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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH to Implement HCV Mobility Demonstration

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has released a [pre-publication copy](#) of a *Federal Register* notice implementing the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration. The notice, which was posted on a [new webpage](#) dedicated to the demonstration, is scheduled for release tomorrow, July 15, 2020. As you recall, the HCV Mobility Demonstration was authorized and funded through the 2019 and 2020 Appropriations Acts. The main purposes of the demonstration are to:

- Provide voucher assistance and mobility services to families with children to encourage such families to move to lower poverty areas
- Expand their access to opportunity areas
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies pursued under the demonstration

The [implementation notice](#) defines PHA eligibility criteria, establishes the application process, including setting forth the factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications, and explains the special rules and requirements applicable to PHAs selected for participation in the demonstration. The notice also identifies the specific waivers and alternative requirements established by the Secretary for the demonstration. The new webpage dedicated to the demonstration lists the application due date as **October 13, 2020**.

Further details on the implementation and application process can be found in the [notice](#). For additional resources, including links to upcoming webinars, visit the [HCV Mobility Demonstration webpage](#).

PIH Updates HCV Guidebook Chapters

The PIH Office has updated two of its previously released chapters of the new [HCV Guidebook](#), [Reexaminations](#) and [Special housing Types](#). Both chapters list the changes from the previous version after the table of contents for each chapter. Both contain only minor corrections:

- The [Reexaminations](#) chapter contains a correction to a PIH notice reference.
- The [Special Housing Types](#) chapter corrects numerical typos and formatting.

You can access these and the other chapters that have been released so far on the [HCV Guidebook webpage](#).

GENERAL NEWS

NLIHC Publishes Out of Reach 2020

The National Low-Income Housing Coalition ([NLIHC](#)) has published [Out of Reach 2020](#), a report on wages and rents throughout the country. In an accompanying [press release](#), NLIHC described this year's report as follows:

NLIHC's 'Out of Reach 2020' report concludes that the economic downturn spurred by the coronavirus further increases the risk of housing instability for millions of low-wage renters who were struggling to make ends meet before the pandemic.

NLIHC has also updated its interactive [Out of Reach website](#) that allows users to compare data from their metropolitan area and county with other metropolitan areas and counties within their state.

RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Showcases Positive Outcomes for RAD, RAD Research NOFA

Today via RADBlast!, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) highlighted two studies published earlier this year that indicated positive outcomes for residents living in public housing properties that have converted to the Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)) program. [One study](#) examined how renovations of a property in Queens, New York that converted to RAD may improve residents' health. The [other study](#) assessed the outcomes and wellbeing of children living in developments that have undergone rehab and RAD conversion in Fresno, California.

The email also highlights the recently published research notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) requesting proposals to study the impact of RAD on children in HUD-assisted households. The due date for applications is **July 30, 2020**.

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