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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PD&R Explains 2021 Renewal Funding Inflation Factors

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) announced the 2021 renewal funding inflation factor (RFIF) data set for the Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program. However, as of this morning, the 2021 tables have yet to be posted on the [RFIF web page](#).

Inflation factors incorporate economic indices to measure the expected change in per unit costs (PUC) for the HCV program. Today's notice provides the following explanation of the 2021 inflation factors:

The notice apportions the expected percent change in the national per unit cost (PUC) for the HCV program, 5.80 percent, to each PHA based on the change in fair market rents (FMRs) for their operating area to produce the FY 2021 RFIFs. HUD's FY 2021 methodology is the same as that which was used in FY 2020.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes 2021 Inflation Factor for Civil Monetary Penalties

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD's Office of General Counsel ([OGC](#)) published a [notice](#) which provides the 2021 inflation adjustment factor for HUD's civil monetary penalty (CMP) regulations. Such adjustments are required under the [Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990](#), as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

As explained in the notice, the cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2021 is 1.01182. Adjustments are rounded to the nearest dollar. The notice includes a table showing the previous amounts and 2021 adjusted amounts for various HUD-related civil penalties. For example, the maximum monetary penalty for a first-time violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#) has increased from \$21,410 to \$21,663.

The effective date for the 2021 inflation adjustment is April 15, 2021.



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