

PH and HCV-7: Waiting List; Opening and Closing; Public Notice

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 982.206(a)(2)

Sub-regulatory Guidance: Notice PIH 2012-34

Description: The HCV program regulations require that when a PHA opens its waiting list, the PHA must give public notice by publication in a local newspaper of general circulation and also by minority media and other suitable means; these same practices are strongly encouraged in the Public Housing program. Recognizing the foreseeable difficulties in complying with this requirement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD is waiving this requirement and is providing an alternative requirement that the PHA may provide public notice in a voicemail message on its main or general information telephone number and through its website (if such a PHA website is available). PHAs must comply with applicable fair housing and other civil rights requirements when they provide public notice under this alternative requirement, including ensuring effective communication with persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities. PHAs must ensure effective communication with persons with disabilities in all notifications and communications. For example, a PHA that chooses to provide public notice through a voice-mail message must ensure the notice is accessible for persons with hearing impairments, which may include also distributing the notice by email and public postings on websites. PHAs must ensure that their website is in compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The voice-mail notice also must comply with all other applicable civil rights requirements, including ensuring meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency. See 24 CFR 5.105(a) (“Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity”).

Period of Availability: The period of availability ends on June 30, 2021.

HQS-9: HQS Quality Control Inspections

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 982.405(b), 983.103(e)(3)

Description: The regulations require PHAs to conduct supervisory quality control inspections of a sampling of units under contract. HUD is waiving this regulatory requirement.

Period of Availability: The period of applicability ends on June 30, 2021.

HCV-10: Family Unification Program: FUP Youth Age Eligibility to Enter HAP Contract

Statutory Authority: Section 8(x)(2) of the USHA of 1937

Description: The statute provides that a FUP youth must be not more than 24 years of age (not yet reached their 25th birthday) to be eligible to be placed under HAP contract. A FUP youth issued a voucher at 24 years of age may not be able to lease the voucher before their 25th birthday where PHA operations may have been shut down or severely curtailed, unit searches are not possible due to shelter-in-place orders, or where the movement of people is significantly restricted.

HUD is waiving this requirement and providing as an alternative requirement that the PHA may execute a HAP contract on behalf of any otherwise eligible FUP youth not more than 25 years of age (not yet reached their 26th birthday). This waiver may also be applied to the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative.

Period of Availability: The period of availability ends on June 30, 2021.

HCV-12: Family Unification Program: Timeframe for Referral

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)

Description: The statute provides that assistance may be provided on behalf of "otherwise eligible youths who have attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care or will leave foster care within 90 days." Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be difficult for youth to find units that are available for lease within the 90-day timeframe, increasing the risk that such youth may experience homelessness. To prevent such an outcome, HUD is waiving the statutory limitation and establishing an alternative requirement. Specifically, PHAs may accept referrals from child welfare agencies for youth who will leave foster care within 120 days. This waiver may also be applied to the FYI initiative.

Period of Availability: Through June 30, 2021, a PHA may receive referrals of otherwise eligible youth who will leave foster care within 120 days.

b. SEMAP

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 985.105

Description: Part 985 sets out the requirements by which Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs are assessed. For PHAs that have a SEMAP score pending as of the date of this Notice, and for any PHA with a fiscal year ending on or before December 31, 2020, HUD will not issue a new SEMAP score unless the PHA requests a that new SEMAP score be issued. HUD will instead carry forward the most recent SEMAP score on record.

Period of Availability: HUD will resume issuing new SEMAP scores beginning with PHAs with fiscal year end dates of June 30, 2021.

b-1: SEMAP Field Office Confirmatory Review

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 985.105(d)

Description: Allows field offices to perform remote SEMAP confirmatory review instead of an on-site confirmatory review before changing any rating from troubled to standard or high performer.

Period of Availability: The period of availability ends on June 30, 2021.

b-2: SEMAP Certification Timing

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 985.101(a)

Description: Waives the requirement for PHAs to submit an annual SEMAP certification in IMS-PIC within 60 days of FYE during the timeframe HUD is rolling over prior year scores.

Period of Availability: The period of availability ends on June 30, 2021.

c. Uniform Financial Reporting Standards: Filing of Financial Reports; Reporting

Compliance Dates

Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 5.801(c), 5.801(d)(1)

Description: Section 5.801 establishes uniform financial reporting standards (UFRS) for PHAs (and other entities). Section 5.801(c) requires that PHAs submit financial information in accordance with 24 CFR § 5.801(b) annually, not later than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year of the reporting period. Section 5.801(d)(1) requires that PHAs submit their unaudited financial statements not later than 60 calendar days after the end of their fiscal year, and that PHAs submit their audited financial statements not later than 9 months after the end of their fiscal year.

HUD is waiving these requirements and is providing the alternative requirements for the following PHAs:

- (1) PHAs with a FYE of June 30, 2019; September 30, 2019; December 31, 2019; and March 31, 2020, and a deadline to submit audited financial information in accordance with 24 CFR § 5.801(b) and (d); and

FYE	Due Date	Extended Due Date
6/30/2019	3/31/2020	9/30/2020
9/30/2019	6/30/2020	12/31/2020
12/31/2019	9/30/2020	3/31/2021
3/31/2020	12/31/2020	6/30/2021