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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Seeks Comments on Proposed Methodology for Annual Inflationary Adjustments to Income Calculation

Through a *Federal Register* [notice](#) published today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) is soliciting comments on its proposed methodology for deriving an inflationary factor that will be used to annually adjust certain values used to make income, asset, and eligibility determinations in numerous HUD subsidized housing programs, as established in the [HOTMA final rule](#). Specifically, HUD proposes to compare an average of three months of Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI–W) values from one year to the next to calculate the inflationary factor. As the notice states:

HUD proposes to determine the annual Inflationary factor for the coming calendar year by calculating the change (if any) in the CPI–W from the average for the second quarter (April, May, and June) of the prior year to the average for the second quarter in the current year. The average in the CPI–W for the second quarter of each year will be calculated by averaging the monthly unadjusted CPI–W index values for that year. Data from the second quarter of the year will be used so that HUD can publish revised amounts before PHAs, MFH owners, and CPD grantees need to use such revised amounts for income calculations that will have effective dates in the next calendar year.

The terms of today’s notice are applicable to income determinations with an effective date on or after January 1, 2025, unless HUD receives comment that would lead to the reconsideration of its proposed methodology. In August of each year, HUD will publish on the [HUD User](#) website both the inflationary factor and the revised amounts to be used for the following calendar year. The amounts effective January 1, 2024, were published in the HOTMA final rule. The due date for comments on the proposed methodology is **May 17, 2024**.

HUD-VASH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Announces Additional Administrative Fees for HUD-VASH

Late yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) published Notice [PIH 2024-10](#) announcing that it is making \$20 million available to assist PHAs that currently administer the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing ([HUD-VASH](#)) program. The notice sets forth the application and eligibility requirements, provides guidance on how to request funding, and outlines eligible uses for the administrative fees.

According to the notice, award amounts for each PHA will be based on the total number of HUD-VASH vouchers currently administered by the PHA and the total number of HUD-VASH PHAs requesting administrative fees. The administrative funding must be used exclusively for costs incurred by a PHA in carrying out administrative responsibilities under the program and other eligible expenses in administering the program, which are described in Section 3 of Notice [PIH 2022-16](#).

PHAs are specifically encouraged to use the funds available to take on additional HUD-VASH administrative activities such as landlord recruitment, housing search assistance activities, and landlord/tenant mediation activities or other additional expenses like owner incentives, retention payments, and security deposits. All applications must be received no later than **May 31, 2024**. Further details, including ineligible expenses and reporting other expenses in VMS and FDS, can be found in the [notice](#).

MTW PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Notice on VMS Reporting Requirements for MTW PHAs

Yesterday HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) also issued Notice [PIH 2024-11](#) informing Moving to Work ([MTW](#)) PHAs of new reporting requirements for planned uses of MTW Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) reserves in the Voucher Management System ([VMS](#)). According to the document, “to further ongoing efforts to improve transparency and oversight of MTW HCV utilization, including planned spending of reserves, all MTW agencies must report their planned uses of MTW HCV reserves in VMS on a quarterly basis.”

As the notice indicates, Tab 2 of VMS (i.e., Income/Expenses), under the section titled *Other-Unspent Funds*, requires reporting of up to 11 distinct obligations and/or commitments for future expenditures of unspent HCV funds. At a minimum, all MTW agencies must report the status of their commitment and obligation activities as of the end of each calendar year quarter. If an MTW agency has no commitments, obligations, or reserves, a “0” must be entered only into the first field of the first activity under the *Other-Unspent Funds* section of VMS to satisfy these reporting requirements.

MTW agencies may choose to report this information monthly; however, HUD will only download and publish the data on the [MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard](#) on a quarterly basis. HUD notes that funds expended from commitments and obligations must also be reported in the appropriate *MTW-only non-HAP expense* fields or *MTW-Other expense* field. The document includes a table that indicates the schedule for reporting commitments and obligations in the *Unspent Fund Source* section of VMS.

The notice is effective for the **June 30, 2024**, calendar year quarter end date reporting cycle and applies to all MTW agencies administering the HCV program.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it will host the latest in its HCV Utilization webinar series. The webinar will provide an update on the 2024 funding and details on new FYI funding opportunities. It will also review the new [Source of Income Protections for HCV Holders](#) website. The live web conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. To register, click [here](#).

The HCV Utilization webinar series is intended to help Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) program administrators learn about the latest HCV resources, program guidance, policy changes, and best practices in HCV administration. You can watch previous webinars [here](#).



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