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GENERAL NEWS

PIH Issues Updated Notice on COVID-19 Waivers

Late yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice [PIH 2021-14](#) to restate and/or revise the COVID-19-related waivers and alternative requirements included in Notice [PIH 2020-33](#), carry forward information on previously specified HUD actions, add new waivers and alternative requirements, and extend the period of availability of most waivers until December 31, 2021. The notice establishes the following new waivers and alternative requirements:

- PH and HCV-8 waives the third-party income verification requirements for applicants and, alternatively, will allow PHAs to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification at admission. PHAs must review the EIV Income and IVT reports to confirm/validate family-reported income within 90 days.
- PH and HCV-9 waives the requirements to obtain and verify documentation regarding SNN and evidence of eligible noncitizen status before admitting applicants to the HCV and public housing programs. Additionally, PHAs may accept self-certification of date of birth and disability status if a higher level of verification is not immediately available. As an alternative requirement, individuals admitted under this waiver must provide the required documentation within 90 days of admission to be eligible for continued assistance.
- HCV-15 allows a PHA to permit a family to initially lease an under-occupied PBV or Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) PBV unit (a unit that has more bedrooms than what the family qualifies for under PHA subsidy standards) under certain circumstances as described in the notice, and to allow for the continued occupancy of PBV and EV families already under a lease for an under-occupied PBV, RAD PBV, or EV unit.
- Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR) Suspension: waives the requirement that each non-exempt adult resident of public housing contribute eight hours per month of community service and/or participation in an economic self-sufficiency program. This non-discretionary waiver also suspends enforcement of the requirement by all PHAs operating a public housing program.

Additionally, the notice extends the period during which HUD will carry forward scores on record under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) to all fiscal years ending on or before December 31, 2021.

As stated in the notice, for the public housing and HCV programs, use of the waivers or alternative requirements is at the PHA’s discretion, unless otherwise noted, although HUD strongly encourages PHAs to utilize any and all waivers and alternative requirements as necessary in order to keep the programs operational to the extent possible. HUD requires that PHAs post publicly or otherwise make available to the public a list of all waivers and alternative requirements it chooses to apply, in addition to notifying affected residents and owners of the impact of such.

A summary of the public housing and HCV waivers and alternative requirements is included in [Attachment I](#) of the notice, starting on page 75 of the document. Further details on the specific waivers and alternative requirements can be found in the [notice](#).

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Detailed Calculation Reports for May and June

HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted detailed calculation reports for operating subsidy obligations for May and June. The calculations are presented in the same format as obligation letters—the calculations are organized with all PHAs in the same state combined in a single file, which you can access through a map [here](#). The explanation and letters for May and June obligations were posted in April.

You’ll find links to the explanation, letters, and calculations reports on the [2021 operating fund grant processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Webinar Materials to the HCV Landlord Resources Webpage

This week on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) added the [recording](#) and [presentation materials](#) for the “Inspections and Matching Local Rental Markets Strategies” webinar that was held on April 20, 2021.

The seminar walked through the latest published chapters of the [HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook](#). The chapter titled “[Inspections](#)” focuses on strategies that PHAs can implement to ensure consistent inspections and to facilitate efficiency in the scheduling and completion of inspections. The chapter titled “[Matching Local Rental Markets](#)” focuses on how PHAs can increase the availability of units affordable to voucher families in all of the neighborhoods within their jurisdiction by matching local rental markets using carefully tailored payment standards.

The goal of the HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook is to share strategies that PHAs can implement to improve landlord participation in the HCV program.



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