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HUD Revises Implementation of HUD-VASH Program

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has issued a [prepublication copy](#) of a notice that revises the implementation of the HUD–Veterans Affairs ([VA](#)) supportive housing ([HUD-VASH](#)) program. The document sets forth the policies and procedures for the administration of HUD-VASH vouchers, includes new program flexibilities and requirements, and incorporates updated policy based on further implementation of HOTMA. According to the announcement, the new policies and changes will expand eligibility for HUD-VASH vouchers and improve access to supportive housing developments.

The new flexibilities and requirements listed in the notice include:

- Flexibility around verifying Social Security Number based on HOTMA updates
- Requiring PHAs to set the initial income eligibility for veterans at 80% of the area median income rather than 50%
- Requiring PHAs to exclude VA disability income to determine initial eligibility
- Requiring PHAs to accept self-certification of assets under \$50,000 as established in HOTMA and allow self-certification of zero-income
- Authorizing PHAs to apply exception payment standards as a reasonable accommodation up to 140% of the fair market rent
- Allowing PHAs to make noncompetitive awards of project-based HUD-VASH contracts to housing projects or units on VA facilities that serve HUD-VASH families
- Allowing PHAs to admit zero-HAP families for HUD-VASH PBV
- Allowing PHAs to set a separate minimum rent policy (including a zero minimum rent) for HUD-VASH participants

The following are the updates made to existing requirements:

- Updates to the description and requirements for designated service providers (DSPs) and PHAs as DSPs
- Clarification on applicability of initial search term
- Explanation that HUD-VASH families must not be subject to rescreening when porting
- Additional explanation regarding the application of HUD-VASH waivers and flexibilities to HUD-VASH PBV
- Additional explanation of HUD-VASH PBV exceptions under HOTMA
- Explanation that when a HUD-VASH family is eligible to move or required to move from its PBV unit, the family must be able to move with a HUD-VASH tenant-based voucher
- Updated explanation of the HUD-VASH reallocation process through voluntary moves between PHAs and voucher recapture for future reallocation
- Update to allow pre-inspection of units up to 90 days before the Request for Tenancy Approval

The [notice](#) is pending publication in the *Federal Register*. The effective date will be as provided in the published document. In addition to the policy changes, HUD announced that it has awarded \$20 million for additional administrative fee funding to 245 PHAs in 43 states currently administering HUD-VASH.

HUD Publishes New Emergency Housing Vouchers FAQs

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has published new frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) on Emergency Housing Vouchers ([EHVs](#)). The document, dated August 1, 2024, provides guidance on Notice [PIH 2023-14](#), which details EHV's termination and shortfalls, and covers Notice [PIH 2023-23](#) on the expanded uses of EHV's service fees. You can find the FAQs on [this page](#) at HUD's website.



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