

The HCV Connect

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

April 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Notice Extending Streamlined Waivers

On April 11th, HUD published [Notice PIH 2022-09 Streamlined Regulatory Waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher \(including Mainstream and Mod Rehab\) Program](#) which provides PHAs the opportunity to apply for three Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program regulatory waivers, on a streamlined basis. Each of these regulatory waivers could assist a PHA in effectively managing its HCV program, including improving its utilization rate. Those waivers include:

- Increases in Payment Standard During HAP Contract Term
- Extensions of Voucher Term
- Flexibility to increase Payment Standards

PHAs may apply for these regulatory waivers through Sept. 30, 2022.

[Click Here to Read the Notice](#)

New Mainstream Notice

On April 6th, HUD published [Notice PIH 2022-07 "Mainstream Vouchers – Non-Competitive Opportunity for Additional Vouchers Authorized by the CARES Act and Extraordinary Administrative Funding"](#). This notice provides up to \$35 million for new Mainstream vouchers and an opportunity for Mainstream PHAs to request extraordinary administrative fees to help with lease up, funds may be spent on landlord signing bonuses, security deposits, and vacancy payments.

Requests for new vouchers and extraordinary administrative fees are due by May 6, 2022.

[Click Here to Read the Notice](#)

Please remember you can find the latest information on upcoming webinars, and recordings of prior webinars at www.hud.gov/hcv.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2022 HCV Funding Notice Coming Soon

HUD plans to publish the 2022 HCV Implementation Notice on or before May 13, 2022. In the meantime, PHAs should know that HUD is expecting a 100% HAP proration and approximately 92% in administrative fee proration. PHAs can begin adjusting leasing decisions now by using the TYT.

EVENTS

HCV Utilization Webinar: Considering Project-Based Vouchers (PBV)

On **Thursday, April 21st from 2-3 pm ET**, we will be hosting an HCV Utilization Webinar intended to help PHAs that are considering expanding their Project-Based Voucher (PBV) portfolio. This webinar will review the PBV program requirement, highlight PBV resources, and provide case studies for how PHAs have used PBVs to improve HCV program utilization.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Upcoming EHV Office Hours

Is your community seeking best practices in EHV implementation, yearning to hear how other communities are implementing the program or simply looking to learn more about EHV? If so, **please join us for bimonthly EHV Office Hours on Tuesday's from 2pm-3pm ET.**

Adoption of Waivers Policy & Process Considerations - April 19

HUD established a number of waivers and alternative requirements within the EHV program to expedite lease-ups and serve families that were previously unable to connect with PHA resources. The April 19th EHV Office Hours will highlight policy and process considerations for PHAs to increase successful outcomes in the adoption and implementation of waivers within their EHV program. Registration is not required.

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TOOLS

Utilization Update

As we wait for final funding enclosures and the 2022 HCV Funding Implementation Notice, please continue to use the [HCV Tools](#) available, notably the Two-Year Tool, to continue operating with confidence during this period. The Year 2 funding in the Two-Year Tool will be quite close to the final funding a PHA receives, helped greatly by the inclusion of unofficial final 2022 inflation factors.

In using the Two-Year Tool, PHAs should plan leasing and spending (including adjustment of payment standards) to responsibly minimize reserves, which are currently at all-time highs and continuing to climb. PHAs spending down reserves will need to spend over 100% of annual budget authority. Using Years 2 and 3 of the Tool will allow this to be done for 2022, while creating a stable plan for 2023.



Guideposts

Each month we'll be highlighting an [HCV Guidebook](#) chapter, which provides an easy-to-use, one-stop resource to assist public housing agencies (PHAs), families and other stakeholders in the administration of voucher program.

Housing Search and Leasing Chapter

The "[Housing Search and Leasing chapter](#)" describes the voucher briefing process, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) issuance, housing search, tenancy approval, and the leasing processes. The chapter covers the following topics:

- Briefings
- Subsidy standards

- Voucher issuance
- Search time, extensions, and voucher expirations
- Assisting families during the housing search
- Request for tenancy approval
- PHA approval of the tenancy
- Lease and tenancy

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