The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) holds interactive engaging and brainstorming opportunities in the form of workshops to gain feedback from a variety of stakeholders on the NSPIRE standards. This document contains a list of questions regarding the version 1.3 standards discussed during the NSPIRE Standards Virtual Workshop – August 11, 2020. The Standards discussed were the Handrail Standard, the Guardrail Standard, and the Bathtub and Shower Standard.
Breakout Session Room #1: Handrail Standard
Deficiency 3 Questions

Deficiency 3: Handrail is improperly installed.

Criteria: Handrail is not between 30 inches and 42 inches in height, Handrail is less than 1 1/4 inches or greater than 2 1/4 inches, or Handrail is not continuous from directly above the top riser to directly above the lowest riser.

Handrail Deficiency 3 Criteria
• Are the Deficiency and Criteria reasonable?
  o Are they clearly written?
  o Is there anything that might be missing?
  o Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  o Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
• How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  o Why or why not?

Handrail Inspection Process
• Is the Inspection Process reasonable?
  o Is it clearly written?
  o Is there anything that might be missing?
  o Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  o Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
• How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  o Why or why not?

Handrail Health and Safety
• Do you agree that, as written, this Deficiency is a Health and Safety issue?
  o Why or why not?
• How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  o Why or why not?
• Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

Handrail Time of Repair
• Do you agree that this Deficiency should be repaired in 30 days?
• Is there a reason (or reasons), that this perhaps should be longer, or perhaps shorter?
• How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
• Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?
Handrail Consistency and Objectivity
- Is there anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might cause ambiguity?
- Do you see anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might impact inspection consistency?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

Handrail Housing Choice Voucher Program
- For the Housing Choice Voucher program, should this Deficiency be a Pass or a Fail? Why or why not?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

Handrail Standard
- Is there anything else you would like to add about this Deficiency?
Breakout Session Room #2: Guardrail Standard
Deficiency 1 Questions

Deficiency 1: Guardrail is missing where required.

**Guardrail Deficiency Criteria**

- Are the Deficiency and Criteria reasonable?
  - Are they clearly written?
  - Is there anything that might be missing?
  - Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  - Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?

**Guardrail Inspection Process**

- Is the Inspection Process reasonable?
  - Is it clearly written?
  - Is there anything that might be missing?
  - Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  - Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?

**Guardrail Health and Safety**

- Do you agree that, as written, this Deficiency is a Health and Safety issue?
  - Why or why not?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Guardrail Time of Repair**

- Do you agree that this Deficiency should be repaired in 24 hours?
  - Is there a reason (or reasons), that this perhaps should be longer, or perhaps shorter?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Guardrail Consistency and Objectivity**

- Is there anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might cause ambiguity?
Do you see anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might impact inspection consistency?

- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Guardrail Housing Choice Voucher Program**

- For the Housing Choice Voucher program, should this Deficiency be a Pass or a Fail?
  - Why or why not?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Guardrail Standard**

- Is there anything else you would like to add about this Deficiency?
Breakout Session Room #3: Bathtub and Shower Standard
Deficiency 3: Bathtub fails to retain water.

**Bathtub and Shower Deficiency Criteria**
- Are the Deficiency and Criteria reasonable?
  - Are they clearly written?
  - Is there anything that might be missing?
  - Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  - Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?

**Bathtub and Shower Inspection Process**
- Is the Inspection Process reasonable?
  - Is it clearly written?
  - Is there anything that might be missing?
  - Are there any unintended consequences that might be considered?
  - Are there special conditions to consider, that might affect your answers to these questions?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?

**Bathtub and Shower Health and Safety**
- Do you agree that, as written, this Deficiency is a Health and Safety issue?
  - Why or why not?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
  - Why or why not?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Bathtub and Shower Time of Repair**
- Do you agree that this Deficiency should be repaired in 30 days?
  - Is there a reason (or reasons), that this perhaps should be longer, or perhaps shorter?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Bathtub and Shower Consistency and Objectivity**
- Is there anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might cause ambiguity?
Do you see anything in the Deficiency or Criteria that, as written, might impact inspection consistency?

- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Bathtub and Shower Housing Choice Voucher Program**

- For the Housing Choice Voucher program, should this Deficiency be a Pass or a Fail?
  - Why or why not?
- How might this differ if this defect is present inside the Unit, or Outside the building, or Inside the building (and outside the Unit)?
- Are there other conditions that might make this Deficiency more of a problem, or perhaps less of a problem?

**Bathtub and Shower Standard**

- Is there anything else you would like to add about this Deficiency?