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HUD Updates Guidance on CARES Act Waivers Expiration

Recently on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that it has updated the [Guidance on CARES Act Waivers Expiration](#). HUD made changes to the [occupancy policies](#) document, specifically to the over-income public housing families termination requirement.

PH-13: Over-Income Limit: Termination Requirement

If a PHA chooses not to enforce an established termination policy for over-income families exceeding the income limit for two consecutive years, then PHAs must continue to treat such families as public housing families. These families continue to pay FMT [sic] until their next annual reexamination, at which point they will be offered an option of a flat rent or an income-based rent. At the annual reexamination, PHAs may not continue charging the over-income families FMR (or an "alternative rent") until HUD has completed rulemaking establishing the "alternative rent."

You can access the updated [occupancy policies](#) document, which had already been updated earlier this month, from a link on the [Guidance on CARES Act Waivers Expiration](#) webpage, or directly by clicking [here](#).

PIH Posts CAWRT Data Dashboard

On the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources webpage](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted the CARES Act Waiver Reporting Tool (CAWRT) [Data Dashboard](#), which shows the information on adoption of COVID-19 waivers and alternative requirements as authorized by Notice [PIH 2021-14](#) and allows the user to drill down to analyze the data based on a number of criteria. The data was provided by PHAs through the completion of the [CAWRT form](#). According to the webpage, the CAWRT dashboard is accessible both internally to HUD employees and externally to the public. The public-facing dashboard can be accessed [here](#).

PIH has also posted the [CAWRT Dashboard User Guide](#) that provides an explanation of many of the terms, tables, and charts available in the CAWRT data dashboard and explains how to access and utilize the new tool.



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