

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

MAY 2025

Major Expansion of eVMS!

Since the eVMS conversion project began in October 2022, HUD has successfully transitioned 350 PHAs to the Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS), each actively using the system and receiving monthly payments. To build off of this momentum, HUD is now onboarding all remaining non-Moving to Work PHAs to eVMS. This expansion will take place over the next few months. Notification was sent to HCV Program Administrators on March 25th, providing information regarding onboarding and upcoming training sessions. You can learn more about the eVMS transition, access resources, and join scheduled office hours by visiting the eVMS website. All PHAs can also use the resources on the <u>PIC Error Dashboard website</u> to review and improve their PIC reporting in preparation for eVMS onboarding.

Visit the eVMS website

2025 Funding Update

HUD is expecting to make 2025 HCV Funding Notifications on or before May 15, 2025. Although final funding prorations are not available yet, we anticipate that PHAs will receive a funding proration of approximately 100 percent of program eligibility. Many PHAs are still experiencing cost increases and are at risk of running out of program funds. HUD urges PHAs to begin planning now and making necessary program adjustments to prevent shortfalls and maximize the use of program funds. Your local HUD Field Offices and the <u>HCV Utilization Tools</u> remain available to assist.

Reminder for MTW PHAs: Quarterly Reporting Commitments and Obligations due in the Voucher Management System (VMS)

Please report the Moving To Work (MTW) eligible activities that you have dedicated MTW HCV reserves towards in the Voucher Management System (VMS). For more information about these reporting requirements, visit the <u>MTW HCV Resources</u> <u>Webpage</u>. Questions can be emailed to <u>mtwunspentfunds@hud.gov</u>.

New EHV Notice Published

On March 26th, HUD published Notice PIH 2025-07, "<u>Emergency Housing Vouchers</u> <u>Leasing</u>." To ensure that EHV funding can assist currently housed EHV families for as long as possible, HUD is directing all PHAs to stop issuing vouchers to any new EHV families effective April 9, 2025. This directive includes PHAs with remaining EHV leasing authority but does not apply to currently assisted EHV families that wish to move within the PHA's jurisdiction or outside the jurisdiction through portability. Questions about the notice can be directed to <u>EHV@hud.gov</u>.

NEW VMS Webpage and Dashboard



A new Voucher Management System (VMS) <u>webpage</u> is now available! HUD recently published this new website to help HCV Program Administrators determine if their PHA is delayed in submitting their monthly VMS reporting. The website identifies VMS Non-Submitters and provides resources and other guidance to improve reporting. Your timely submissions allow HUD to calculate and process HCV renewal allocations more quickly and accurately.

Visit the VMS website

Violence Against Women Act Update: New Forms Available

HUD published new Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) forms: **HUD-5380**, **HUD-5381**, **HUD-5382**, and **HUD-5383**. Newly published forms will replace previously expired versions. HUD requires PHAs use HUD-approved VAWA forms after customizing each form with their program-specific information where identified.

HUD also published a new VAWA form, **HUD-5384** VAWA Emergency Transfer Data Collection Form. At this time, PHAs are not required to submit form HUD-5384. HUD will release further guidance at a later date. The forms are available for download <u>here</u>.

Have a question about the new VAWA forms? Email <u>ogbv@hud.gov</u> or reach out to your local HUD Field Office contact.

New HUD-Held Reserve Request Process

As part of streamlining efforts being undertaken by the Financial Management Center, HUD has launched a new process for requesting the release of HUD Held Reserves (HHR). All HHR requests for non-MTW PHAs will begin to be submitted via <u>DocuSign form</u> through an online process. Additional information regarding HHR additional disbursement requests is available online through the <u>FMC website</u>.



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 <u>Webinars and Trainings Icon</u> at <u>www.hud.gov/hcv</u>. All past webinars are recorded and posted on <u>Past Trainings and</u> <u>Webinars</u>.

The HCV Updates Webinar previously scheduled for **Thursday**, **May 15th has been postponed**. The monthly HCV Updates Webinar Series will resume **Thursday**, **July 17th**.

Register HERE

RECORDING AVAILABLE: Housing Protections for Survivors Under the Violence Against Women Act and Related Requirements for PHAs

<u>View the recording</u> of the webinar Housing Protections for Survivors Under the Violence Against Women Act and Related Requirements for PHAs (Course One) from November 14 (passcode +AX^UAk3).

View all VAWA Trainings 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.

Latest tools updates:

- The Two-Year Tool default proration is set at 100% for the regular HCV program and 93% Mainstream. (These are only estimates to help PHAs for planning)
- The Two-Year Tool is pre-populated with the PHA reported data through November 2024.
- You may notice that the versions of the HCV Utilization Tools available at HCV Utilization Tools is consistently 2-3 weeks older than the versions available from your HUD Field Office. We are working to resolve the delay.

Visit the HCV Utilization Tools website

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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 like to hear about your experience and which aspects of the program and partnership have worked well.

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