

# The HCV Connect

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

March 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Remember to Bookmark [Hud.gov/hcv](https://www.hud.gov/hcv)

We are working to make sure all HCV program updates, resources, and training materials are easily accessible through the newly updated [www.hud.gov/hcv](https://www.hud.gov/hcv). If you have any suggestions for further site improvement, please sent them along to [HCVwebsite@hud.gov](mailto:HCVwebsite@hud.gov).

### Check out the [HCV Overview Video Series](#)

HUD has published a new [HCV Overview Video Series](#) on topics such as funding, payment standards, and attrition. These videos are between 5-15 minutes and cover topics that provide the viewer with key pieces of Housing Choice Voucher foundational knowledge. Additionally, the videos put this knowledge into practice by integrating the topic with the utilization tools HUD has available to assist PHAs in making spending and leasing decisions.



## Emergency Housing Voucher How-To Guide for PHAs

Check out HUD's recently published EHV How Guide for PHAs, which is intended to:

- Provide an overview of EHV operating requirements
- Outline considerations for PHAs in the design of their EHV programs
- Highlight best practices in program implementation which also reduce inequities

[Click here to read the EHV How Guide for PHAs](#)

## PHAs May Apply for HCV Waivers (Deadline now April 1, 2022)

PIH published [Notice PIH 2022-04](#) to **extend the deadline for Waiver requests to be submitted to HUD on or by April 1, 2022**. Under this notice, 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. 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](#)

## Revisions to Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Fair Market Rents (FMRs)

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, HUD published updated FMR rates for 12 areas based on new survey data submitted to HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research as part of an FMR Reexam requests.

[Click here to see the Notice](#)

## Tips for PBV Program Cap Review

Here are some quick tips to help PHAs submit their request for PBV program cap review:

- Review [PIH Notice 2017-21](#), Attachment C and Appendix I for instructions on what and how to submit.
  - Submit one request for all planned PBV activity. The review is not project specific.
  - Include the PHA code in the email subject, and be sure to use the same subject line for any follow-up emails.
  - If the review request is for units excluded by [Attachment F](#) of the Notice, the PHA does not need to wait for HUD's response before making an award or selection.
- 

## EVENTS

### HCV Utilization Webinar: Payment Standards, Rent Burdens, and Waivers

*Payment Standards! Rent Burdens! Waivers! Oh my!*

The Monthly HCV Utilization Call on **March 17th at 2:00 PM Eastern**, brought to you by shamrocks, will feature an in-depth discussion of all the facets that surround rent burden. Notably, the call will include a live walkthrough, from scratch, of a Payment Standard Tool (PST). What is the PST? It is the tool that assists a PHA in seeing the programmatic implications of a payment standard change on both rent burden and per unit cost. Have you ever felt intimidated by the PST? This call is for you! Have you ever wondered what all that madness is about in the Two-Year Tool about subsidy standards, rent burden charts with too many percentages, and SAFMR information? This call is for you! Have you been concerned that using larger payment standards will wreak havoc on your program? This call is for you! Have you ever wondered why spreadsheets are so boring? This call is *not* for you!

For our TYT+ subscribers, the call will also include a brief chat about annual funding and other hot-off-the-presses updates.

[Register Here](#)

### Prior HCV Utilization Webinars are Available

If you missed the HCV Utilization Webinar from February 17<sup>th</sup> regarding landlord engagement, or any of the prior HCV Utilization Webinars, please

remember you can find the recordings and handouts in the [Webinars and Training Section](#) of [www.hud.gov/hcv](http://www.hud.gov/hcv).

## Homeownership Program Webinar – Recording available now!

In this one-hour webinar, housing industry panelists provide information to assist Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in developing successful relationships with lenders, utilizing down payment assistance and other financial resources for home buyers, and addressing the affordability gap to maintain and expand the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Homeownership program.

[Click here to view HCV Homeownership Webinar](#)

---

## HCV Utilization Tool Updates

**The Two-Year Tool has been updated with unofficial final inflation factors for 2023 funding.**

For 96 percent of PHAs, these numbers are within 1.5 percent of the numbers that have been used for estimated 2022 inflation since October. For the rest, mostly, the difference resulted from the PHA, or PHA group, appealing the FMRs (from which the inflation factor gloriously stems). As such, PHAs can project 2022 funding with an *extremely* high degree of accuracy, before funding is appropriated or the funding enclosures are provided.



## 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.

## Eligibility Determination and Denial of Assistance

The "[Eligibility Determination and Denial of Assistance Chapter](#)" describes HUD's eligibility requirements for participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and provides guidance to Public Housing

Authorities (PHAs) in establishing additional criteria for admission. The chapter covers the following information:

- Eligibility factors and requirements at admission
- Family eligibility requirements
- Income limits and targeting
- Delay, denial, or termination of assistance
- Compliance with verification requirements
- Disclosure of social security numbers
- Criminal background screening
- Additional PHA discretionary admission criteria
- Eligibility determination and denial of assistance

---

[Subscribe!](#)



[hud.gov/hcv](http://hud.gov/hcv)