

HUD has implemented a number of recent program updates intended to help Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) improve their utilization of Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program funding. The list below summarizes these policy changes.

PHAs are encouraged to visit www.hud.gov/hcv and talk to their PIH Field Office for additional program guidance and support in HCV utilization.

Recent Change	Additional Details	Links For More Information
Extension of waivers to help PHAs establish and apply 120% payment standards.	<p>To assist PHAs in managing ongoing challenges related to rental market fluctuations, an extension of currently approved regulatory waivers has been granted for increasing payment standard during HAP contract term AND new payment standard amount exception through 12/31/23 announced.</p> <p>These actions provide PHAs with more flexibility with establishing and applying payment standards of up to 120% of Fair Market Rent (FMR) or Small Area FMR, as applicable.</p> <p>All PHAs may submit requests through September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>PIH Notice 2022-30</p> <p>FAQ on PIH Notice 2022-30</p> <p>HCV Guidebook: Payment Standard Chapter</p> <p>HCV Overview Video: Payment Standards</p>
Updated 2023 Fair Market Rents	For 2023 HUD implemented a revised methodology of calculating FMRs by using more private-market data. The result is FMRs that better reflected local market changes.	<p>HUD Fair Market Rents Dataset</p> <p>HCV Utilization Webinar from 9/21/22</p> <p>HCV Overview Video: Fair Market Rents</p>
Expanded flexibility for PHAs to use HCV Administrative Fees to assist families to lease units	PIH Notice 2022-18 provides guidance for PHAs to use HCV Administrative Fees for activities including security deposit assistance, utility deposit assistance and assistance with utility arrears, landlord incentives, landlord retention payments, and holding fees.	<p>PIH Notice 2022-18</p> <p>HCV Utilization Webinar from 7/21/22</p>