOTMA. As the notice states, in some cases, these changes are to better clarify existing regulatory requirements. In other circumstances, HUD is seeking to improve the administration of the program, simplify program rules, or reduce administrative burden and cost.

Further details on the rule, including summary and background, can be found in the [notice](#). The due date for comments is **December 7, 2020**.



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