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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts Updated Portability Administrative Fee Rates Document

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has <u>posted</u> an updated calendar year 2023 portability administrative fee rates document, which discusses administrative fee proration for portability billing purposes. According to the document:

We initially advanced administrative fee funding to PHAs at 89.5% proration; however, based on the March 31 and June 30, 2023, reconciliations, HUD will process additional obligations to PHAs in September 2023 to increase the national proration to 95% for July through October 2023. The main reason for this increase is the increased administrative fee appropriation in 2023.

The document also states that unless there are arrangements between the PHAs, HUD's recommendation is that port-in PHAs bill the initial PHAs at 97.5% proration for January through June 2023. While administrative fees were obligated to PHAs at 95% proration for July through October 2023, HUD will continue to update the proration factors upon the completion of quarterly reconciliations and update them within the document. You can find the link to the updated administrative fess here at the HCV webpage.

GENERAL NEWS

Treasury Posts New ERAP Resource

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (<u>Treasury</u>) has posted the following resource to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (<u>ERAP</u>) website:

• A <u>guide</u> to assist local, state, territorial, and tribal governments in effectively using American Rescue Plan funds to help more households stay in their homes

You can find more ERA resources on the ERAP website.

DOJ Settles Disability Discrimination Suit Against Maryland Developer

In a <u>press release</u> Monday, the Department of Justice (<u>DOJ</u>) announced that a developer of multifamily complexes in Maryland and related entities have agreed to pay \$475,000 to settle claims that they violated the <u>Fair Housing Act</u> and the Americans with Disabilities Act (<u>ADA</u>). The claims alleged that the defendants failed to build required accessible features for people with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs, at six multi-family housing complexes across Maryland.

As part of the <u>settlement</u>, which must still be approved by the court, the defendants also agreed to make extensive retrofits to remove accessibility barriers at the properties, including replacing steeply sloped walkways, widening doorways, and modifying bathrooms so they are accessible for individuals who use wheelchairs. The agreement also requires the defendants to receive training about the Fair Housing Act and the ADA to ensure that their future multi-family housing construction complies with these laws and to provide periodic reports to the Justice Department.



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