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HUD-VASH NEWS

PHAs Can Now Apply to Serve as Designated Service Providers

The Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)) has published updated [guidance](#) allowing PHAs with unleased [HUD-VASH](#) vouchers to apply to serve in the role of Designated Service Providers (DSP) for the purposes of veteran selection, intake, and temporary case management. This DSP approval allows PHAs to issue HUD-VASH vouchers without a referral from the VA.

According to the guidance, the PHA is responsible for determining if the veteran is eligible for case management. The PHA must refer the veteran to the VA for case management and provide temporary case management until the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) has completed the intake of the veteran. Additionally, PHAs must ensure they maintain sufficient HUD-VASH vouchers available to immediately issue for veterans referred by the VA.

There is no funding available from VA for PHAs wishing to serve in this role. PHAs must secure other funding to cover the costs. Application materials and more information can be found [here](#).

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues March Edition of HCV Connect

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

- New Webpage on Source of Income Protections for Families with HCVs
- Introducing the new HCVLandlordSupport@hud.gov mailbox
- HUD-VASH Designated Service Provider (DSP) Guidance
- Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS)
- Conversion to NSPIRE Standards Effective October 1
- Funding opportunities
- Events and trainings
- Research and publications

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