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## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **HUD Publishes Guidance on CARES Act Waivers Expiration**

Last Friday on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) provided a link to a new [webpage](#) dedicated to guidance documents on the forthcoming expiration of the CARES Act waivers. Each guidance document is specific to an aspect of PHA operations as they relate to CARES Act waivers, providing direction to ensure compliance once the waivers expire. The page provides guidance on the following topics, including information on the waivers specific to each topic:

- [Verification](#) – Guidance supporting waivers about verifications, monitoring of income, review of citizenship and Social Security numbers, and proof of family composition for public housing tenants (applicable to public housing, the Housing Choice Voucher program, and Mod Rehab).
- [Inspections](#) – Guidance on public housing, Housing Quality Standards (HQS), and Mod Rehab inspections for PHAs who adopted inspections waivers during the pandemic (applicable to public housing, the Housing Choice Voucher program, and Mod Rehab).
- [Occupancy Policies](#) – Guidance explaining waivers that give PHAs the opportunity to allow families to remain in assisted units during the pandemic (public housing and HCV).
- [PBV and Enhanced Voucher Provisions on Underoccupied Units](#) – Guidance on waivers that enabled homeless families to enter into initial lease agreements for under-occupied Project-Based Voucher (PBV) or Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) PBV units (applicable to the PBV, RAD PBV, and Enhanced Voucher programs).
- [Capital Programs](#) – Guidance on waivers that provided flexibilities for capital program operations, plus information on two additional waivers included in Notice [PIH 2020-24](#) (applicable to public housing).
- [Uniform Financial Reporting Standards](#) – Guidance on the waived requirement that PHAs submit their unaudited financial statements no later than 60 calendar days after the end of their fiscal year and their audited financial statements no later than nine months after the end of their fiscal year.
- [Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement](#) – Guidance on the waived requirement that each non-exempt adult resident of public housing contributes eight hours per month of community service and/or participation in an economic self-sufficiency program (applicable to public housing).

HUD intends to issue guidance for the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) and Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) waivers at a later date and will update the webpage once the information becomes available.

The new webpage also contains a useful chart showing a crosswalk of the waivers from Notice [PIH 2021-14](#) and associated guidance. You can access the new page from a link on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) page, or directly by clicking [here](#).



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