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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts HCV Landlord Newsletter

On the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [posted](#) the most recent issue of the HCV Landlord Newsletter. The publication, which is issued on a quarterly basis, provides tips for landlords on working with the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, regulatory updates, research, and stories from HCV landlords, tenants, and PHAs from around the country. The current issue, dated October 2022, covers the following topics:

- New Vouchers Increase Opportunities for Renters and Landlords
- Private Market Data Drives 2023 Fair Market Rent Increases
- HUD Guidance Supports Landlord-Related Activities
- Continued Waivers Boost Affordability
- San Antonio Landlord Summit

You can access the newsletter [here](#) on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Settles Familial Status Discrimination Suit Against FL Housing Providers

In a [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that the owners, operators, and managers of an apartment complex in Orlando, Florida, have agreed to pay \$265,000 to resolve allegations that they discriminated against families with children by imposing unlawful restrictions on minors in violation of the [Fair Housing Act](#). According to the press release, the complex is a low-income housing tax credit development with more than 250 market-rate and affordable units.

Under the [consent order](#), which must still be approved by the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the defendants will pay \$260,000 to residents who were harmed by their practices and a civil penalty to the government to vindicate the public interest. The settlement also requires the defendants to implement nondiscrimination policies and provide fair housing training to employees with management or leasing responsibilities at over 80 residential rental properties they own or operate in Florida.

The government's [complaint](#) alleges that the defendants refused to issue building access devices to minor residents, prohibited children from common areas and amenities unless supervised by adults and misrepresented the availability of units to families with children. The case arose when ten families who resided at the complex filed complaints with HUD, which determined that the defendants had violated the Fair Housing Act. The matters were referred to the Justice Department, which conducted its own investigation and filed the lawsuit.



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