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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Webinar on Landlord Engagement

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has announced that it will host a webinar titled “HCV Utilization – Landlord Engagement.” During the live web conference, HUD will provide an overview of newly available resources to assist PHAs in improving landlord participation and satisfaction with their HCV programs. The resources will include landlord testimonial videos, a toolkit for planning and facilitating your own landlord symposium, and an info sheet explaining the role of PHAs.

The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. To register, click [here](#). You can find more information and watch previous webinars [here](#) on the [HCV website](#).

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Settles Familial Status and Disability Discrimination Case against PA Housing Provider

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) announced that it has reached a settlement with the owner and former manager of rental properties in Pennsylvania to resolve a [lawsuit](#) alleging that they violated the [Fair Housing Act](#) by refusing to let a tenant’s girlfriend move in with him because she was pregnant with his son and because the tenant was in recovery from an addiction to alcohol.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability. The Act’s ban on familial status discrimination protects individuals under 18 years old, as well as any person who is pregnant. The Act’s disability protections cover people in recovery from alcohol or drug addiction, but they do not apply to current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance. According to the press release, the tenant successfully completed an alcohol treatment program and was in recovery from his addiction for approximately nine months before requesting that his girlfriend move into the property.

Under the [consent order](#), which was approved by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendants will pay a total of \$75,000 to the tenant and his child. The consent order also requires defendants to take actions directed towards preventing future unlawful discrimination, including complying with the Fair Housing Act, undergoing training and implementing nondiscrimination policies on the Fair Housing Act in connection with the rental and management of residential properties, and submitting to compliance and reporting requirements.



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