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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Issues Prepublication Copy of NSPIRE-V Compliance Date Notice

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) has released a <u>prepublication copy</u> of the notice that extends the compliance date for HUD's National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (<u>NSPIRE</u>) <u>final rule</u> for the Housing Choice Voucher (<u>HCV</u>) and Project Based Voucher (<u>PBV</u>) programs until **October 1, 2024**. According to the document, HUD is taking this action to allow PHAs additional time to implement HUD's NSPIRE standards.

HUD encourages any PHA that is ready to implement NSPIRE at their earliest convenience. However, HUD has determined that additional time is necessary for some PHAs to implement NSPIRE for HCV, PBV, and Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) programs. This will provide PHAs with additional time to train staff, communicate with landlords and for HUD to provide additional technical resources needed for PHAs and agencies to transition to the NSPIRE standards.

PHAs that wish to continue using the Housing Quality Standards (<u>HQS</u>) on or after October 1, 2023, must notify HUD via email of their intent to continue using HQS and the date on which they plan to transition to NSPIRE. This date may be no later than October 1, 2024. If a PHA implements NSPIRE after October 1, 2023, but before October 1, 2024, the PHA must also notify HUD via email. Section III of the notice includes the instructions on how to send the notifications. The official notice is scheduled to be published in the *Federal Register* tomorrow September 28, 2023.

HUD to Host Quarterly Office Hours on Special Purpose Vouchers

On the <u>HCV program trainings and resources</u> webpage, HUD announced that it will host quarterly calls that will cover topics and field questions related to special purpose vouchers (SPVs), including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (<u>HUD-VASH</u>), <u>Mainstream vouchers</u>, Family Unification Program (<u>FUP</u>), Foster Youth to Independence (<u>FYI</u>) Initiative, and <u>Stability Vouchers</u>.

According to the announcement, in addition to the special topic and focus area of each call, the Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division (<u>HVMOD</u>) staff will review new funding opportunities and awards, SPV policy updates, and new resources to address SPV utilization. The quarterly calls will take place the second Wednesday of each quarter from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The first call, scheduled for October 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., will feature information on regional HUD-VASH bootcamps. Participants will hear from PHAs that attended the first bootcamp in Chicago this summer. To register, click here.



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