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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Op Sub Obligation Letters for December

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has [posted](#) the public housing operating subsidy obligation letters for December. As usual, the letters to all PHAs in the same state are combined in a single file, which you can access through the map on [this webpage](#). You’ll find links to the obligation letters on the [2021 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts FAQs for PHAs on Federal Vaccine Requirements

Last week on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document for public housing agencies related to the COVID-19 vaccination [Executive Orders](#) and OSHA’s Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS). The two-page document, dated November 24, 2021, addresses the following four questions:

- Does HUD consider a PHA to be a “contractor” for purposes of the federal vaccine mandate for federal contractors?
- Can PHAs require residents to be vaccinated?
- Are PHAs with 100 or more employees subject to the OSHA employer mandate?
- Can a PHA not covered by the OSHA employer mandate choose to implement a vaccine mandate for employees?

You can find the link to the FAQs, in addition to other COVID-19 resources, on [this page](#) at HUD’s website.

HUD Announces Section 3 Final Rule Training Series

Last week on the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD [announced](#) that it will be hosting a Section 3 Final Rule Training Series - Office Hours to help support HUD housing and community development (HCD) and public housing authority (PHA) financial assistance recipients. The 90-minute sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the training content and receive assistance with implementing Section 3 into their policies and programs. Space is limited and participants are encouraged to register for only one session to have their questions answered. Register for the session that best fits with your schedule. Training dates are as follows:

- [HCD & PHA - Session 1](#): November 30, 2021, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- [HCD & PHA - Session 2](#): December 2, 2021, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- [HCD & PHA - Session 3](#): January 11, 2022, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- [HCD - Session 4](#): February 8, 2022, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- [HCD & PHA - Session 5](#): March 3, 2022, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- [PHA - Session 6](#): April 12, 2022, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Section 3 requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible. The [final rule](#), which was published on September 29, 2020, updated and streamlined Section 3 regulations and reporting requirements.

NMA NEWS

New Housing Help Session: “Understanding Compliance in PH Conversions”

Join NMA on Friday, January 21, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific time for a special [Housing Help Session](#) on compliance issues in public housing conversions to long-term Section 8 platforms.

Manager of Curriculum Development and Senior Trainer Samantha Sowards will start with an overview of what it means to reposition public housing. The session will include descriptions of the RAD program, Section 18 Demo/Dispo, RAD/Section 18 blends, and Streamlined Voluntary Conversions. It will not cover the Homeownership program. Mrs. Sowards will then dig into a basic overview of the PBRA, PBV, and LIHTC programs. The session will conclude with a discussion of post-conversion issues and considerations and lessons learned from the compliance perspective. Note that this session will not focus on development, but on compliance issues that arise when performing conversions.

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