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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PD&R Posts 2021 Renewal Funding Inflation Factors

Yesterday we reported that 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. The [2021 tables](#) have now been posted on the [RFIF webpage](#). You can also access the [2021 data](#) and the [2021 notice](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Charges PA Landlords with Sexual Harassment and Retaliation

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it is charging the husband-and-wife owners of apartments in Pennsylvania with sexual harassment and retaliation against a female resident.

HUD's [charge](#) alleges that the husband groped and tried to forcibly kiss the woman when he was in her unit to perform electrical repairs. HUD's charge further alleges that the owners retaliated against the woman and her infant child after she told the wife about the husband's harassment. The female tenant and her child were subsequently evicted and charged for unpaid rent and legal fees. The housing at issue was rented using a housing choice voucher ([HCV](#)).

HUD's charge will be heard by a United States administrative law judge unless any party elects to have the case heard in federal court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the complainant for losses caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief, as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose civil penalties to vindicate the public interest.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status.



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