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**Special Attention of:**

Public Housing Agencies that Administer  
the Housing Choice Voucher Program  
Public Housing Directors  
Regional Public Housing Directors

**Notice PIH 2026-05**

**Issued:** March 5, 2026

**Expires:** This notice remains in effect until  
amended, superseded, or rescinded.

**Cross References:** Notices PIH 2022-24,  
2021-15, and 2025-07, 24 CFR 5.508, 24  
CFR 5.210-218

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**Subject: Revision to Emergency Housing Voucher and Stability Voucher Program  
Requirements**

**I. PURPOSE**

This notice makes a change to the requirements for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) and Stability Voucher (SV) programs.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On May 5, 2021, HUD published [Notice PIH 2021-15](#), *Emergency Housing Vouchers – Operating Requirements*, detailing the funding process, waivers, and alternative requirements for the EHV program. On August 16, 2022, HUD published [Notice PIH 2022-24](#), *Stability Voucher Program*, detailing the funding process, waivers, and alternative requirements for the SV program.

**III. CHANGES**

This notice strikes the following waiver and alternative requirement related to the verification of citizenship or eligible immigration status from both the EHV and SV notices:

*HUD is consequently waiving the requirement to obtain and verify SSN documentation and documentation evidencing eligible noncitizen status before admitting the family to the [EHV/SV] program. PHAs may adopt policies to admit [EHV/SV] applicants who are unable to provide the required SSN or citizenship documentation during the initial eligibility determination. As an alternative requirement, such individuals must provide the required documentation within 180 days of admission to be eligible for continued assistance, pending verification, unless the PHA provides an extension based on evidence from the family or confirmation from the CoC or other partnering agency that the family has made a good-faith effort to obtain the documentation.*

Public housing agencies (PHAs) must follow the regulations at 24 CFR 5.508 regarding the submission of evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status. PHAs must follow the regulations at 24 CFR 5.210 through 5.218 regarding the disclosure and verification of Social Security numbers (SSNs).

This is the only change to these notices. All other areas remain in effect, unless otherwise amended.

#### **IV. COMPLIANCE DEADLINE**

Within 60 days of the publication of this notice, PHAs must be in compliance with verification of eligible immigration status for both new SV admissions and current EHV and SV families. As a reminder, per [Notice PIH 2025-07](#), there are no new admissions to the EHV program. Within 60 days of the publication of this notice, PHAs must ensure that the SSNs of all family members admitted to the EHV and SV programs during the period of availability are verified in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system or collect verification if not verified. The resulting requirements under this notice are consistent with Section 3202 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the EHV program and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) for the SV program, which appropriated the relevant funding, and do not impose a new undue financial burden on PHAs.

#### **V. PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT**

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520) and have been assigned OMB control number 2577-0169.

#### **VI. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to [EHV@hud.gov](mailto:EHV@hud.gov) or [StabilityVouchers@hud.gov](mailto:StabilityVouchers@hud.gov), as applicable.



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