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GENERAL NEWS

U.S. Court of Appeals Leaves CDC Eviction Moratorium in Place

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia [ruled](#) yesterday that it would continue to stay a lower court ruling seeking to overturn the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) [eviction moratorium](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel stated that the government “has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed on the merits” of its appeal.

On May 5, a federal judge [threw out](#) the CDC eviction moratorium stating that it exceeded the CDC's authority. The Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) sought an immediate emergency order to put the judge's decision on hold, arguing that evictions worsen the spread of COVID-19, and that the harm to the public that would result could not be undone.

The moratorium is set to expire on June 30.

HUD Publishes Quarterly Regulatory Waivers

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a list of the regulatory waivers that it granted during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2020. You'll find the waivers granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing on pages 29801–29802 of the notice (PDF pages 10–11). The PIH office granted five waivers during the quarter:

- One permitted establishment of a site-specific utility allowance for a project-based voucher (PBV) project.
- For the purposes of determining the number of housing assistance payments (HAP) contracts required to be used across 16 project sites, a PHA requested the use of an alternative definition of “project” in order to be operationally efficient, reduce administrative burden, and overcome potential confusion for property management.
- One involved requesting to award PBVs to a public housing project that repositioned through a Section 22 Streamlined Voluntary Conversion (SVC) action without following a competitive selection process.
- Two requested to allow certain remediation activities commence at a project prior to an agreement to enter into a housing assistance payment (AHAP) contract.

The notice also includes a summary of CARES Act notices that provide waivers from October 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

PIH Makes Available Financial Management Training for PHAs

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has made available the latest public housing training curriculum on the HUD Exchange. The self-paced training, title “[Public Housing Authority Financial Management](#),” focuses on internal controls and financial management topics related to the public housing and Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) programs. It also provides best practices and tools that PHAs can readily implement. Click [here](#) for more information and to [take the training](#).



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