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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Updates HHS/CDC COVID-19 FAQs and Supplemental PIH FAQs

Last Friday on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted an updated version of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the [order](#) under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The updated document is dated February 2, 2021. HUD has also updated the [supplemental set of FAQs](#) regarding the CDC order as it relates to HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) programs. Updated questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated February 5, 2021.

As you recall, the CDC eviction moratorium was published September 4, 2020, with an expiration date of December 31, 2020. Then, the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law by President Trump on December 27, 2020, extended the expiration date until January 31, 2021. On January 29, the CDC further extended the order until March 31, 2021.

You can find the links to the FAQs, in addition to other COVID-19 resources, on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Highlights RAD and Section 18 Blend Expansion

Last Friday via RADblast!, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) highlighted the RAD and Section 18 Blend Expansion. As the email states, HUD recently increased the PHAs' ability to improve or replace public housing assets by expanding the ways PHAs can use RAD and the Section 18 disposition authority together. The RADblast! describes the two RAD and Section 18 Blends established in [Notice PIH 2021-07](#):

- **Construction Blend:** Under this blend, which replaces the prior "75-25 blend," HUD has established a sliding scale where it will approve a greater proportion of units for conversion under Section 18 (between 20 percent and 80 percent of units) when greater levels of construction or rehabilitation will be performed at the property. The new blends encourage and enable higher levels of construction and preservation within the public housing portfolio and will allow PHAs to finance more extensive improvements to residents' homes.
- **Small PHA Blend:** Under this blend, HUD provides an opportunity for PHAs with 250 units or fewer public housing to preserve those homes under long-term project-based contracts through a mix of RAD and Section 18, regardless of the level of work needed at the property. This blend encourages and enables smaller housing authorities to move fully to the project-based Section 8 platform, enabling them to streamline their management and operations and preserve their housing stock as affordable for the long-term.

According to HUD, blending RAD and Section 18 leverages the best of both programs. PHAs can establish a stronger revenue base and generate more capital for renovations or redevelopment.

HUD also announced that it will host a webinar on [Notice PIH 2021-07](#) and the RAD/Section 18 Blends on February 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. To register, click [here](#).

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