

The HCV Connect

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

December 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Ready for CY 2025 Funding

On December 6th, HUD sent all PHA Executive Directors [an email](#) providing potential Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Administrative Fee proration factors for CY 2025. HUD strongly encourages PHAs to closely monitor their funding and leasing while we await the final appropriations bill for CY2025.

PHAs should start to plan program activities for the year considering the current House/Senate proposed funding levels. PHAs may have to make hard decisions to limit or cease voucher issuances in response to limited funding or potential shortfalls. HUD encourages PHAs to use the HCV Utilization Tools to make sound program decisions, which are available tools on the HCV Utilization Tools section of hud.gov/hcv.

Guidance Coming Soon on Smoke Alarms

To assist PHAs and landlords in complying with mandates from Congress, HUD will be issuing a Federal Register notice addressing new requirements for smoke alarms. The new requirements go into effect **December 29, 2024**, and require all smoke alarms be either hardwired or 10-year sealed battery devices. For voucher-assisted units built or substantially rehabilitated after December 29, 2022, smoke alarms must be hardwired (no sealed battery option). All smoke alarms must provide notification for persons with hearing loss. The NSPIRE smoke alarm standard is being updated to reflect these new requirements and will be published on the [NSPIRE Standards](#) webpage.

[Visit the NSPIRE Website](#)

Emergency Housing Voucher Sunset Reminder

We urge all PHAs with an EHV program to verify their data on the [EHV dashboard](#), including the column that indicates if the PHA is accepting referrals. It is the PHA's responsibility to maintain compliance with the prohibition on reissuing turnover EHV's after 9/30/23 (See [PIH Notice 2023-14](#)). If you need a hand understanding your program data, please contact EHVresearch@hud.gov. **PHAs that fail to comply with the prohibition on reissuing turnover EHV's after 9/30/23 will be required to repay any disallowed costs.**

[Visit the EHV Dashboard](#)

Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS)

PIH will pre-onboard additional PHAs into eVMS during Winter 2025. As a reminder, eVMS information, including the Wave 1 Onboarding Webinar, is available on the [eVMS website](#). We encourage all PHAs to actively review and utilize the [PIC Error Dashboards](#) to help get ready for migrating to eVMS. Free technical assistance is available for PHAs in need of assistance or training in 50058 reporting for the HCV program. If interested, please contact your local Field Office and PIC Coach.

[Visit the eVMS Website](#)

Mainstream Webinar Materials Posted

On September 25th, HUD hosted a webinar to review changes to Mainstream Vouchers as described in [Notice PIH 2024-30](#), "Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for Mainstream Vouchers." Materials from the webinar have now been posted on the [Mainstream website](#), including the recording, slides, and FAQs. PHAs have 120 days from the date of the publication of the Notice (August 20, 2024) to implement the mandatory policies that HUD established in the Notice. Questions about the Notice or other Mainstream issues can be sent to MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov.

[Visit the Mainstream Vouchers Website](#)

EVENTS & TRAININGS

Reminder of HCV Updates Monthly Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00PM Eastern we host an HCV Updates Monthly Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration. You can register for the webinars by clicking on the [Webinars and Trainings Icon](#) at www.hud.gov/hcv. All past webinars are recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#).

The Next HCV Updates Webinar is **Thursday, December 19th**.

We plan to cover the following topics:

- Preparing for 2025 Funding
- Emergency Housing Voucher Sunset
- FYI FAQs and upcoming listening sessions/webinar

[Register Here](#)



Some readers may notice the name of this webinar series has changed slightly. The "HCV Updates" title is a better reflection of the purpose of these webinars. If you have comments/ feedback on the webinar series, please send it to HCVUtilization@hud.gov.

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Listening Sessions

PIH will be hosting listening sessions with PHAs that currently administer FYI vouchers to gather feedback on program challenges and barriers. To accommodate PHA schedules and get feedback from as many FYI PHAs as possible, two sessions will be held. Save the date for **Wednesday, January 15th, 11a-12p EST** or **Thursday, February 13th, 2-3p EST**. FYI PHAs will receive a more detailed personalized invitation shortly.

Learn more about [FYI](#) and access [current resources](#)!

How to Effectively Utilize Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers

With our partners at the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children & Families, PIH will host a webinar to spotlight communities both large and small who are successfully utilizing [FYI](#) in an effort to facilitate peer sharing and spread innovative practices. The webinar will be open to PHAs, their public child welfare agency (PCWA), and community partners who are currently utilizing FYI vouchers as well as those who are

interested in FYI but not yet utilizing this resource in their community. Save the date for **Wednesday, February 12th, 1p-2:30p EST**. Formal invitation to follow.

NSPIRE for Vouchers Webinars and Office Hours

PIH office hours and webinars for the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate for Vouchers (NSPIRE-V) continue this month and into next year. NSPIRE subject matter experts present various topics and address questions. PHAs, landlords, maintenance staff, inspectors, and industry staff are invited to come with questions and to engage in discussion with the NSPIRE experts.

See the links below; the full schedule can be found on the [Housing Choice Vouchers Program Trainings and Resources page](#). Advance registration is not required. Sessions are recorded and posted afterwards with the presentation materials on the [Past Trainings and Webinars page](#). Questions can be sent to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

NSPIRE for Vouchers Office Hours Wednesday, January 15, 1-2 p.m. ET

Link to join: <https://events.intellor.com/login/510629>

NSPIRE for Vouchers Webinar Wednesday, January 29, 2-4 p.m. ET

Link to join: <https://events.intellor.com/login/509767>

HCV 50th Anniversary Recording Posted

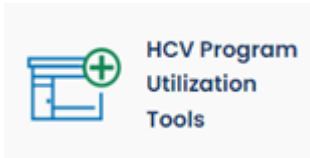


On October 16th, HUD celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the HCV program. If you missed the event, or just want to relive the fun, a recording is now available on [the HCV 50th Website](#).

The event shared insights and perspectives from researchers, housing practitioners, program participants, and HUD officials, bringing together Assistant Secretaries for Public and Indian Housing, both past and present (shown below).



HCV UTILIZATION TOOL



The HCV program requires program administrators to make regular adjustments to reflect funding levels and local market conditions. HUD provides resources on the [HCV Utilization Tools site](#) to help PHAs forecast the impact of different program adjustments and voucher issuance decisions.

Recent HCV Utilization Tool Updates:

- PHA-level inflation factors for 2025 are now available
- Default Housing Assistance Payment funds (HAP) proration for 2025 is 97.5% (which is based on the funding level proposed by the Senate)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Department of Health and Human Services issues "Dear Colleague" Letter on Housing Instability

Last month, Federal partners at the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Family Assistance (OFA) released a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) highlighting the ways Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs can play a collaborative role in the reduction of homelessness for children and families. The letter provides helpful guidance on strengthening coordination and collaboration between TANF administrators and housing providers such as PHAs. Save the date for an OFA learning series kick-off on this topic, **January 15, 2025 at 1pm ET**. More information to follow.

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) Recent Publications

Check out some recent publications from HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research.

- **Evaluation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) – Implementation and Impact of the Choice Mobility Option** (research report published October 10, 2024)
- **Evaluating the RAD Choice Mobility Option: Part 1: Prevalence** (*PD&R Edge* article published December 3, 2024)
- **Location Patterns of Housing Choice Voucher Households Between 2010 and 2020** (*PD&R Edge* article published October 29, 2024)
- **In Search of the Next Generation of Housing Policy** (*PD&R Edge* article published December 3, 2024)

Sign up [here](#) for the HUD PD&R Updates weekly eList so that you don't miss future PD&R reports, articles, and data releases!

Please Share your Feedback

Are you an HCV Landlord that has had a positive experience working with your PHA? Or a PHA with positive experiences working together with your landlords? We would you like to hear about your experience and which aspects of the program and partnership have worked well. Email us at HCVLandlordSupport@HUD.gov.

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