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HUD Shares Updates on HIP and HOTMA Implementation

In an [email](#) sent last Friday to executive directors, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) provided updates on the Housing Information Portal ([HIP](#)) system, which is required for full HOTMA implementation. The message also advised PHAs about what actions they can take now without regard to HIP and shared how HUD is seeking to help agencies with the transition.

Specifically, the email states that agencies cannot implement the income and asset requirements in Sections 102 and 104 of HOTMA without having access to the revised HUD-50058 in HIP. Therefore, PHAs must continue to report HUD-50058 transactions to the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)) until instructed to do otherwise. On the other hand, HUD encourages PHAs to implement the following specific HOTMA provisions that do not require HIP:

- PHAs **must not** enroll families into the Earned Income Disregard (EID).
- PHAs **may** now implement the “Safe Harbor” income verification option of the HOTMA final rule.
- PHAs **may** begin using the new Form [HUD-9886-A](#), Authorization for the Release of Information/Privacy Act Notice.
- Verifications streamlining that allows PHAs to accept third-party documents dated within 120 days of receipt, use an award letter from the appropriate year for benefits that are set annually, and use a self-certification of Social Security number (SSN).

The message also includes the following resources that can help PHAs to implement HOTMA: PIH HOTMA Section 102 and 104 Implementation frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)), revised Notice [PIH 2023-27](#), [Form HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet](#), [HOTMA HUD Exchange](#) webpage, and [HOTMA Resources](#) webpage.



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