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GENERAL NEWS

PIH Issues Updated Notice on COVID-19 Waivers

Late last Thursday, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2020-13](#) to restate and issue technical amendments to the COVID-19-related waivers and administrative flexibilities established in [PIH 2020-05](#), provide additional waivers and alternative requirements, and extend the periods of availability for previously established waivers and alternative requirements. Revisions of importance to PHAs include the following:

- The notice adds four new Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program-related waivers (HCV-11 through HCV-14) concerning the Family Unification Program ([FUP](#)), maximum term of assistance for homeownership, and mandatory removal of a unit from the project-based voucher ([PBV](#)) HAP contract.
- Two new waivers for the [public housing](#) program (PH-11 and PH-12) that cover Designated Housing Plan renewals and PHA self-inspections have also been added.
- Except for the Designated Housing Plan 60-day notification, the periods of availability for all public housing and HCV waivers that previously ended **prior to** December 31, 2020, have been extended to December 31, 2020. Additional timeframe extensions related to HQS inspections are included in the notice as well.
- HUD clarifies that the period of availability for Capital Fund grants is extended by one year from the obligation and expenditure end dates in the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) as of April 10, 2020.
- HUD is requiring 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 all public housing and HCV-related revisions, and all technical corrections, are included in [Attachment I](#). Further details on the specific waivers and alternative requirements can be found in the [notice](#).

PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published the second issue of [Cityscape](#) for 2020. The [issue](#) focuses on two essays on unequal growth in housing. Articles that may be of interest include:

- [The Closing of America's Urban Frontier](#)
- [Housing Inequality in Developing Asia and the United States: Will Common Problems Mean Solutions?](#)
- [How Finland Ended Homelessness](#)
- [Opportunity Zones: A Place-Based Incentive for Investment in Low-Income Communities](#)
- [A Comprehensive Look at Housing Market Conditions Across America's Cities](#)

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RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts New RAD Photo Essay

HUD has recently posted the latest in a [series of photo essays](#) documenting the resident experience for properties that undergo conversions under the Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)). The [latest essay](#) focuses on a RAD conversion in Holyoke, Massachusetts that also used Opportunity Zones to fill in the financing gaps and revitalize the community.

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