

# The HCV Connect

Program Updates, tools and tips to help with HCV Program administration.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAQs for Mainstream Vouchers Available

HUD has published new FAQs for Mainstream Vouchers that answer questions related to length of assistance, SEMAP reporting, and project-basing Mainstream Vouchers. Additional questions can be sent to [MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov](mailto:MainstreamVouchers@hud.gov).

### News for Public Housing Authorities Website

HUD has published a new News for Public Housing Authorities Website. The site includes a record of prior Public Housing Authority Newsletters and messages to Public Housing Authorities. These Public Housing Authority Newsletters and messages are typically only sent to the PHA Executive Director email address on file with HUD—so this site is a great resource for everyone to see the latest PHA news.

### Transparency in MTW Spending

PHAs that participate in the Moving To Work (MTW) demonstration have special authority to use HCV program funds outside of the typical program funding restrictions. The [MTW HCV Utilization Dashboard](#) provides a glimpse into MTW PHAs use of their HCV program funds and reserves. We encourage program stakeholders in MTW communities to check this out.

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## EVENTS AND TRAININGS

### Look for a VASH Boot Camp Near You!

HUD and the Department of Veteran Affairs recently kicked off a HUD-VASH Boot Camp Process Improvement series with a two-day event in Chicago for Region 5 PHAs and VA Medical Centers. The boot camps are action-orientated in-person workshops intended to facilitate coordination and collaboration to improve HUD-VASH operations. Please email [vash@hud.gov](mailto:vash@hud.gov) if you have any questions about the event series.

Additional boot camp opportunities will be rolling out for all HUD regions throughout the remainder of 2023. PHAs will receive an invitation for their specific session. The next boot camp will be held on Aug 30-31 at the HUD Weaver Federal Building in Washington DC. All Region 3 HUD-VASH PHAs are encouraged to attend with their VA Medical Center partners. **Region 3 PHAs should use the link from their invitation to register by August 25th.**

Please Note: There are no boot camp sessions scheduled for the month of September. Boot Camps will resume in October with sessions scheduled for Atlanta, Denver, and Orlando.

### Reminder of HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month we host an HCV Utilization Webinar. These webinars are intended to update HCV Program Administrators and stakeholders on recent program changes and highlight best practices in program administration.

Upcoming topics:

- [Considering Small Area Fair Market Rents \(August 17th\)](#)
- [Review of HCV Data Dashboard Updates \(September 21st\)](#)
- [Examples of Leveraging Technology \(October 19\)](#)

If you have suggestions for additional topics, or how we can improve the webinars, please email [HCVutilization@hud.gov](mailto:HCVutilization@hud.gov).

[Click Here to See Upcoming Topics, View Past Recordings and Register](#)

### Housing Mobility Toolkit Webinar Series

This webinar series shares information about HUD's new [Housing Mobility Toolkit](#), designed to help PHAs and their partners implement a Housing Mobility Program in their community. Housing Mobility Programs enable more families with vouchers to access areas of opportunity.

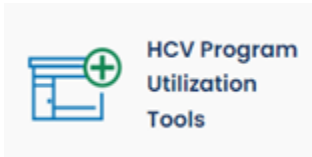
Upcoming webinar includes:

**Housing Mobility Toolkit – Updating Program Materials | September 12, 2023 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET**

[Click Here to Register](#)

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# HCV UTILIZATION TOOL UPDATES



The HCV program requires program administrators to make regular adjustments to reflect funding levels and local market conditions. HUD provides resources on the [HCV Utilization Tools site](#) to help PHAs forecast the impact of different program adjustments and voucher issuance decisions. Here are recent HCV Utilization Tool updates:

## May Utilization Report Has Posted!

The May Utilization Report has been posted with two items to note:

1. The 12/31 RNP and HHR numbers (for the regular HCV program, Mainstream, and EHV) are all, once again, linked live to the source for internal-to-HUD Two-Year Tool users. As such, when changes are made, the Utilization Report will pick them up immediately (well, when the report opens). Externally this means that, while a delay will still exist, the updated, accurate 12/31 RNP and HHR numbers should be reflected in the Two-Year Tool in relatively short order.
1. We revised and updated the prior year assist (What the what? Well, in the TYT, there is a part that looks at what was used in the 12/31 reconciliation for expenses, fraud, and FSS and then what is reported now for the same categories. If, for example, prior year expenses increase after the reconciliation, this means, as one would suspect, a PHA doesn't have as much money as we thought to start this year) for MS and EHV

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