

# The HCV Connect

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

September 2023

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Check out the 2024 Fair Market Rents

HUD has posted the 2024 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMRs) at [www.huduser.gov](http://www.huduser.gov). If you are interested in learning more about the calculation methodology, or to request a reevaluation, please refer to [this Federal Register Notice](#) from Aug 31, 2023.

[Here is a short video](#) that explains the role that FMRs play in the HCV program.

### Emergency Housing Voucher Issuance Deadline September 30th

The American Rescue Plan included a provision that prohibits PHAs from issuing Emergency Housing Voucher (EHVs) upon turnover after September 30th, 2023. If your PHA administers the EHV program, please take a moment to see how this provision will impact you. **PHAs will lose authority to issue some (or all) EHV vouchers starting October 1, 2023.**

For more details, please review [PIH Notice 2023-14](#), or watch tthe [EHV Office Hours from July 11th](#). See how this provision impacts every EHV PHA by visiting page 5 of the [EHV Data Dashboards](#).

### NSPIRE for Housing Choice Vouchers Update

HUD will publish an Administrative notice to implement the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) rule for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project-based Voucher (PBV) programs before the effective date of October 1, 2023. This notice will provide more information about implementing the NSPIRE inspection protocol and announce additional time for PHAs to retain the Housing

Quality Standards (HQS) as their inspection standard until October 1, 2024.

In addition, PHAs that have existing approvals for acceptability criteria variations will need these approvals reviewed by HUD to ensure that the standards are not less stringent than the NSPIRE standards. MTW agencies with approved alternative inspection methods should contact [NSPIREV\\_AlternateInspection@hud.gov](mailto:NSPIREV_AlternateInspection@hud.gov) with a copy to the MTW Office at [mtw-info@hud.gov](mailto:mtw-info@hud.gov) for a review of existing standards as compared to the NSPIRE Standards. All current acceptability criteria variations and alternate inspection methods can remain in place until HUD completes the review.

PHAs with questions can email [NSPIREV\\_AlternateInspection@hud.gov](mailto:NSPIREV_AlternateInspection@hud.gov). Guidance on how to request an approval for other inspection methods or variations will be in the upcoming notice.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Additional Administrative Fees for SAFMR Payment Standard Adoption

As a reminder, [Notice PIH 2023-07](#) includes a provision for PHAs to apply for up to \$15,000 for reimbursement of costs associated with establishment of Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) based Exception Payment Standards. PHAs must apply by **Tuesday, October 31st, 2023**.

To learn more about how SAFMRs can help your HCV program, please view the [HCV Utilization Webinar from August 17th](#).

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## EVENTS AND TRAININGS

### Next Week's HCV Utilization Webinar: NSPIRE for HCV

Due to the interest and importance of NSPIRE, we are changing the topic of the September HCV Utilization Webinar to focus on NSPIRE for HCV.

Join us **Thursday, September 21st from 2-3PM Eastern** to hear about the latest information regarding the NSPIRE for HCV rollout.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## 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:

- [NSPIRE for HCV \(September 21, 2-3PM Eastern\)](#)
- [Examples of Leveraging Technology \(October 19, 2-3PM Eastern\)](#)
- [Mobility Best Practices \(November 16, 2-3PM Eastern\)](#)

Can't make a webinar? Don't worry. They are all recorded and posted on the [Past Trainings and Webinars site](#).

## Quarterly Special Purpose Vouchers (SPV) Office Hours for PHAs

Quarterly calls will cover topics and field questions related to Special Purpose Vouchers (SPVs), including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), Mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative, and Stability Vouchers. Housing Voucher Management & Operations Division (HVMOD) staff will also review new funding opportunities and awards, SPV policy updates, and new resources to address SPV utilization.

Join our first call, featuring information on regional HUD-VASH Bootcamps, and hear from PHAs that attended the first Bootcamp in Chicago this summer.

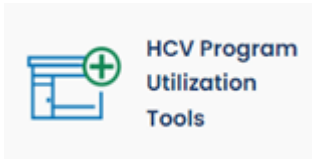
- [SPV Office Hours \(Tuesday, October 11, 2023 from 2-3pm EST\)](#)

Quarterly SPV Office Hours take place the second Wednesday of each quarter from 2-3pm EST.

[Click Here to Join the Call](#)

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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:

## June Utilization Report Has Posted!

The newest report, June, is posted. It includes updated rent burden numbers with added data for 6/30/2023. Pretty interesting stuff. Take a gander. With the [estimated 2024 FMRs](#) (which make up a large part of the calculation for inflation factors) being published recently, estimated inflation factors for next year can be estimated; as such, we're working on getting estimated 2024 inflation factors (PHA-specific) into the Two-Year Tool. When we get that information, we shall update faster than you can upload a DCR into the Two-Year Tool.

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