## The HCV Connect

Program Updates, tools and tips to help with HCV Program administration.

June 2023

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RAD Choice-Mobility Guidebook**

This Guidebook covers the best practices and differences in Choice-Mobility for both PBV and PBRA RAD conversions. Choice-Mobility affords eligible residents the right to a tenant-based voucher after an initial period of occupancy. RAD Choice-Mobility requirements are modeled on existing requirements in the PBV program.

**Download the RAD Choice-Mobility Guidebook Here** 

#### **HUD Releases FY23 Income Limits**

Income limits determine eligibility for assisted housing programs including public housing, Section 8 project-based rental assistance, Housing Choice Vouchers, and other special-needs housing programs.

HUD develops income limits from median family income estimates for metropolitan areas, parts of some metropolitan areas, and each nonmetropolitan county.

**Click here to view HUD's FY23 Income Limits** 

## PIH Notice 2023-12 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding Adjustments

PIH Notice 2023-12 extends the period of availability for ARP Act funding adjustments through December 31, 2023; 2031-12 also provides VMS reporting requirements for the closeout of these funds This notice only applies to PHAs that received ARP Act funding in 2021.

Click here to view the Notice

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

## 2023 Admin Fee and HAP Set-aside Funding Adjustments

The first deadline for 2023 funding is June 16th.

For additional information please see PIH Notice 2023-07, Sections 6 and 12, respectively.

The June 16, 2023 deadline applies to the following set-aside funding opportunities:

- Portability
- Project Based Vouchers
- MTW New Cohorts
- Lower-than-average Leasing
- NLT Inspection Withheld HAP

Click here to view the 2023 Funding Opportunities.

### **Housing Mobility-Related Services NOFO**

On June 1, 2021, HUD announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) of up to \$25 million for housing mobility-related services. PHAs awarded funds under this NOFO will implement robust housing mobility programs in their communities, aimed at helping more Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) families with children access areas of opportunity. Applications for this NOFO are due August 30, 2023. HUD will be hosting an overview webinar on June 22, 2023. Please see our housing mobility webpage to register for the webinar and to view other housing mobility resources.

## **EVENTS AND TRAININGS**

## **Reminder of HCV Utilization Webinar Series**



The third Thursday of every month we host an HCV Utilization Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration.

#### This week's topic:

 Best Practices in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) (June 15th from 2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern)

#### Upcoming topics:

- New Homelessness Guidance (July 20th)
- Considering Small Area Fair Market Rents (August 17th)
- HCV Data Dashboard Updates (September 21st)
- Leveraging Technology for HCV Utilization (October 19th)

If you have suggestions for additional topics, or how we can improve the webinars, please email <a href="mailto:HCVutilization@hud.gov">HCVutilization@hud.gov</a>.

Click here to register for upcoming webinars or view recordings of past webinars

## **Housing Mobility Toolkit Webinar Series**

HUD and technical assistance provider FirstPic are hosting a Housing Mobility Toolkit webinar series this summer. Please join us!

- Program Overview | Tuesday, June 27th at 3pm EST
  - Register <u>here</u>
- Program Set Up | Tuesday, August 1st at 3pm EST
  - o Register here
- Program Framework | Tuesday, August 15th at 3pm EST
  - Register <u>here</u>
- Updating Program Materials | Tuesday, September 12th at 3pm EST
  - Register <u>here</u>

For more details on each of the webinars, please see the <u>HCV Training</u> and <u>Resources webpage</u>. All webinars will be recorded and the recording, along with the slides, will be made available on that webpage.

#### **PBV SLR Video Tutorial Now Available**



HV FMD published a new Project-Based Vouchers Subsidy Layering Reviews Overview video tutorial for PIH staff and PHAs - available on YouTube.

This recording is also available on the <u>HCV</u> Training and Resources webpage.

## **HCV UTILIZATION TOOL UPDATES**



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. Here are recent HCV Utilization Tool updates:

The posted Two-Year Tool has been updated to include data through March, and we hope to have the next update in the next 10 days or so. Happily, right at the crack of June, the Mainstream Two-Year Tool is now available.

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

## **Evaluating MTW Flexibility for Smaller PHAs: Baseline Report**

The evaluation of the first cohort of agencies participating in the MTW expansion focuses on how smaller PHAs use the flexibility offered by their new MTW designation to achieve the statutory objectives of the MTW program and what the consequences of that flexibility are for housing authority operations and tenants. This baseline report is the first of five annual reports that will be generated under this evaluation. Using data from PHA applications and telephone interviews, this first report explores PHA motivations for participating in MTW.

Click here to view this study

# **Nearing the Finish Line: 5-Year Findings from the Family Self-Sufficiency Evaluation**

In 2012, HUD commissioned a national random assignment evaluation of the FSS program's impacts on labor market and other quality of life outcomes for households receiving HCVs. This report examines FSS program implementation, participants' engagement in the program, and program impacts on labor force participation and government benefits receipt five years following random assignment.

Click here to view this study



#### PD&R at 50 Series

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To mark the milestone, PD&R launched a new column in its online magazine <u>PD&R Edge</u> – <u>PD&R at 50</u>. This yearlong series will provide reflections and insights from current and former PD&R leadership and staff on PD&R's signature research, data, program evaluations, demonstration projects, and innovations. So far the series has covered topics ranging from income limits to the CDBG formula. Two articles might be of particular interest to you - <u>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</u> and <u>Neighborhood Mobility: The Path Toward Community Choice</u>. Both articles delve into the rich history, research, and testing that undergirds the current HCV program.

Click here to view the PD&R at 50 Archive

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