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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Proposed Rule on FSS Program

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [proposed rule](#) that would implement changes to the Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) program as required by the "Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act," signed into law on May 24, 2018. The Act made multiple amendments to the FSS program, including changing the size calculation, expanding the definition of eligible family to include tenants of certain privately owned multifamily projects subsidized with project-based rental assistance (PBRA), updating the FSS contract of participation (CoP), reducing burdens on PHAs and multifamily assisted housing owners, clarifying escrow account requirements, and updating the program coordinator and action plan requirements. The proposed rule also includes additional changes to reduce burden and streamline the program for PHAs, owners, and eligible families. Comments are due by **November 20, 2020**.

RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Notice on RAD COVID-19 Guidance

Last Friday via RADblast!, HUD announced that it has published Notice [PIH 2020-26/H-2020-09](#) providing supplemental COVID-19 guidance for PHAs and owners converting properties through RAD. As stated in the email, the notice addresses two items:

- The notice describes the availability of CARES Act Operating Fund for public housing properties that have converted or that will convert in calendar year 2020 and that are still supported through public housing appropriations.
- Complementing the [FAQs](#) that provide guidance to PHAs and owners on conducting remote resident meetings, the notice permits PHAs to conduct one-on-one or small group resident meetings instead of larger group meetings. PHAs and owners may find the approach permitted in the notice to be a more effective and safer approach to inform and consult with residents.

The notice amends [Revision 4 of the RAD Notice](#), published on September 5, 2019.

HUD will host a webinar on Tuesday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time to review the contents of the notice and answer questions. To register, click [here](#).



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