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HUD Issues HIP Implementation Notice

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) published Notice PIH 2024-12 describing the process for PHAs and their software vendors to transition from the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center (IMS/PIC) to the Housing Information Portal (HIP). HIP will be the official system of record that HUD will use to determine Public Housing Capital Fund and Operating Fund grant amounts and to assess statutory and regulatory compliance in the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Mod Rehab programs.

The following are important dates/periods to be considered during the transition:

Transition Date: Access to IMS/PIC Ends

PHAs will not be able to access IMS/PIC as of the Transition Date, anticipated to be in late summer 2024. Therefore, in advance of the Transition Date, PHAs must ensure they complete certain tasks in IMS/PIC. (See Section 5.1 of the notice.)

HUD anticipates publishing supplemental notices in advance of the Transition Date to describe measures HUD will take and voluntary and mandatory measures PHAs will make to mitigate the impacts of the transition. The supplemental notices will also provide for any flexibilities to address or mitigate disruptions to systems and processes. This guidance will discuss actions to mitigate impacts to SEMAP, the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS), the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, and other programs and processes.

Prior to the Transition Date, all PHAs must review their data in IMS/PIC and make any necessary corrections. Because this may take time, HUD suggests this work start as soon as possible. In addition, PHAs that operate Public Housing programs must review the information in IMS/PIC on their physical inventory of buildings and units, enter any corrections, and complete a building and unit submission and approval process. (See Section 6 of the notice.)

Transition Period: No Access to IMS/PIC or HIP

Following the Transition Date, PHAs should expect a Transition Period before the HIP system will be available for their use. This Transition Period is anticipated to be between late summer and fall 2024. PHAs should expect a period of approximately two months in which neither system is available. During this period, HUD will migrate data from IMS/PIC into HIP, ready the system for PHA use and provide training. PHAs that use vendor software will also work with their vendors during this period to ensure readiness.

Throughout the Transition Period, PHAs must continue to conduct routine business according to HUD statutes, regulations, notices and PHA policies, except for any adjustments detailed in the forthcoming HIP supplemental notices. As applicable, PHAs will continue leasing to new participants in the Public Housing, HCV, and Mod Rehab programs, conducting required physical inspections, completing annual and interim reexaminations, and reporting in HUD's Voucher Management System (VMS). Tenants must continue to pay rent, and landlords participating in the voucher programs will continue to receive HAP from PHAs. PHAs must continue to document compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements during this period, securely maintain their records, and prepare to timely transmit the information to HUD once the HIP system becomes available.

HIP Opening Date: Access to HIP Begins

HUD expects to grant PHAs access to HIP on the HIP Opening Date, which is anticipated to be in fall 2024. In advance of the Opening Date, HUD will issue technical information on how users will be assigned system access.

On the HIP Opening Date, HIP will accept only the 2020 versions of the Form HUD-50058 through vendor software and the 2020 version of the fillable 50058. PHAs will proceed to submit Forms HUD-50058 in HIP for any actions effective after their final IMS/PIC submissions. In addition, PHAs will complete corrections required to Form HUD-50058 submissions effective before the Transition Date.

On the HIP Opening Date, PHAs will also begin using the Building and Unit Inventory functionality in HIP to manage their physical Public Housing inventory.

No Later Than 1/1/2025: 2024 Version of HUD-50058 Added to HIP

Following the HIP Opening Date, HUD will enhance HIP to enable PHAs to submit the 2024 versions of the HUD-50058 through vendor software and the 2024 version of the fillable 50058. This enhancement will enable PHAs to implement the income and assets requirements in Sections 102 and 104 of HOTMA. PHAs must use the 2024 versions for all actions effective on or after January 1, 2025. Notice PIH 2011-65 requires PHAs to submit Forms HUD-50058 within 60 calendar days from the effective date. Therefore, PHAs must submit the 2024 versions of the Form HUD-50058 to HIP no later than March 2, 2025, for actions effective on January 1, 2025.

The notice describes actions that PHAs must take prior to the Transition Date (Section 5.1), during the Transition Period (Section 8), and following the HIP Opening Date (Section 9). It also includes a table that summarizes the transition process (Section 5). Additionally, Section 7 describes considerations for PHAs based on program type and status and Section 10 describes the requirements for software vendors.

HUD will send out email and web-based communications announcing the Transition Date, the Opening Date, and the ability to submit the 2024 versions of the Forms HUD-50058 in HIP. HUD will also post this information to the HIP web page, along with answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), training resources on the <u>HUD Exchange</u> webpage, and other updates.

Further details can be found in the notice.



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