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## GENERAL NEWS

### HUD Revises EBLT Threshold for Children Under Six

Last Friday in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [notice](#) officially revising the elevated blood lead level (EBLL) threshold under its Lead Safe Housing Rule from 5 to 3.5 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ) for a child under the age of 6, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's current blood lead reference value (BLRV) of 3.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ .

HUD previously released a [notice for comment](#) on the topic in September 2024 and received 25 responses. All of the commenters supported the revision of the EBLT threshold to a lower level than the current level. This new threshold will encourage healthcare providers and public health professionals to use the CDC-recommended follow-up actions that include arranging for an environmental investigation of the home to identify potential sources of lead, among other requirements.

Per the notice, the required compliance dates for implementing this modification depend on whether the applicable state, state-level jurisdiction, territory, or local jurisdiction has already incorporated a blood lead level action threshold equal to or lower than the CDC's current BLRV. Specifically, for states, state-level jurisdictions, territories, and local jurisdictions that have a blood lead level action threshold *equal to or lower than* the CDC's current BLRV (i.e., equal to or lower than 3.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  for a child under age 6), HUD is requiring compliance with this change of the Lead Safe Housing Rule's EBLT threshold by **April 17, 2025**. For HUD-assisted target housing in states, state-level jurisdictions, territories, and local jurisdictions where the blood lead level action threshold is higher, HUD is requiring compliance with this change by **July 16, 2025**. While HUD agrees with commenters that this longer compliance period may have a negative impact on the health of lead-exposed children, HUD believes this longer period is necessary and reasonable given the challenges relating to local capacity of lead-based paint professionals and firms.

Further details can be found in the [notice](#).

### Treasury Posts New ERAP Resource

The U.S. Department of the Treasury ([Treasury](#)) has posted the following resource to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ([ERAP](#)) website:

- [ERA1 Report](#), which provides an overview of how ERA1 has helped to assist renter households across the nation.

You can find more ERA resources on the [ERAP website](#).



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