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PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance on Unit Designation and Accessible Designation Categories in IMS/PIC

Last Friday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) published Notice [PIH 2022-03](#) announcing changes to the unit designation categories and accessible designation categories in the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)). The notice applies to PHAs administering the public housing program, including PHAs that participate in the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration.

According to the document, as part of the September 2010 release of IMS/PIC, several of the unit designation categories were changed to capture more detailed information on the intended occupancy of units in the public housing portfolio. The 2010 IMS/PIC system release implemented three significant changes to the unit designation categories:

- All units that were in the unit designation categories formerly entitled *Family Unit, Elderly Unit, Family and Disabled*, and *Elderly and Disabled* no longer exist in IMS/PIC. They were automatically placed into a new unit designation category entitled *General Occupancy*.
- *Mixed Elderly and Disabled Not HUD Officially Designated* was created as a new unit designation category. No units were automatically placed into this category.
- *Merged Units*, which were previously reported in the Unit Tenant Status detail, are now reported in the unit designation detail.

The IMS/PIC changes also created a new “Accessible Designation” category for units that are accessible to persons with a mobility or sensory impairment or to contain some accessible features available to individuals with disabilities. For accessible units in existing or new public housing developments, PHAs must select the appropriate Accessible Designation category for each unit in IMS/PIC as explained in Section 5 of the notice. In addition to updating IMS/PIC with an Accessibility Designation, the PHA certifies the accuracy of the designation.

PHAs must review their portfolios in IMS/PIC to ensure that units are in the correct unit designation categories. If a PHA discovers an error, it must correct it in IMS/PIC within 30 days of the publication of the notice no later than March 31, 2022. Note that certain unit designation categories require a HUD-approved Designated Housing Plan (DHP). DHP approval for a new request is granted initially for five years followed by renewals granted in two-year increments.

PHAs are required to certify to the accuracy of their building and unit data, including unit designations, during the annual capital fund IMS/PIC certification period. It is imperative that PHAs certify accurately, as unit designation statuses may impact the amount of funding received under the capital fund formula.

Further details, including how to make unit designation/accessible designation category changes in IMS/PIC, can be found in the [notice](#).

RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates PBV Quick Reference Guide

On the main Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has posted an updated version of the [PBV Quick Reference Guide](#). According to the document, the February 2022 limited revision removes an error that appeared in Section 5.6.



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