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HUD Issues Waivers and Alternative Requirements for FUP and FYI Vouchers

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) issued Notice [PIH 2025-08](#) establishing both optional and mandatory waivers, along with alternative requirements, for the Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers. Below is a summary of the mandatory and discretionary requirements. Please refer to the full notice for additional details.

Mandatory

- Residency preference: A PHA may not apply any residency preference to FUP and FYI vouchers applicants.
- Initial search term: A PHA must provide a minimum initial search term of 120 days for FUP and FYI vouchers applicants. This replaces the previous 60-day requirement.
- Extensions of term: PHAs must adopt an extension policy for FUP and FYI applicants that includes the following:
 - Each extension must be for a minimum of 90 days.
 - PHAs must approve the first extension request, whether it is written or oral, if made on or before the term expiration date. Subsequent requests should follow the PHA's administrative plan.
 - PHA must, on at least one occasion after voucher issuance, notify the applicant prior to the initial term expiration to remind them of the term expiration date, the process for requesting an extension, and to inquire if the applicant needs assistance with their housing search.
- Timing of referral of youth leaving foster care: PHAs must adopt a referral policy to accept referrals of youth, otherwise eligible for FUP and FYI vouchers, that are leaving foster care within 180 days. This replaces the previous 90-day requirement.

PHAs must adopt the mandatory alternative requirements within 120 days from publication of the notice.

Discretionary

- Waiting list: PHAs may establish a waiting list separate from their HCV waiting list for FUP and FYI vouchers.
- Local preferences: PHAs may establish separate preferences for FUP and FYI vouchers applicants.

PHAs that choose to adopt any of the optional waivers must describe those policies in their administrative plan.

A summary of the waivers and alternative requirements, and whether they are mandatory or discretionary, is included in [Attachment I](#) of the document. The notice is effective upon publication.



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