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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Notice Modifying NSPIRE Demonstration

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) published Wednesday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced changes to the demonstration to assess the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols ([NSPIRE](#)). Through the notice, HUD is informing Multifamily Housing program participants who are currently in the demonstration that between April 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023, HUD intends to conduct an inspection using the NSPIRE standards and scoring. This inspection will be considered an inspection of record.

Demonstration participants who do not wish to be subject to an NSPIRE inspection of record before October 1, 2023, may choose to opt out of the NSPIRE demonstration by submitting a request via email to NSPIRE-Demo-OptOut@hud.gov no later than March 1, 2023. Participants who opt out of the demonstration will be subject to a Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) inspection of record.

Additionally, HUD is revising the end of the demonstration to align with the NSPIRE final rule. The demonstration will end for Public Housing participants on June 30, 2023, the day before HUD intends to begin inspections under NSPIRE for Public Housing. For Multifamily Housing participants, the demonstration will end on September 30, 2023, one day before HUD intends the NSPIRE final rule to take effect for Multifamily Housing. If these dates change, HUD will provide information through an additional *Federal Register* notice.

HUD Announces FSS Awards, Publishes Updated FSS Guidebook

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded over \$109 million to 682 PHAs for the 2022 renewal Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) program and an additional \$6 million to 32 PHAs and 38 project-based rental assistance (PBRA) owners for the 2022 new FSS program, for a total of nearly \$116 million. The funds will be used to assist families in increasing their assets and improving their financial stability. To see the new FSS awardees, click [here](#). For renewal awards, click [here](#).

In the same [press release](#), HUD also announced that it has published an updated version of the [FSS Program Guidebook](#), titled “Administering an Effective Family Self-Sufficiency Program: A Guidebook Based on Evidence and Promising Practices.” According to HUD, the revised guidebook draws on evidence about “what works” and the experience of FSS practitioners. It provides guidelines, tools, and resources to help readers develop and administer a successful FSS program. This new 2023 edition incorporates the new FSS regulations, put into effect with the issuance of the FSS [final rule](#) in May 17, 2022, as well as additional new resources, updated best practices, and a new chapter to support project-based rental assistance owners considering, launching, or operating an FSS program.

You can access the guide [here](#) at [HUD Exchange](#) and [here](#) on the FSS program webpage.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Interactive Training on HUD-52723/52722 Online Submission

In an [email](#) yesterday via HUD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it will be hosting an interactive training on the new online submission module for the forms HUD-52723 and HUD-52722 on Tuesday, **January 31, 2023**, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. The training, an open forum to answer PHAs questions and concerns, will go over the following:

- Status of HUD 52723/52722 online submissions User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
- Open questions about HUD 52723/52722 online submission module

According to the email, this is the last opportunity to test the module. HUD will delete all HUD 52723/52722 online submissions UAT test data by COB January 31, 2023. Click [here](#) to join the training.

The new online submission module replaces the Excel tools for the forms and introduces new enhancements for PHAs. Some of the enhancements include the ability to review three-year historical data from past forms and the ability to upload supporting documents as PHAs complete their forms.



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