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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes FSS Program Final Rule

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [final rule](#) that amends HUD’s regulations to implement changes to the Family Self-Sufficiency ([FSS](#)) program made by the “Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act.” Section 306 of the Act made multiple amendments to the FSS program, including changes to the methodology for determining the size of the program, expanding the definition of eligible families to include tenants of certain privately owned multifamily properties subsidized with project-based rental assistance (PBRA), updating the FSS contract of participation (CoP), reducing burdens on PHAs and multifamily assisted housing owners, clarifying escrow account requirements, and updating the FSS action plan requirements. After consideration of public comments, the final rule incorporates these changes and further revises HUD’s FSS regulations to further streamline the program for PHAs, multifamily property owners, and eligible families. Some of the revisions include:

- Providing that families participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program and all Section 8 programs can participate in the FSS program
- Revising certain definitions that apply to the program
- Making changes to the CoP provisions
- Revising the lists of activities for which forfeited escrow funds may be used
- Making changes to portability provisions

Further details can be found in the [final rule](#). The effective date is **June 16, 2022**. Compliance with the rule is required no later than **November 14, 2022**.



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