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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces VMS Updates

In an email yesterday to executive directors, HUD’s Financial Management Center ([FMC](#)) advised PHAs of a release that will occur in the Voucher Management System ([VMS](#)) on July 30, 2021. According to the email:

These changes are being made to add new fields and an additional tab to collect data for the new Emergency Housing Voucher ([EHV](#)) program and Housing Stability Voucher program and expense data for shortfall and adjustment funding. Please note that some of these fields will not be utilized immediately as funding has not yet been awarded. PHAs will be advised of the use of each field when ACCs are sent notifying of the obligation of a specific type of funding. The updated fields and tab will be visible in the system on August 4, 2021, when the VMS opens for the July 2021 reporting cycle.

It is understood that some PHAs may have expense data to report for the month of June for preliminary fees, service fees and ongoing admin fees. Please be aware that the new EHV fields will not be available for June reporting. Any expenses incurred for the month of June should be reported in the month of July along with any July expense information. The lump sum reporting of expenses is a one-time occurrence and PHAs should report on a monthly basis after the month of July.

The email also states that both the Quick Reference Guide and the User’s Manual will be updated to reflect these additions and will be available as soon as the July 30 release has been confirmed.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD to Enter New Computer Matching Agreement with HHS

In a [notice](#) published today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it will be entering into a new computer matching agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)). The new agreement will allow HUD to continue using the Enterprise Income Verification ([EIV](#)) system to match tenant-provided income data with data in the National Directory of New Hires maintained by HHS. Comments on the notice are due by **August 27, 2021**.

HUD’s primary objective of the computer matching program is to verify the employment and income of participants in certain rental assistance programs to determine the appropriate level of rental assistance, and to detect, deter and correct fraud, waste, and abuse in rental housing assistance programs.

HUD Launches New Section 3 Landing Page

In an email yesterday to the [HUD Exchange mailing list](#), HUD [announced](#) that it has launched a new [Section 3 landing page](#), which features resources, training, and news on Section 3, including:

- [Section 3 FAQs](#) that provide answers to a number of questions about the transition and the workings of the new rule. The FAQs can be searched by topics and keywords.
- A Section 3 Guidebook listed as “coming soon”
- [Understanding Section 3 Training Curriculum](#)
- [Small Contractors Initiative Training](#)

As you know, Section 3 requires that recipients of certain types of HUD financial assistance provide training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities to low and very low-income individuals—and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to such persons—to the greatest extent possible. The [final rule](#), which became effective on July 1, 2021, updated and streamlined Section 3 regulations and reporting requirements.



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