Subject: Extension - Continuation of Disaster Voucher Program (DVP) Housing Assistance Payments

1. Purpose: This notice extends for another year Notice PIH 2010-43, same subject, which is set to expire October 31, 2011. This notice does not supersede the previous guidance. Instead, it updates specific sections in the previous guidance with the new end date and informs public housing authorities (PHAs) administering DVP to continue to provide monthly housing assistance payment for current DVP families past June 30, 2011. Previous guidance remains in effect except where noted. The Department has projected that there is sufficient DVP funding remaining to continue providing monthly HAP on behalf of current DVP families through December 31, 2011.

2. Background: Notice PIH 2010-43 informed DVP administering PHAs that HUD would continue to provide transitional monthly housing assistance payments for current DVP families through the earlier of June 30, 2011 or until such time that eligible families are admitted into the HCV program or other housing assistance programs. In order to avoid undue hardship on these families as a result of the break in assistance, PHAs continued monthly HAP for all families in accordance with the requirements of that notice.
Notice PIH 2010-43 also alerted PHAs to changes in the DVP reconciliation requirements previously identified in HUD Notice PIH 2008-29.

3. Continuation of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP): DVP administering PHAs will continue to provide monthly HAP on behalf of current DVP participant families through the earlier of December 31, 2011, or until such time that eligible families are admitted into the HCV program (i.e., executed lease and HCV HAP contract) or other housing assistance programs. PHAs will continue to follow the guidance provided in section 3 of PIH 2010-43.

4. Program Closeout Update: This section of Notice PIH 2010-43 remains in effect.

5. Disaster Information System (DIS): Guidance provided in PIH 2010-43 remains in effect, with the exception of the “Program End Date” and the “HAP Contract Termination Date” updates.

   a. HUD will update the “Program End Date” in the DIS to December 31, 2011.
   b. PHAs must update the “HAP Contract Termination Date” for all families that will continue to receive DVP assistance after June 30, 2011 to reflect the family’s actual date of lease/HAP contract termination.

6. Information Contact: Inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to 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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