



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

**Disaster Voucher Program (DVP)
Processing Instructions Letter #4
Pre-disaster Public Housing, Project-based, Homeless and Special Needs Housing Families**

Dear Executive Director:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the status of DVP assistance for pre-disaster public housing, project-based, homeless and special needs housing families that still remain on DVP.

Extension of DVP Assistance

In Notice PIH 2007-17, the Department originally identified June 30, 2008, as the projected end date for all DVP assistance. However, the notice also stated that the length of the extension would be dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families assisted. We are projecting that there will be sufficient DVP funding remaining in June 2008, that DVP assistance will be able to continue through at least September 30, 2008. Please note that this extension applies only to those families already receiving DVP assistance, and does not allow for new families to be admitted to the program.

We recognize that June 30, 2008, is fast approaching and that affected families and landlords are concerned about DVP assistance coming to an end. Therefore, we ask that you please notify all DVP participants and affected owners of the DVP extension, as soon as possible.

Reminder of Reinstatement of Tenant Contribution

In accordance with Notice PIH 2007-17, as of January 1, 2008, PHAs were required to recalculate housing assistance payments (HAP) for all DVP families in accordance with regular voucher program rules. This required PHAs to conduct an examination of family income in order to calculate the family's total tenant payment (TTP) and the family share of rent based on normally applicable voucher program requirements. It has come to our attention that some PHAs failed to meet this deadline. If you have not done so already, please ensure that TTP and HAP calculations are completed as soon as possible for all DVP families, and that families and owners are properly notified of the changes.

Please be aware that if your PHA did not reinstate TTP for DVP families as of January 1, 2008, HUD will not pay the higher HAP costs resulting from the PHA's delay in reinstating TTP for DVP families. It will be the PHA's responsibility to cover, out of non-HAP funds, the amount that otherwise would have been paid by the family. Detailed instructions for updating the DIS to ensure that HUD does not improperly pay for these higher HAP costs will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Laure Rawson at (202) 402-2425.

Your prompt attention to this guidance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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