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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Issues Notice on Extension of Certain Regulatory Waivers and Streamlined Review Process

Yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice PIH 2022-30, titled "Extension of Certain Regulatory Waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream) Program and Streamlined Review Process." The document provides for the extension of currently approved regulatory waivers for (1) increasing the payment standard during the HAP contract term and (2) new payment standard amounts through December 31, 2023. The notice includes regulatory waivers specifically related to assisting PHAs in responding to ongoing fluctuations and disruptions in the rental market by providing more flexibility with establishing and applying payment standards.

Below are some highlights of the notice:

- HUD is now making available a process for PHAs to receive an extension of the following
 two waivers, provided the waiver has not yet expired, to continue through December 31,
 2023: a waiver to permit the PHA to increase the payment standard for the family at any
 time after the effective date of the increase, rather than waiting for the next regular
 reexamination; and a waiver to allow PHAs to establish payment standards from 111 to
 120 percent of the FMR.
- PHAs that received approval for either of these waivers that wish to exercise the waivers through December 31, 2023, must request the extension via an email to HUD certifying that the good cause reasons justifying their waivers still exist. To ensure streamlined processing, PHAs should email its extension request to PIH_Expedited_Waivers@hud.gov. Regulatory waiver extension requests must be received no later than December 31, 2022.
- HUD will consider requests to approve regulatory waivers mentioned above based on a PHA's statement of good cause. Requests must be received by HUD on or before September 30, 2023, to receive streamlined processing. The use of streamlined review only applies to waivers explicitly stated in Section 4 of the notice.
- A PHA must include justification of good cause in its waiver request. The good cause justification must include (a) why a PHA needs the waiver; (b) the impact on PHA operations or applicants if the waiver is not provided; and (c) the proposed waiver duration.
- Section 6 of the notice explains the process for submitting streamlined waiver requests and provides direction to PHAs on how to submit requests for processing.

Further information can be found in the notice.

GENERAL NEWS

Treasury Posts New ERAP Resource

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (<u>Treasury</u>) has posted the following resource to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (<u>ERAP</u>) website:

• Reallocation amounts for the <u>ERA1 Round 3 Reallocation</u>

You can find more ERA resources on the ERAP website.



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