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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues October Edition of HCV Connect

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has issued the <u>October edition</u> of its HCV Connect newsletter, which includes updates, tools, and tips to help with the Housing Choice Voucher (<u>HCV</u>) program administration. This month's issue features the following:

- New HCV Applicant and Tenant Resources Website
- Reminder for Moving to Work Agencies Quarterly Reporting of Commitments and Obligations in VMS
- VMS Data and Year-End Reporting Deadline
- Updated Guidance on Payment Standards
- HOTMA Income and Assets Update on Compliance
- FY 2024 Family Unification Program (FUP) Notice of Funding Opportunity
- HCV Program 50th Anniversary Event
- HCV Utilization Webinar Series
- New Violence Against Women Act Training Series Begins November 14
- HOTMA Voucher General HCV Provisions webinar
- HCV Program's 50 Year History in Cityscape

Although the latest newsletter has yet to be posted online, you can access previous issues on this <u>page</u>.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Training on 52723/52722 Online Submission Module

In an email last Friday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) <u>mailing list</u>, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) announced that it is hosting a training session on the HUD-52723/52722 online submission module tomorrow, October 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. Click <u>here</u> to join.

The HUD-52723/52722 online submission module is now open in the <u>Public Housing Portal</u> and ready for PHAs to submit their CY 2025 forms. The due date for submissions is **October 18**, **2024**. For guidance on how to complete the forms, please refer to the <u>user guide</u> and the latest <u>OpFund Grant Processing Notice</u>. Additionally, the email include links to training videos to help complete the forms.

PIH Reminds PHAs of SF-424 Submission Deadline

In another email last Friday via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) <u>mailing list</u>, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (<u>PIH</u>) reminded PHAs that the deadline to submit the SF-424 and related forms in the <u>Public Housing Portal</u> is **October 22**, **2024**.

PHAs must complete their forms SF-424 and, if necessary, HUD-50071 and SF-LLL in the portal before HUD distributes operating fund grants for the calendar year 2025. The PHA's executive director is the only authorized representative that can sign and submit these forms.

The email includes a <u>user guide</u> and a link to a <u>training video</u> on the SF-424 submission process. PHAs can find guidance on the applicability of the forms HUD-50071 and SF-LLL in Notice <u>PIH</u> 2017-04.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Charges NH Housing Providers with Discrimination and Retaliation

In a <u>press release</u> last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) announced that it has <u>charged</u> a landlord and property manager in Manchester, New Hampshire, with violating the <u>Fair Housing Act</u>. Specifically, the charge alleges that after a tenant filed a race/national origin discrimination complaint with HUD, the landlord and property manager conducted a background check, which is not their usual practice on existing tenants, and then attempted to evict the tenant based on a past event that the background check revealed.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing providers from retaliating against tenants because they exercised their rights under the Act.

A United States administrative law judge will hear HUD's charges unless any party elects to have the case heard in a federal district court. If the administrative law judge finds after a hearing that discrimination has occurred, the judge may award damages to the complainant for harm caused by the discrimination. The judge may also order injunctive relief and other equitable relief as well as payment of attorney fees. In addition, the judge may impose fines to vindicate the public interest. If the case is heard in a federal court, the judge may also award punitive damages to the complainant.



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