



Tools, tips, and updates to help with Housing Choice Voucher Program administration.

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WEBINAR | Cost Savings



HUD will be hosting a live [webinar on Cost Savings on April 29, 2026, at 2:00 PM Eastern](#). The webinar will focus on [Notice PIH 2025-28, Cost-Savings Measures in the Housing Choice Voucher \(HCV\) and Project Based Voucher \(PBV\) Programs](#) and cover the role of HUD's Shortfall Prevention Team.

The notice details several existing program requirements and other additional policy options PHAs may pursue to reduce program costs and, ultimately, safeguard families from terminations. Please register in advance.

Join us! **Wednesday, April 29th, 2pm EST.**

[Register HERE](#)

NSPIRE for Voucher Training Webinars and Office Hour Sessions Coming Again Soon!

Watch for the "Get Ready" webinars and Office Hour sessions to commence in the coming months. These important and informative trainings and office hour sessions are intended to assist PHAs as they implement NSPIRE into their voucher program inspections. Whether you have already implemented but still have questions, or have yet

to implement, we hope you will join us again. When the schedule is set, emails will be sent out to PHAs and dates will be announced in future editions of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCV Forms Update Notice

HUD published the [60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Choice Voucher Program and Tribal HUD-VASH](#) (91 FR 6865) in the Federal Register on February 13, 2026. Changes were made to HCV program forms to comply with current laws, regulations, and executive orders, update definitions, fix typos and update the burden hour language. Additionally, several new forms were created pursuant to the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule published on May 7, 2024 ([89 FR 38224](#)). Comment period closed April 14, 2026.

Proposed Rule: Verification of Eligible Status

HUD published the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status (91 FR 8151), a proposed rule, in the [Federal Register](#) on February 20, 2026. This proposed rule would revise HUD's regulations to require the verification of U.S. citizenship or the eligible immigration status of all applicants and recipients of assistance under a covered program regardless of age. The proposed rule would also make prorated assistance a temporary condition pending verification of eligible status of all family members, where permitted by statute.

Comments are due by April 21, 2026.

Proposed Rule: Flexibility for Work Requirements and Term Limits

HUD published Establishing Flexibility for Implementation of Work Requirements and Term Limits (91 FR 10016), a proposed rule, in the [Federal Register](#) on March 2, 2026. This proposed rule would amend HUD regulations to provide Public Housing Agencies (and certain Multifamily Housing Owners) with the option to implement work requirements for work-eligible adults and term limits for non-elderly, non-disabled families receiving assistance through Housing Choice Vouchers and Project-Based Vouchers (as well as certain other programs).

Comments are due by May 1, 2026.

Notice PIH 2026-03

HUD published this notice, [Implementation of the Reduced Elevated Blood Lead Level \(EBLL\) Triggering Response in Certain Assisted Target Housing](#), February 27, 2026. This notice changes the EBLL threshold to 3.5 µg/dL, superseding the EBLL threshold in Notice PIH 2017-13, which otherwise remains in effect.

Notice PIH 2026-03

Rescission of Certain Notices

PIH published two notices which PHAs should reference in order to cease relying on rescinded guidance: [Notice PIH 2026-04](#) and [Notice PIH 2026-06](#). Please review to better understand how your PHA may be impacted.

Procurement Handbook

A revised [PHA Procurement Handbook, 7460.8 REV 3](#), is now available. Key updates include clarification that HCV Administrative Fees are subject to federal procurement requirements under 2 CFR Part 200. Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contracts are not procurement actions and are excluded pursuant to 2 CFR 200.101(d). HAP contracts continue to be governed by program regulations at 24 CFR Part 982 (HCV) and 24 CFR Part 983 (PBV).



The Handbook is effective upon publication. PHAs should review and update their procurement policies and procedures as necessary to ensure consistency with these requirements. Direct questions regarding implementation to PHAProcurement@hud.gov.

[PHA Procurement Handbook](#)

HCV UTILIZATION TOOLS

The HCV program requires program administrators to make regular adjustments to reflect funding levels and local market conditions. HUD provides resources on the [HCV Utilization Tools](#) site to help PHAs forecast the impact of different program adjustments and voucher issuance decisions.

The latest Two-Year Tool includes the following updates:

- The Tool is pre-populated with PHA reported data through December 2025.
- Online guidance has been updated to include macros in the personal settings, which may need to be modified to optimize the Tool.

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