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 – September 22, 2020. The Standards discussed were the Mold Standard, the Bathroom Ventilation Standard, the Sharp Edges Standard, and the Trip Hazard Standard.
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Breakout Session Room #1: Mold Standard
Deficiency 1 Questions

Deficiency 1: Presence of mold or mildew is observed visually or through smell.

Definition

- How could the definition and purpose be more clearly written or more objectively written? (Objectively written is defined as, written in a way that two different inspectors are able to come to the same findings)
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Health and Safety Determination & Rationale

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Time of Repair

- Are these correction timeframes appropriate? Why or why not?
**Housing Choice Voucher Program**

- How should the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program rate this deficiency? Should the rating be a pass or fail? Why or why not?
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**Final Thoughts**

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Breakout Session Room #2: Bathroom Ventilation Standard
Deficiency 1 Questions

Deficiency 1: Bathroom does not have proper ventilation

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Breakout Session Room #3: Sharp Edges Standard
Deficiency 1 Questions

Deficiency 1: Sharp edges are present.

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Breakout Session Room #4:
Trip Hazard Standard
Deficiency 1 Questions

Deficiency 1: Trip hazard on walking surface.

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