



Tools, tips, and updates to help with HCV Program administration.

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New Look for the New Year!

To celebrate the new year, we have updated the look and feel of the HCV Connect Newsletter. This is part of our ongoing mission to simplify the HCV program and keep our program guidance, tips, and updates, accessible to program administrators and stakeholders. If you like the change, or have feedback for additional changes, please email HCVUtilization@hud.gov.



Get Ready for CY 2025 Funding

On December 6th, HUD sent a "[Get Ready Letter](#)" all PHA Executive Directors an email providing potential Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Administrative Fee proration factors for CY 2025. HUD strongly encourages PHAs to closely monitor their funding and leasing while we await the final appropriations bill for CY2025. HUD encourages PHAs to use the HCV Utilization Tools to make sound program decisions, which are available tools on the [HCV Utilization Tools](#) section of www.hud.gov/hcv.



The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) Webinar for State TANF Program and Partners

Today, January 15, 2025 The Office of Family Assistance (OFA) will host a national webinar for state TANF programs and partners to roll out its newly released [Dear Colleague Letter on Housing Instability](#). An overview of current and relevant research for TANF programs, peer perspectives from two TANF programs investing in housing stability activities will be presented.

This webinar will help increase knowledge about approaches for addressing housing instability for families, facilitate the introduction of new partnerships, and offer options for maximizing TANF flexibilities to reduce housing stability for families and children and achieve TANF purposes.

Building Strategic Partnerships and Maximizing TANF Flexibilities to Reduce Housing Instability

TODAY, January 15th, 1- 2:15 PM ET

Speakers: ACF's Office Planning Research and Evaluation, and representatives from Maine and Oregon's TANF programs

Audience: TANF administrators, community & housing partners, and others!

[Register here to join](#)

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Listening Sessions

PIH will be hosting listening sessions with PHAs that currently administer FYI vouchers to gather feedback on program challenges and barriers. To accommodate PHA schedules and get feedback from as many FYI PHAs as possible, **two identical sessions will be held**. FYI PHAs received a more detailed personalized invitation from FYI@hud.gov.

SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, January 15th (PAST)

Thursday, February 13th, 2-3p EST ([Register here](#))

Quarterly Office Hours for MTW PHAs Reporting Commitments and Obligations

The MTW Office has established CY25 quarterly office hours for MTW PHAs reporting their commitments and obligations in VMS. The office hours will occur on the **third Thursday from 1:30 – 2:00 EST of each quarterly reporting month**, i.e. January, April, July, and October. If you did not receive the calendar invite, or have questions, please send an email to mtwunspentfunds@hud.gov.

Reminder of HCV Updates Webinar Series



The **third Thursday of every month from 2p-3p EST** we host an HCV Updates Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration. You can register for the webinars by clicking on the [Webinars and Trainings Icon](#) at www.hud.gov/hcv. All past webinars are recorded and posted on [Past Trainings and Webinars](#).

The Next HCV Updates Webinar is **Thursday, January 16th**. During this call we plan to share the latest updates on 2025 funding and remind program administrators of the program tools available help maximize funding utilization and avoid shortfall.

[Register HERE](#)

WEBINAR | How to Effectively Utilize Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers

With our partners at the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children & Families, PIH will host a webinar to spotlight communities, both large and small, who are successfully utilizing [FYI](#) in an effort to facilitate peer sharing and spread innovative practices. The webinar will be open to PHAs, their public child welfare agency (PCWA), and community partners who are currently utilizing FYI vouchers as well as those interested in FYI but not yet utilizing this resource in their community.

Join us! **Wednesday, February 12th, 1p-2:30p EST**.

[Register HERE](#)

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:

- Reflects PHA reported Voucher Management System (VMS) data through October
 - 2025 inflation factors (RFIF) updated with HUD's latest PHA-specific estimate
 - Default 2025 funding proration is set at 97.5 percent (consistent with the latest proposed Senate funding level).
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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

PHA Survey About the Emergency Housing Voucher Evaluation

HUD has engaged Social Policy Research Associates (SPR), in partnership with Abt Global, to provide a broad overview of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program implementation nationally and to inform future HUD efforts to target vouchers towards households that are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness. In early 2025, Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that received EHV's will receive an email invitation to participate in an online survey about their EHV program.

The survey is voluntary and will be used for research purposes only. Your participation will help us understand how PHAs implemented the EHV program. The survey will ask about:

- Partnering with your local CoC or other partner organization to administer the EHV program
- Eligibility, referral, and application processes
- Housing search and lease-up processes
- Overall implementation of the EHV program

If you have any questions about the study or the survey, please contact the study team at EHVstudy@abtglobal.com.

Share Your Feedback

Are you an HCV Landlord that has had a positive experience working with your PHA? Or a PHA with positive experiences working together with your landlords? We would you like to hear about your experience and which aspects of the program and partnership have worked well.

Email us! HCVLandlordSupport@HUD.gov





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HCV Landlord Newsletter

Twice a year, this newsletter provides Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program updates, resources and best practices for HCV Landlords.

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PBV RADVISOR

This quarterly newsletter is intended for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Voucher (PBV) program administrators, property owners, and other stakeholders.

This provides updates on program guidance changes, best practices, and friendly reminders of the unique RAD PBV program requirements.

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