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NOTICE CPD 2026-02

NOTICE H 2026-03

NOTICE OLHCHH 2026-01

NOTICE PIH 2026-03

SPECIAL ATTENTION OF: All Regional Administrators; All HUD Regional Offices; All HUD Field Offices; All CPD Division Directors; All HOME Participating Jurisdictions; All Continuum of Care Grantees; All Emergency Solutions Grant Grantees; All Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grantees; All Multifamily Regional Center/Satellite Office Directors; All Multifamily Regional Center Directors; All Multifamily Satellite Office Directors; Multifamily Asset Management Division; All Multifamily Operations Officers; All Multifamily Field Counsel; All Multifamily Contract Administrators; All Project-Based Rental Assistance Target Housing Property Owners; All Multifamily Target Housing Project Owners; All Office Directors of Public Housing; All Regional Public Housing Directors; All Public Housing Agencies; All Housing Choice Voucher Property Owners; All Project-Based Voucher Property Owners; All Federally Recognized Tribes; All Tribally Designated Housing Entities, State-recognized Tribes with Indian Housing Block Grants; All Healthy Homes Enforcement Analysts

Effect: This notice remains in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.

Cross References: Section 1012 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4822; Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR part 35, subparts B – R); Modifying HUD's Elevated Blood Lead Level Threshold for Children Under Age 6 Who Are Living in Certain HUD-Assisted Target Housing Covered by the Lead Safe Housing Rule (90 FR 5975); Notice PIH 2017-13

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Reduced Elevated Blood Lead Level Triggering Response in Certain Assisted Target Housing

Purpose:

This notice provides general guidance on when:

- Owners of certain assisted target housing (where “target housing” (most housing constructed prior to 1978) is defined below), and
- HUD staff (and their support contractors) managing certain target housing

must undertake response actions when they are notified by a public health department or other medical health care provider that a child under age 6 residing in such a housing unit has been

identified as having an elevated blood lead level (EBLL) at or above the threshold level of 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$).

Required Actions:

Specifically, covered owners and HUD staff, as discussed below, must use the EBLL definition given in the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes' (OLHCHH's) Federal Register notice, Modifying HUD's Elevated Blood Lead Level Threshold for Children Under Age 6 Who Are Living in Certain HUD-Assisted Target Housing Covered by the Lead Safe Housing Rule (90 FR 5975, January 17, 2025). That notice changed the EBLL response threshold for assisted target housing covered by the Lead Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR part 35, subparts B–R) for a child under age 6 from its previous value of 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ to 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$. That notice set a date of no later than July 16, 2025, for compliance with the reduced threshold. This Notice reminds covered owners of this compliance information including the July 16, 2025, compliance deadline. It further advises owners that the reduced threshold will be enforced starting on June 1, 2026.

The Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2017-13 on August 10, 2017, citing the EBLL threshold then of 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$. That notice remains in effect for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Project-Based Voucher programs, except for the change in the threshold to 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ per this notice.

“Target housing” is defined by the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) (42 U.S.C. § 4851b(27)) as any housing constructed prior to 1978, except housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities or any 0-bedroom dwelling (unless any child who is less than 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in such housing).¹

Coverage:

Target housing covered by the Lead Safe Housing Rule under the programs below must respond as follows to the case of a child under age 6 residing in a unit identified as having an EBLL at or above the reduced, 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$, threshold:

- Target housing covered by project-based assistance, including through project-based rental assistance, project-based vouchers, or by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, Continuum of Care Program, Emergency Solutions Grants Program project-based rental assistance or sponsor-based rental assistance components:
 - Comply with the EBLL response procedures at 24 CFR 35.730.
 - This is required by section 35.700(b), and by either 35.715(e) for assistance over \$5,000 per housing unit per year or by section 35.720(c) for assistance up to \$5,000 per housing unit per year.

¹ Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) should note that an approved Designated Housing Plan for public housing does not serve as documentation of this exception and does not relieve a PHA from lead-based paint testing or other applicable requirements under the Lead Safe Housing Rule. PHAs must ensure compliance with that Rule.

- Target housing that is a HUD-owned multifamily property or a multifamily target housing property for which HUD is identified as mortgagee-in-possession:
 - Comply with the EBLR response procedures at 24 CFR 35.830.
 - This is required by section 35.800.

- Target housing that is public housing:
 - Comply with the EBLR response procedures at 24 CFR 35.1130.
 - This is required by section 35.1100.

- Target housing for which the family is receiving tenant-based rental assistance under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, HOME program, Shelter Plus Care program, HOPWA program, or Indian Housing Block Grant program:
 - Comply with the EBLR response procedures at 24 CFR 35.1225.
 - This is required by section 35.1200.

If you have questions on implementing this requirement in your program, please contact your HUD assistance program representative.

If you have technical questions on the Lead Safe Housing Rule, please contact either your HUD assistance program representative or the OLHCHH's Lead Regulations hotline at LeadRegulations@HUD.gov.