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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts 2023 Admin Fee Rates

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has posted the <u>2023 administrative fee tables</u> for the Housing Choice Voucher (<u>HCV</u>) program. As a <u>document</u> accompanying the tables explains, there are two fee rates for each PHA, Column A and Column B. As usual, the Column A rate applies to the first 7,200 unit months leased in calendar year (CY) 2023, and the Column B rate applies to all remaining unit months leased in CY 2023. These fees apply to PHA-owned units as well as to units not owned by PHAs.

According to the document, advanced administrative fees for June through October 2023 were at 89.5 percent proration. The final proration level will be established at the end of the calendar year. PIH addresses administrative fee rates for portability in a separate <u>document</u>.

You'll find the links to the 2023 administrative fee tables and the accompanying guidance on <u>this</u> <u>page</u>. You will find the link to the 2023 portability admin fee rates on <u>this page</u>.

GENERAL NEWS

DOJ Files Sexual Harassment Suit against CA Property Manager and Owner

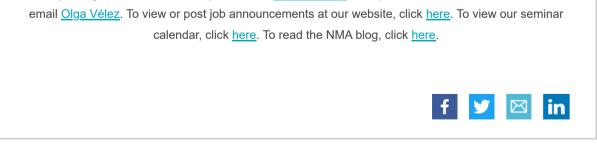
In a <u>press release</u> last Friday, the Department of Justice (<u>DOJ</u>) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the manager of a rental property in California alleging that he violated the <u>Fair</u> <u>Housing Act</u> by harassing female tenants since at least 2012. The lawsuit also names the owner of the property as a defendant.

DOJ's <u>complaint</u>, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, alleges that the manager offered housing-related benefits in exchange for sexual acts, made unwelcome sexual comments and advances to female tenants, entered the homes of female tenants without their permission, and subjected female tenants to unwelcome sexual acts. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages to compensate persons harmed by the alleged harassment, a civil penalty to vindicate the public interest and a court order barring future discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits harassment of tenants and other forms of housing discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, disability, religion, and familial status. In October 2017, the DOJ's Civil Rights Division <u>announced</u> the <u>Sexual Harassment in Housing Initiative</u>. The initiative specifically seeks to increase the Department's efforts to protect individuals from harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, security guards, and other employees and representatives of rental property owners. Since launching the Initiative, the Department has filed 31 lawsuits alleging sexual harassment in housing and recovered over \$10.7 million for victims of such harassment.



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