

UPCS-V

Uniform Physical Condition Standards for Vouchers



What is UPCS-V?

Uniform Physical Condition Standards for Vouchers (UPCS-V) is a Demonstration implementing an improved inspection standard for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) units. The purpose of this Demonstration is to test and develop the UPCS-V Protocol with the help of actively participating PHAs.



Why the new standard?

Congress mandated HUD to update the housing quality standards (HQS) to reflect current advances in home inspections and the modernization of standards for health and safety threats in homes today. Through this initiative, HUD aims to clarify and streamline inspection processes for PHAs and inspectors while increasing owners' and tenants' access to detailed information about their homes.

Benefits

HUD



- ✓ Access to reliable data
- ✓ Standardization
- ✓ Alignment to UPCS
- ✓ **Safer homes**

PHAs



- ✓ Reduce PHA costs
- ✓ Increased inspection consistency
- ✓ Collaborate with HUD
- ✓ Ability to contribute input to new standard
- ✓ Access to inspection data
- ✓ **Safer homes**

Inspectors



- ✓ Electronic based inspections
- ✓ Increased inspection accuracy
- ✓ Clear, defined inspection protocol
- ✓ Ability to capture pictures
- ✓ Collaborate with HUD
- ✓ **Safer homes**

Landlords



- ✓ Access to more detailed information about the property
- ✓ More objective inspections
- ✓ Consistent inspection results
- ✓ **Safer homes**

Tenants



- ✓ Increased landlord-tenant transparency
- ✓ **Safer homes**

Role of HUD

- Provide training on UPCS-V and the inspection software
- Provide loaner Data Collection Devices (DCDs) to PHA's as needed
- Provide program updates to participants
- Provide technical support
- Collect and analyze UPCS-V inspection data
- Gather participant feedback for program improvements



Role of PHAs

- Complete all training on UPCS-V and the inspection software
- Actively participate in UPCS-V Demonstration by performing UPCS-V Inspections of Record (IoRs)
- Submit electronic inspection data to HUD
- Provide timely and frequent feedback for program improvements

UPCS-V Goal

The goal of the UPCS-V Demonstration is to fully scale the program and implement UPCS-V as the new standard for HCV units. UPCS-V will discontinue the use of paper-based inspections, requiring PHAs to conduct inspections electronically. HUD will provide a business-to-government web service solution that will enable inspection data exchange between industry stakeholders. This will give PHAs flexibility when choosing between HUD's Minimum Viable Product (MVP) or an external software vendor. This program supports our mission to ensure tenants reside in decent, safe, and sanitary homes.

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