



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Public and Indian Housing**

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Special Attention of:  
Directors of HUD Regional and Field  
Offices of Public Housing;  
Agencies that Administer the  
Housing Choice Voucher Program

**Notice PIH 2008-36 (HA)**

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Cross References:

HUD Notices PIH 2006-12,  
PIH 2006-29, PIH 2006-37,  
PIH 2007-3, PIH 2007-4, and  
PIH 2007-17, PIH 2008-29

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**Subject: Extension of the Disaster Voucher Program (DVP)**

**1. Purpose.** This notice informs DVP administering public housing agencies (PHAs) that the DVP has been extended beyond the previously projected end date of September 30, 2008, for all pre-disaster public housing, project-based and pre-disaster homeless and special needs housing families currently receiving DVP assistance.

**2. Background.** In HUD Notice PIH 2008-29, the Department extended the DVP end date for all pre-disaster public housing, project-based, homeless, and special needs housing families from June 30, 2008, to at least September 30, 2008. The notice stated that September 30, 2008, was a projected end date and that the length of the extension would be dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families assisted.

**3. Revised DVP End Date.** The Department is projecting that there is sufficient DVP funding remaining to continue DVP assistance for current participants through at least February 28, 2009. This extension applies only to those families already receiving DVP assistance, and does not permit any additional families to be admitted to the program. The length of the extension is dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families that continue to receive DVP assistance.

If funds are available to extend the DVP beyond February 28, 2009, PHAs will be notified by HUD as soon as a new extension date is determined. PHAs are encouraged to consider adopting waiting list preferences for the displaced families currently receiving DVP assistance, and to make families aware of any other affordable housing resources available within their community.

Displaced families should also be encouraged to contact the owner of their pre-disaster housing, if they have not done so already, to find out the status of their pre-disaster unit and to explore what opportunities are available for reoccupancy.

**4. Annual Reexaminations for DVP Families.** In accordance with Notice PIH 2007-17, effective January 1, 2008, PHAs were required to calculate the family's total tenant payment (TTP) and the family share of rent based on normally applicable voucher program requirements.

With the reinstatement of TTP, voucher program requirements regarding the annual reexamination of family income and composition also apply to all DVP families. Therefore, PHAs must ensure that a full reexamination of family income and composition is completed for all DVP families within twelve months of the effective date of the family's last reexamination.

**5. Disaster Information System (DIS).** The "Program End Date" in the DIS will be updated to February 28, 2009, for all families currently under a DVP lease. However, the "HAP Contract Termination Date" will not be updated automatically. The DVP PHA must update the "HAP Contract Termination Date" for all families that remain on DVP assistance to reflect the family's actual date of lease/HAP contract termination. Current and future DVP disbursements are based on active lease records in the DIS, so PHAs must ensure that the "HAP Contract Termination Date" is up-to-date in order to ensure payment from HUD.

**6. Information Contact.** Inquiries about this notice should be directed to the staff in the Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, at (202) 708-0477.

**7. Paperwork Reduction Act Statement.** The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3501-3520), and assigned OMB control number 2577-0169. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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