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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) posted an updated version of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) for the HCV program. The tool is current as of April 7, 2021. You can access the tool and instruction guide through HUD’s Secure Systems.

GENERAL NEWS

PIH Issues Guidance for PHAs on Supporting Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations

Yesterday on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) posted a [document](#) providing guidance to PHAs on supporting access to COVID-19 vaccinations for residents and staff.

As you know, the [CARES Act](#) provided supplemental funds to enable PHAs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by the pandemic. Through the guidance, PIH affirms that supporting staff and residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 helps prevent, prepare for, and respond to the outbreak. According to the document, PHAs can use CARES Act supplemental operating public housing funds or HCV administrative fees (as appropriate) for:

- Transporting residents and staff to or from a site providing the vaccine;
- Coordinating with health units to provide on-site vaccinations at a PHA or other mutually agreed site;
- Overtime or bonus pay for PHA staff assisting with vaccination efforts;
- Costs to develop or distribute educational materials related to COVID-19 or the vaccine;
- Hiring health service coordination staff, including resident community health workers, to assist residents in locating and signing up for the vaccine and health insurance coverage;
- Individual or shared computing devices, such as laptops or multifunction tablets with keyboards, to allow for online registration; and
- Setting aside units or non-dwelling space in the Inventory Management System/Public Information Center ([IMS-PIC](#)) system to allow for vaccine service.

In addition to the above list, PHAs may consider other activities to support vaccination efforts provided they support preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 and do not duplicate other federal benefits or subsidy. The document states that because the federal vaccine rollout might evolve over time, there might be a need to update the guidance as circumstances change.

HUD to Hold Panel on Services in HUD-Assisted Housing

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) [announced](#) that it will host a panel discussion on services in HUD-assisted housing, including services offered through HUD’s Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) and Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency ([ROSS](#)) programs. The event, which will take place on April 29, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, will look at how HUD programs can help families continue to have access to affordable housing and grow savings so that they can weather crises, reverse wealth building inequities, improve housing choices, and meet career and family goals, such as sending children to college. According to the announcement, the discussion will move beyond looking at immediate employment impacts, identifying other valuable outcomes such as improvements in mental and physical health. Click here to [register](#).



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