

The HCV Connect

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

March 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Webpage on Source of Income Protections for Families with Housing Choice Vouchers



HUD recently published a new web-based resource to help PHAs and families in communities where discrimination is a problem, particularly in communities that have established laws that make it illegal to refuse to rent to tenants simply because they have a housing voucher.

[This new website](#) explains what source of income discrimination is and provides an interactive map that will make it easier for families, PHAs, and landlords to identify jurisdictions that are covered by source of income protections. There are also tips and links to resources for tenants and PHAs on what to do if source of income discrimination occurs, as well as strategies for how to reduce such discrimination.

[Visit the Source of Income Protections Website](#)

Introducing the new HCVLandlordSupport@hud.gov mailbox



In our continued effort to enhance communication and resources for landlords and property owners, we have launched a new email to support Housing Choice Voucher Landlords with program-related questions or concerns. Whether you are an experienced Landlord, new to the program or are interesting in becoming a Landlord to the Housing Choice Voucher program, we are here to support you along the way. Send your HCV program questions and concerns to HCVLandlordSupport@hud.gov.

HUD-VASH Designated Service Provider (DSP) Guidance

The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and HUD have a previously established process for designating service providers (DSPs) to act in the place of VA for the purpose of intake, referral, and case management in the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. Designation is done through the VA's HUD-VASH Collaborative Case Management Model (CCM). The DSP is typically a CoC-funded service provider in the community. Guidance on the CCM Process can be found on the [VA website](#).

Guidance on how PHAs may apply to become a DSP themselves for the specific purpose of intake and temporary case management prior to referral to the VA is now also available. Please note there is no additional funding for PHAs wishing to serve

in this role. Application materials and more information may be found at the [VA website here](#).

Enterprise Voucher Management System (eVMS)

PIH successfully disbursed the March Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) to 101 Wave 1 PHAs using PIC 50058 data. We look forward to working with these PHAs to gather feedback and valuable input that will be used to further improve eVMS. As a reminder, the [eVMS website](#) includes the latest information on eVMS on-boarding.

We urge all PHAs to actively review and utilize the [PIC Error Dashboards](#) to improve reporting in preparation for eVMS. PHAs may also request up to 16 hours of FREE technical assistance from a third-party vendor by contacting their local PIH Field Office.

[Click HERE to visit the eVMS Website](#)

Conversion to NSPIRE Standards Effective October 1

Public housing agencies (PHAs) are reminded that they must have converted from the prior Housing Quality Standards (HQS), to the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) Standards, by October 1, 2024, for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-Based Voucher (PBV) programs as announced in the [Federal Register](#).

PHAs that manage the HCV inspections can use their own inspection software to conduct NSPIRE inspections, or a checklist that HUD made available on the [NSPIRE website](#) that also includes tools, information and additional resources. Look for additional guidance on conducting inspections by the end of April. Questions can be sent to NSPIRE@hud.gov.

[Click HERE to visit the NSPIRE Website](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2024 Funding Details Are Coming

The 2024 HUD Appropriation was signed into law on March 8, 2023. We will be making funding announcements within 60 days. In the meantime, please continue using the [HCV Two-Year Projection Tool](#) for program decisions to maximize utilization and avoid shortfalls. More information about 2024 funding will be communicated soon.

HUD is working on the 2024 HCV Administrative Fee Rates, including updated guidance for portability billings. In the meantime, continue using 2023 rates (at 97.38% proration for 2023 port billings, and 90% proration for January through March 2024 port billings)

Video Explaining the HCV Funding Process. As a reminder, this [short video](#) explains the HCV Funding process.

Need more help planning for 2024? Your local HUD Field Office is available to help generate and explain your PHA's Two-Year Tool.

EVENTS AND TRAININGS

Stability Voucher Webinar series

This webinar series, intended for PHAs administering Stability Vouchers (SV)s and their Continuum of Care (CoC) partners, reviews a variety of topics related to SVs and best practices for implementation. Recordings will be posted for future viewing.

Upcoming webinars:

- [Streamlining the Referral Process](#) (Mar 20th from 1:00-2:30pm EST)
- [SVs and Engaging Persons with Lived Experience](#) (Apr 10th from 1:00-2:30PM EST)

[Click HERE to Register and view Schedule](#)

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. The topics are subject to change.

Upcoming Topics:

- [Dashboard Updates](#) (Mar 21st from 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern)
- [HOTMA Updates](#) (Apr 18th from 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern)

Can't make a webinar? Don't worry. They are all recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#). If you have topic suggestions, please email HCVUtilization@hud.gov.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Collaborative Solutions: Advancing Overdose Prevention in Housing

HUD's Office of Community and Supportive Services (CSS) is hosting a free virtual event on innovative overdose prevention strategies among housing providers and community organizations on **March 27, 2024 from 2:00-3:00pm**. Register and learn more [here](#).

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Youth and Young Adult Housing Solutions Convenings

PIH and our partners in Community Planning & Development and HHS' Children's Bureau will be hosting regional action-oriented convenings to improve FYI utilization, enhance local collaboration, and center youth and youth adults with lived

experience. Invitations to PHAs administering FYI and serving FUP-Youth will be sent to PHAs with registration links and more detailed information on these convenings, which are planned for May-October 2024. Stay tuned for further details!

For current resources on improving FYI utilization and much more, check out links under Technical Assistance for PHAs on the [FYI webpage](#).

[Click HERE to Learn More about the FYI Initiative](#)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

PD&R Quarterly Update: How Local Governments Innovate to Meet Community Housing Needs

On **Thursday, March 21, 2024**, HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research (PD&R) will host a hybrid PD&R Quarterly Update on how local governments are innovating to increase the supply of affordable housing. After keynote remarks from Lauren Lowery from the National League of Cities, the first panel discussion will focus on the Housing Production Fund in Montgomery County, Maryland, and the second panel will look at a range of innovative housing production models at both the city and state levels.

[Register and Learn More HERE](#)

GUIDEPOSTS

Have you seen the HCV Overview Video Series?

We have created a series of videos intended to explain common elements of the HCV Program in in short (10-15 min) easily digestible segments. These cover topics such as HCV funding, payment standards, success rates, the Two-Year Tool, Project-Based Vouchers, and How the HCV Program Works. They are a great resource for anyone interested in HCV program administration.

[Click HERE to access the HCV Overview Video Series](#)

Please send us your feedback.

As we strive to improve our customer service to HCV program administrators, assisted households and other stakeholders, we need your feedback. Do you have a suggestion for a webinar or newsletter topic? Is there something we could do to improve the clarity of HCV utilization tools, resources, or other communications?

Please email your feedback to HCVUtilization@hud.gov.

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