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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Extends Deadline to Apply for Supplemental CARES Act HAP Funding

In an email sent yesterday to executive directors, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it is extending the deadline for eligible PHAs to apply for supplemental Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) housing assistance payments (HAP), provided through the CARES Act, for significant increases in per unit cost (PUC) under the extraordinary circumstances category.

The deadline has been extended to **March 31, 2021** or until HAP funds have been depleted, whichever happens first. According to the email, as of November 1, 2020, \$350 million of the \$400 million made available through Notice [PIH 2020-17](#) has been awarded to eligible PHAs. You can find instructions on how to apply for this funding in the [notice](#), which has been [updated](#) to include the new deadline.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Settles Disability Discrimination Suit against GA Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has reached a settlement with housing providers in Albany, Georgia, resolving allegations that they discriminated against a tenant with disabilities. Specifically, the [charge](#) alleges that the respondents denied a reasonable accommodation request, made housing unavailable, and imposed different terms and conditions based on disability.

Under the [consent order](#), the housing providers will pay \$34,900 to the complainant for damages arising out of the allegations presented in the charge, attend fair housing training, and adopt and implement a reasonable accommodation policy that complies with the Fair Housing Act.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) makes it unlawful to deny housing or impose different rental terms and conditions based on disability, race, national origin, color, religion, sex, or familial status. It is illegal to refuse to provide a reasonable accommodation to a person with disabilities.

HUD Charges PA Housing Provider with Disability Discrimination

In another [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it is charging the owner and manager of an apartment complex in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with disability discrimination. Specifically, HUD’s [charge](#) alleges that testing conducted by a nonprofit housing rights organization revealed discrimination against persons with disabilities by denying reasonable accommodation requests for the waiver of pet fees for assistance animals and rejecting requests for a designated handicapped parking space.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits housing providers from denying or limiting housing because of a person’s disability and from refusing to make reasonable accommodations in policies or practices.

According to the press release, HUD’s charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge. If the judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, he or she may award damages to the complainants 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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