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PIH Issues Notice on Reporting CARES Act Waiver Adoption Information

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2021-33](#) titled "Submitting CARES Act Waiver Adoption Information to HUD by December 20, 2021." The guidance provides directions to PHAs on the required reporting in the CARES Act Waiver Reporting Tool ([CAWRT](#)), HUD's tool used to report COVID-19 waivers adopted as authorized by the CARES Act.

According to the notice, all PHAs, including Moving to Work (MTW) PHAs, are required to enter information into the CAWRT, even those that did not adopt the discretionary COVID-19 waivers. HUD has provided PHAs that did not adopt discretionary waivers an expedited process for entering information in the tool. MTW agencies should only indicate adoption of a waiver if the waiver was adopted through the CARES Act authority. Waivers implemented through an approved annual MTW plan should not be included.

PHAs were required to record which waivers the PHA applied to their programs and the effective dates of each waiver. PHAs should also have made this information available to the public as described in Section 5 of Notice [PIH 2021-14](#). PHAs were not required to notify HUD or receive HUD approval to begin utilizing waivers and alternative requirements. However, HUD stated that PHAs may subsequently be required to provide information to HUD on the use of waivers and the date of application for any waivers adopted. This information must be provided to HUD via the CAWRT. If a PHA has only one PHA code, the PHA must submit only one response into the CAWRT. If a PHA has more than one PHA code, the PHA must submit a response for each code. None of the information collected in the CAWRT tool should contain Personal Identifiable Information (PII).

PHAs must complete the [CAWRT](#) no later than two weeks after publication of this notice, on **December 20, 2021**. Detailed step-by-step instructions on how to complete the CAWRT can be found [here](#). You can find the links to the notice, tool, instructions, and waiver expiration guidance on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources webpage](#).



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