

The HCV Connect

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

Happy new year to all the HCV Connect Readers out there. The HCV program is off to a productive start to the year and has put together some of the activities, publications, and events coming up this month for you all to tap into. Thank you again for all you do.

- Steven Durham, HCV Program Director

February 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUD recently sent out the 2022 Get Ready Letter

The “Get Ready Letter” provides PHAs an explanation of the HCV program funding during this Continuing Resolution period prior to Congress completing a full year funding appropriation. HUD is providing a 98.5% funding proration during this stop-gap period. We encourage PHAs to utilize available program reserves in order to maintain robust voucher issuances and leasing until the final full-year funding is available. PHAs should use HUD’s Two-Year Tool in order to maintain leasing projections and fully utilize program funds. For additional context, see the [HCV Utilization Webinar from January 21, 2022](#), which provided examples of using the Two-Year Tool and the [HCV Utilization Webinar from September 9, 2021](#) that explained HUD’s outlook for funding in 2022.

[Click Here to Access the Letter](#)

PHAs May Apply for HCV Waivers (Deadline March 1, 2022)

Under [Notice PIH 2021-34](#), PHAs may apply for certain regulatory waivers that were originally offered under the CARES Act to provide continued flexibility during the pandemic and pandemic recovery. **Waiver requests must be received on or by March 1, 2022**. Waivers that PHAs may apply for include:

- Increases in Payment Standard During HAP Contract Term
- SEMAP Scores
- Extensions of Voucher Term
- Homeownership: Maximum Terms of Assistance
- Flexibility to increase Payment Standards

[See the Notice for Details on How to Apply](#)

CARES Act Period of Availability

CARES Act funding's period of availability ended on December 31, 2021. PHAs with remaining CARES Act funds may only use those funds to pay for obligations (i.e. invoices or contracts) made prior to 2022. Unliquidated obligations (meaning unpaid invoices) for CARES Act costs incurred prior to 12/31/21 may be paid within the next 120 days. PHAs have until May 1, 2022 (120 days) to pay these existing obligations. The Office of Housing Voucher Programs will provide guidance in February 2022 for the remaining unspent CARES Act funds to HUD. The CARES Act Reporting Portal has not been released.

Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) Notice

On January 24, 2022, HUD published in the [Federal Register](#) a notice implementing the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities amendments (FSHO). FSHO made changes to the Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative to enable FUP/FYI youth who first leased a unit after December 27, 2020 to receive an extension of the 36-month time limit of assistance for up to an additional 24 months (for a total of 60 months of voucher assistance).

[The Federal Register Notice can be viewed here.](#)

New EHV Exception Report tabs!

HUD recently added several new tabs to the [EHV Exception Report](#), which is posted on www.hud.gov/ehv. These new tabs are intended to help EHV participating PHAs identify potential problems in the EHV program data they have reported to HUD. HUD held an [EHV Office Hours on February](#)

[1st regarding the EHV Exception Report](#). Each new tab includes instructions regarding how to resolve the exceptions.

If your PHA needs additional information resolving any reporting discrepancies, please contact EHVresearch@hud.gov.

[View the Exception Report Here](#)

FMR Areas Requesting Re-evaluation with No Data Submission

On January 10, 2022, HUD published (at www.huduser.gov) the list of areas that had previously requested re-evaluation of their FY 2022 FMR areas but did not submit data by January 7, 2022. The FY 2022 FMRs became effective in these areas on January 10, 2022. HUD is evaluating the data for areas who did submit survey data and will issue revised FY 2022 FMRs in the spring.

[View the List of Areas Here](#)

HUD Publishes Notice on Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

HUD Published Notice [PIH 2022-01 “Carbon Monoxide Alarms or Detectors in U.S. Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)-Assisted Housing”](#) on January 31st, 2022. The notice applies to both the HCV and PBV, and RAD PBV programs. The notice provides requirements for the installation and use of Carbon Monoxide detectors. HUD will start inspecting for these detectors by December 27, 2022.

EVENTS

FSHO Webinar

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 (3:00 – 4:00 ET)

HUD will host a webinar for PHAs who administer a FUP and/or FYI program and other parties interested in the new FSHO requirements. This

training will cover eligibility, program requirements, and answer any questions you may have about the notice. Just click on the link below at the time of the Webinar. Advanced registration is not required.

[Click Here 2/16/22 @ 3PM to Join the FSHO Webinar](#)

HCV Utilization Webinar – Landlord Engagement

Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:00-3:30pm ET

During this webinar HUD will provide an overview of newly available resources to assist PHAs in improving landlord participation and satisfaction with their HCV programs. The resources covered will include landlord testimonial videos, a toolkit for planning and facilitating your own landlord symposium, and an info sheet explaining the role of PHAs.

[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

Watch the HCV Utilization Webinar from January 12th

In case you missed it, we have posted a recording of the thoroughly delightful and captivating HCV Utilization Webinar from January 12th to the [HCV Program Trainings and Resources Site](#). This webinar included a demonstration of the Two-Year-Tool (TYT) and explained how the TYT could help your HCV program make program utilization decisions as we transition into 2022. We also discussed the new Payment Standard waiver flexibility available in [PIH 2021-34](#) that will allow most PHAs to adopt a Payment Standard of 120% of Fair Market Rents.

[Watch the Recorded Webinar Here](#)

FUNDING

Reporting in IMS/PIC to get Special Fees

IMS/PIC's 50058 data is used for HCV funding implementation purposes; as such please ensure timely and accurate reporting in IMS/PIC. For example, your PHA's 50058 reporting base is considered for allocation of

HCV special fees and for evaluating higher or blended administrative fee rates. Upon enactment of the Appropriations Act, the HCV program will provide guidance and deadlines to ensure that IMS/PIC data up to date, but PHAs do not have to wait for it.

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