



OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear PHA Executive Directors,

We are excited to share a preview of the proposed NSPIRE scoring notice, as part of our efforts to update the physical inspection model. This notice will be published in the Federal Register soon, signaling the beginning of the 30-day comment period. We have posted the notice on the [NSPIRE Notices and Proposed Rules](#) page to give you extra time to review.

The scoring methodology focuses on the health and safety in units, which is where residents spend most of their time, as opposed to exterior defects. The standards apply to Public Housing and Multifamily Housing programs, including Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8 Project-Based and other assisted housing, Section 202/811, and HUD-insured Multifamily programs.

The scoring notice outlines the scoring methodology, the expected sampling strategy, and justification for scoring decisions. In addition, the notice identifies changes from the prior scoring model based on stakeholder feedback, including:

- Removing severity and criticality levels;
- Reducing the number of inspectable areas to the three areas of unit, inside and outside; and
- Removing item and area-based limits and scoring weight distribution along with point caps.

For more information on NSPIRE, visit the [NSPIRE Resources page](#) and view YouTube recordings of the day-long NSPIRE Get Ready sessions in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#). Questions on the proposed scoring notice can be sent directly to NSPIRERegulations@hud.gov.

Our NSPIRE team had the opportunity to interact with many of you during our 15-city nationwide NSPIRE Get Ready Session tour. With more than 3,300 attendees both in-person and online, your critical feedback has been invaluable. Please continue sharing your input by commenting on the proposed scoring notice. We appreciate your partnership as we work together to improve the wellbeing of HUD-assisted households.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dominique".

Dominique
General Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Public and Indian Housing