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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Third Webinar on HCV Landlord Participation

On the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it will be hosting the third session of its webinar series focused on landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The webinar is scheduled for October 19, 2020, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Webinar 3, called "Technology", will walk through the second published chapter of the HCV [Landlord Strategy Guidebook](#). This chapter focuses on strategies that PHAs can implement to improve their relationships with landlords, provide them with access to information previously only available by request or mail, and reduce the concerns and frustrations about the inspections process. The webinar will also feature PHAs that are currently implementing variations of these strategies in their communities. More information on the webinar can be found [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

You can access the published chapters, previous webinars, and additional material on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage.

HUD Announces Webinar on Mainstream Vouchers

HUD also announced that it will host a [webinar](#) to provide an overview of the [Mainstream Voucher Program](#). According to the announcement, the webinar is intended to cover all basic requirements of the program, including a review of Notice [PIH 2020-01](#) and other applicable guidance related to participant eligibility, waiting list management, admissions preferences, and reporting requirements.

The webinar, scheduled for October 15, 2020, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, is relevant to PHA directors and staff responsible for the administration of the Mainstream Vouchers or those PHAs considering applying for new Mainstream Vouchers. To register, click [here](#).

RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates RAD PBV and RAD PBRA Quick Reference Guides

Yesterday via RADBlast!, HUD announced that it has posted updated versions of the [RAD PBV Quick Reference Guide](#) and the [RAD PBRA Quick Reference Guide](#) to the [RAD Resource Desk](#). According to the email, these guides provide PHAs that are converting public housing properties through RAD with guidance and references to prepare for the Section 8 PBV or PBRA programs following conversion. The documents have been updated to reflect program changes and to incorporate frequently asked questions received over the last few years.

HUD Posts Webinar on RAD Supplemental COVID-19 Guidance

HUD also announced in yesterday's RADBlast! that it has posted a recording of the [webinar](#) held on September 22, 2020, providing an overview and responding to questions about Notice [PIH 2020-26/H-2020-09](#), the RAD supplemental COVID-19 guidance. The notice and webinar describe the availability of CARES Act operating fund for public housing properties that have converted or that will convert in calendar year 2020 and provide guidance to PHAs and owners planning RAD-related meetings with residents while following social distancing guidelines.

Click [here](#) to join the RADBlast! mailing list.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Correction on Disparate Impact Final Rule Instruction

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD published a [correction](#) for the September 24 [final rule](#) that amends its interpretation of the [Fair Housing Act](#)'s disparate impact standard. The document corrects an amendatory instruction as follows:

- On page 60332, in the last full paragraph of the second column, in amendment 3, the instruction "In § 100.70, add a new paragraph (d)(5) to read as follows:" is corrected to read "In § 100.70, revise paragraph (d)(5) to read as follows:"

HUD Charges City in Texas with Familial Status Discrimination

In a [press release](#) Wednesday, HUD announced that it is [charging](#) a city in Texas with violating the [Fair Housing Act](#) by refusing to approve proposals for affordable housing unless limited to elderly residents. In adopting this policy, city officials allegedly made statements indicating that they considered residents with children to be problematic.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination, including in government policies, that makes housing unavailable because families have children.

According to the press release, HUD's charge arose from a complaint filed with the Department by a developer whose proposal to construct nearly a hundred non-age restricted units of affordable housing was blocked because of the city's policy.

The announcement also states that HUD's charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge unless any party to the charge elects to have the case heard in federal district court. If an administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, he or she may award damages to the complainant for harm caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief, as well as payment of attorney's fees. In addition, the judge may impose fines to vindicate the public interest. If the matter is decided in federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages.

HUD Charges New York Housing Providers with Disability Discrimination

In another [press release](#) Wednesday, HUD announced that it is [charging](#) housing providers in New York for allegedly discriminating against a tenant with disabilities. Specifically, HUD's charge alleges that the housing providers refused to allow a tenant with disabilities to keep an assistance animal.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing discrimination based on disabilities, including denying reasonable accommodation requests.

As the press release states, HUD's charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge unless any party to the charge elects to have the case heard in federal district court. If an administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, he or she may award damages to the family for harm caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief, as well as payment of attorney's fees. In addition, the judge may impose fines to vindicate the public interest. If the matter is decided in federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages.



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