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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes Mobility Demonstration Supplementary Notice

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) published a Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) Mobility Demonstration [notice](#), which supplements the original implementation notice issued on July 15, 2020, to describe additional policies and flexibilities for PHAs selected to participate in the demonstration. The additions to the implementation notice are as follows:

- **Pilot length:** HUD calls the date that it has completed all the required tasks and received all the required approvals the “earliest pilot start date.” Each PHA is expected to start its pilot no later than four months after the earliest pilot start date. A PHA that is unable to do it within four months, will receive a corrective action plan and technical assistance. If a PHA is unable to start its pilot within six months, HUD may recapture any remaining funds that were awarded to the PHA. The anticipated length of the pilot is six months. PHA sites that are experiencing challenges completing their pilot activities timely will receive a corrective action plan and technical assistance. If the PHA is unable to complete their pilot activities within nine months from the start date, HUD may recapture funds from the PHA.
- **Enrollment of existing voucher holders and new admissions:** PHAs will have additional flexibility to reduce the number of existing voucher holders enrolled and increase, by the same amount, the number of new admissions. This will help ensure the evaluation is able to detect the effects of mobility-related services for new admission families. PHAs must submit a written request to HUD to change the number of existing voucher holders and new admissions, and any changes must be documented in each PHA’s “recruitment and enrollment plan.”
- **Flexibility between CMRS, SMRS, and control group:** To ensure an effective study, HUD also will allow some flexibility between the number of families enrolled in the comprehensive mobility-related services (CMRS), the selected mobility-related services (SMRS), and control groups. Any changes will be approved by HUD and documented in each PHA’s “recruitment and enrollment plan.”
- **Memorandum of understanding (MOU) and performance standards requirements:** HUD will draft and issue a statement of responsibilities. The Department has determined that this is the more appropriate document to capture the provisions of the MOU and performance standards agreements originally stated in the implementation notice. PHAs will have 60 days from the issuance of the statement of responsibilities to opt to withdraw from the demonstration. After 60 days from the issuance of the statement of responsibilities, PHAs will not be able to exit the demonstration without HUD’s prior authorization.
- **Eligible uses of funds:** The notice discusses additional uses of funds, which include a \$25 payment PHAs must give to each family upon completion of a voluntary baseline survey. Additionally, PHAs participating in the demonstration must recruit and enroll families into the study over a five-year period. Each PHA site may use up to \$40,000 each year for staff time and expenses related to recruitment and enrollment. Each PHA site may use up to \$40,000 each year to supplement salaries of PHA staff, or hire new staff, who are responsible for providing oversight of the program.

Additional information can be found in the [notice](#).

The HCV Mobility Demonstration, currently called Community Choice Demonstration ([CCD](#)), was authorized and funded through the 2019 and 2020 Appropriations Acts. Through the demonstration, HUD will implement, test, and evaluate whether housing mobility programs expand access to opportunity neighborhoods.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Kicks Off Fair Housing Month

In [press release](#) last Friday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) kicked off Fair Housing Month 2022. Each April, HUD, local communities, and fair housing advocates and organizations celebrate Fair Housing Month by hosting various activities highlighting HUD’s enforcement efforts, enhancing public awareness of fair housing rights, and emphasizing the importance of creating diverse and inclusive communities.

According to the press release, this year’s theme, *Fair Housing: More than Just Words*, underscores the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment and progress toward advancing equity in housing and securing equal access to housing opportunities for all. Secretary Marcia L. Fudge and guests will be holding a virtual celebration on April 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. The event will showcase HUD’s efforts to advance and protect fair housing rights to ensure that all people have the right to obtain the housing of their choice, free from discrimination. You can register [here](#).

You can find more information and supporting materials for Fair Housing Month on [this page](#) at HUD’s website.



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