

June 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Issues an Order extending the Eviction Moratorium to July 31, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

On June 24, 2021, the CDC issued an Order **extending the eviction moratorium to July 31, 2021**. The updated Order is available <u>here</u>. The Order continues to ban evictions for certain renters under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 264) and 42 CFR § 70.2. As described in the Order, residents qualifying as a "Covered Person" cannot be evicted for nonpayment of rent when a declaration under penalty of perjury is provided to their landlord.

Tenants who previously submitted a declaration for eviction protection do not need to resubmit a new declaration and have continued protections until July 31, 2021. As a reminder, the Order does not relieve the tenants' obligation to pay rent, and tenants must continue to comply with the terms of their lease. Nothing in the updated Order precludes the landlords from charging or collecting fees, penalties, or interest as a result of the tenants' inability to pay rent on a timely basis. Tenants can still be evicted for criminal acts or other lease violations.

Any State, local, Tribal, or territorial area with a moratorium on residential evictions that provides the same or greater level of public health protection can supersede the updated CDC Order.

ONAP's <u>CDC Eviction Moratorium</u> webpage contains a variety of reference materials and resources that Tribes and TDHEs may find useful. Additionally, earlier this month, HUD facilitated an Eviction Prevention webinar that highlighted resources that are available to support families facing eviction. A recording of this webinar can be found <u>here</u>.

Finally, tenants who are behind on rent may be eligible for assistance from the Department of the <u>Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance program</u>. For more information and a link to programs in your area, please visit <u>Treasury's website</u>.

Thank you for your partnership and your support of Native American families during these unprecedented times. If you have related questions, please send them to: <u>Codetalk@hud.gov</u>.

Many thanks,

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