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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Webinar on Payment Standards New Guidance

In an email yesterday via HUD's Financial Management Center ([FMC](#)), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it is hosting a webinar to provide an overview of Notice [PIH 2024-34](#), "Updated and Consolidated Policy Guidance on Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Payment Standards," which was published on September 30, 2024. The session will cover new guidance to PHAs on payment standards, including regulatory changes implemented through HOTMA, small area fair market rents (SAFMRs), and exception payment standards. The webinar will take place on Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) to register.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD to Host Training on PHA 5-Year and PHA Annual Plan Modules

In an email via HUD's Financial Management Division (FMD) [mailing list](#), HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) announced that it is hosting an additional training on the PHA 5-Year and PHA Annual Plans modules for PHAs with FYE 12/31 and 3/31. The training will take place tomorrow, October 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) to join.

FYE 12/31 PHAs must submit their PHA plans by October 18, 2024, and FYE 3/31 PHAs must submit their required PHA plans by January 17, 2025. For guidance on how to complete the PHA 5-year and PHA Annual Plans, review Notice [PIH-2015-18](#). Additionally, the email includes the [PHA 5-Year Plan User Guide](#) and the [PHA Annual Plan User Guide](#).

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes Funding Awards in *Federal Register*

In a *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, HUD's Office of the Chief Financial Officer published a list of the entities that received competitive funding awards under notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) for the following programs:

- FY 2023 Healthy Homes and Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration (HHWCD) Grant Program
- FY 2023 Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies (LHHTS) Grant Program
- FY 2023 Housing Counseling Training Grant Program

The amounts of the awards are included in the list. For further details, please see today's [notice](#).

HUD Publishes Quarterly Regulatory Waivers

In another *Federal Register* [notice](#) today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a list of the regulatory waivers that it granted during the first quarter of calendar year 2024. You'll find the waivers granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing on page 81538 of the notice (PDF page 4). The PIH office granted the following waivers during the quarter:

- One involved approval of exception payment standards between 110 and 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) and approval of exception payment standards over 120 percent
- One granted a PHA an additional 30 days to submit audited financial information to HUD due to unforeseen circumstances affecting a timely submission
- Two allowed PHAs to select projects for PBV assistance outside of the usual competitive process
- One involved allowing a PHA to group multiple projects under fewer HAP contracts instead of requiring a separate contract for each project in order to streamline administrative processes
- One involved waving the requirement for a property owner subject to a PBV HAP contract to submit a formal written request to the PHA for a rent increase at the annual anniversary of the HAP contract, as well as waiving the requirement that the adjusted rent to the owner must be maintained for a full 12 months after the adjustment
- Two involved allowing PHAs to bypass the usual requirements for determining rent reasonableness in shared housing units and setting payment standards under the HCV program
- Several involved authorizing PHAs to implement increased in payment standards immediately rather than waiting for the next regular reexamination, consistent with Notice PIH 2023-29
- Several involved authorizing PHAs to adopt a payment standard above the basic range, up to 120 percent of the SAFMR, consistent with Notice PIH 2023-29
- Several involved authorizing PHAs to adopt a payment standard above the basic range, up to 120 percent of the FMR, and apply it throughout their jurisdiction, consistent with Notice PIH 2023-29
- Several involved authorizing PHAs to adopt a payment standard above the basic range, up to 120 percent of their approved SAFMR exception payment standards, consistent with Notice PIH 2023-29



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