

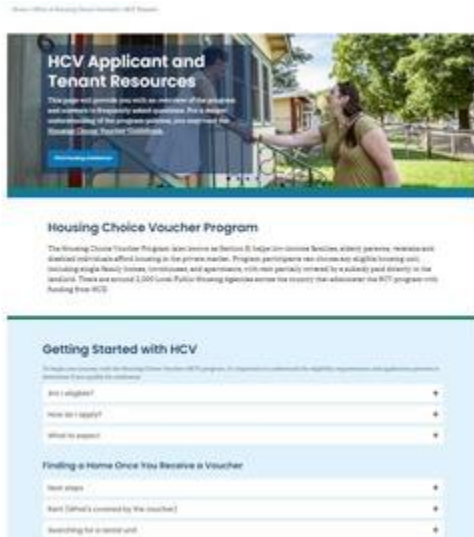
# The HCV Connect

Tools, tips, and updates to help with HCV Program administration.

October 2024

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*NEW\* HCV Tenant Resources



We have published a [new website](#) designed specifically for voucher holders and households that may need voucher assistance. The website provides guidance for getting started with HCV, unit search tips, and a reminder of participant rights and responsibilities. We will be updating the site with videos and additional resources over the next few months. Please share your feedback at [HCVUtilization@hud.gov](mailto:HCVUtilization@hud.gov).

[HCV Applicant and Tenant Resources Website](#)

### Reminder for Moving to Work Agencies - Quarterly Reporting of Commitments and Obligations in VMS

Please report the Moving To Work (MTW) eligible activities that you have dedicated MTW HCV reserves towards in the Voucher Management System (VMS). For more information about these reporting requirements, visit the [MTW HCV Resources Webpage](#). Questions and comments can be emailed to [mtwunspentfunds@hud.gov](mailto:mtwunspentfunds@hud.gov).

### VMS Data and Year-End Reporting Deadline

Reminder to all PHAs, that the year-end reporting/reconciliation deadline is approaching – confirm the date with your FMC representative. Please be sure you complete all necessary steps on time and your VMS data is up-to-date for accurate program tracking. Contact your FMC representative with any questions.

## Updated Guidance on Payment Standards

On September 30, 2024, we published [Notice PIH 2024-34 - Updated and Consolidated Policy Guidance on Housing Choice Voucher \(HCV\) Program Payment Standards](#), providing new guidance to PHAs on payment standards, including regulatory changes implemented through HOTMA (Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016), Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs), and exception payment standards. This Notice establishes a new process for establishing exception payment standards up to 120% of the FMR. PHAs that were approved under the previous streamlined approval process to implement payment standards greater than 110% up to 120% of the FMR that would like to continue with those higher payment standards must follow the new notification process outlined in this new notice, specifically section 5B.

**On November 7, 2024 at 2:00 pm EST**, HUD will host a webinar to go over this Notice, highlight changes to the guidance, and answer questions.

[Register Here](#)

## HOTMA Income and Assets Update on Compliance

On September 18, 2024, General Deputy Assistant Secretary Dominique Blom emailed PHA Executive Directors with updated information on the compliance date for the income and assets provisions of HOTMA (HOTMA Sections 102 and 104). The email announced that PHAs will not have access to the HOTMA-compliant HUD-50058 in HIP, which is required for compliance with certain HOTMA income and assets provisions, by January 1, 2025, and that HUD will soon issue additional guidance on HOTMA Income and Assets implementation. A copy of this email, which also contains a link to relevant FAQs, can be found [here](#).

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### FY 2024 Family Unification Program (FUP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The application period for the FUP NOFO is now open. FUP provides HCVs to PHAs that partner with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) and Continuums of Care (CoCs) to assist eligible families and youth.

**The application deadline is October 30th.** Applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#).

[View the FUP NOFO Here](#)

## EVENTS & TRAININGS

### The HCV Program Turns 50 and You're Invited!



The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program turns 50 this year! HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) is celebrating with a special hybrid event.

**HCV Program 50th Anniversary Event**  
**Join Us! Wednesday, October 16th**  
**9AM - 4PM EST**

To mark this milestone, we've launched a dedicated [HCV 50th website](#) featuring event details, the program's history, and special content, including a commemorative edition of *Cityscape* focused on "Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance."

[Register Here](#)

### HCV Utilization Webinar Series

The third Thursday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00PM Eastern 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. You can register for the webinars by clicking on the [Webinars and Trainings Icon](#) at [www.hud.gov/hcv](http://www.hud.gov/hcv). All past webinars are recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#).

**Please note there will be no HCV Utilization Webinar in October.** We encourage everyone to join the HCV 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 16th.

#### **HCV Utilization Webinar – Family Centered Housing Policies (New Date!)**

On **Thursday, November 21st** we will be hosting an HCV Utilization Webinar focused on programmatic rules and flexibilities that support families and prevent child welfare involvement. *This webinar was originally scheduled October 17th.*

[Register Here](#)

## **\*NEW\* Violence Against Women Act Training Series Begins November 14th!**

A new training series focused on understanding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) will launch November 14th. The first course will begin with a high-level overview; learn about VAWA housing protections for survivors as well as VAWA requirements specific to PHAs. Subsequent courses in this series provide a deeper and more comprehensive dive into certain protections for survivors under VAWA as well as the obligations of PHAs and owners.

### **Course One: Housing Protections for Survivors Under the Violence Against Women Act and Related Requirements for Public Housing Agencies**

**Thursday, November 14th  
1pm - 3pm EST**

[Register Here](#)

## **HOTMA Voucher General HCV Provisions Webinar**

The [recording](#) and [slides](#) from the August 28, 2024, HOTMA Voucher General HCV Provisions Webinar are now available.

The webinar focused on the general HCV provisions of the [HOTMA Voucher Final Rule](#) that was published on May 6, 2024. It covers HCV programmatic updates on Payment Standards, Utility Allowances, Housing Quality Standards (HQS), Special Housing Types, and information for when a family is selected. It also includes a review of the effective and compliance dates in [PIH Notice 2024-19](#).

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## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **HCV Program's 50 Year History in *Cityscape***

Read about the latest advancements in housing policy with this special edition of [PD&R's \*Cityscape\*, "Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance."](#) which commemorates fifty years of tenant-based rental assistance through comprehensive articles on the evolution and impact of the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

[PD&R's Cityscape, "Fifty Years of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance."](#)

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