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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates HCV Mobility Demonstration FAQs

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has released an updated version of its [FAQs](#) on the new Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) [Mobility Demonstration](#). The document is current as of October 20, 2020, and updated questions have been indicated by adding “New” next to the question.

As you know, on July 15, 2020, HUD published a [notice](#) implementing the HCV Mobility Demonstration, which defines PHA eligibility criteria and establishes the application process and factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications. Later, on October 8, 2020, the Department published another [notice](#) extending the application due date to **December 14, 2020**. Further details on the implementation and application process can be found in the [implementation notice](#). For more information and additional resources, visit the [HCV Mobility Demonstration webpage](#).

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.

GENERAL NEWS

REAC Posts *Get NSPIREd* Newsletter

The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has [posted](#) the most recent issue of its newsletter on the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE), *Get NSPIREd*. The new issue, dated October 2020, includes the following topics, among others:

- An innovative process to ensure regular updates to standards
- A guide on how to read and give feedback on NSPIRE standards
- Free NSPIRE resources

As you know, the NSPIRE [demonstration](#) was announced last year to overhaul HUD’s inspection process and test new approaches for making certain PHAs and owners provide housing that is safe and livable. NSPIRE will eventually be implemented as a single inspection protocol for public housing and HCV units.

HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of [training webinars](#) on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled “[Department of Education Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide Overview](#),” will introduce the soon-to-be released Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide. The guide is broadly applicable to the different learning situations of families and students during the COVID-19 pandemic and include tips on internet access, digital citizenship, and privacy best practices. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to [register](#).

HUD has also posted the training materials for the most recent set of ConnectHome webinars on [this page](#) at [HUD Exchange](#). The materials for each session include recordings of the training, transcripts, and copies of the slides presented during the webcast.



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