Archived: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:24:31 PM From: <u>Financial Management Center</u> Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 7:18:07 AM Subject: Publication of updated HUD-VASH Operating Requirements Importance: Normal Sensitivity: None

Dear Executive Director:

I am pleased to announce the publication of the updated <u>HUD-VASH Operating Requirements</u> to the Federal Register on September 27, 2021.

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program is administered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and enables homeless veterans and their families to use a voucher to access housing while also receiving an array of VA services. Generally, the HUD-VASH voucher is administered in accordance with regular HCV and PBV program requirements (24 CFR Section 982 and 983 respectively). However, the authorizing language allows HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation affecting the HCV program in order to effectively deliver and administer HUD-VASH voucher assistance. The standardized waivers and alternative requirements are established in the HUD-VASH Operating Requirements, which were originally published in the Federal Register on May 6, 2008, updated on March 23, 2012, and now updated again on September 27, 2021.

HUD staff will be hosting a webinar for PHAs on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 3:00-4:00pm ET covering the background, significant updates to the Operating Requirements, and next steps. All PHAs with a HUD-VASH program, or interested in administering HUD-VASH, are encouraged to attend. However, the webinar will be recorded and made available on the <u>HUD-VASH website</u> for future viewing.

Instructions for HUD-VASH Operating Requirements Webinar

Step 1: Dial into the conference. Dial-in: 888-251-2949 or 215-861-0694 Access Code: 8405557#

Step 2: Join the conference on your computer. Entry Link: <u>https://ems8.intellor.com/login/841090</u>

PHAs are encouraged to visit the <u>HUD-VASH website</u> to access the Operating Requirements and related materials, as well as other HUD-VASH resources and guidance.

If your PHA has questions or needs additional technical assistance related to this FR Notice or the HUD-VASH program in general, please email <u>vash@hud.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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