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COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers and Alternative Requirements for the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs NOTICE PIH 2020-13 (HA), REV-1

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) provides the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with broad authority to waive or establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the Public Housing program, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program, and Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program.

In Notice PIH 2020-05, published on April 10, 2020, HUD exercised its authority under the CARES Act to establish waivers and administrative flexibilities to provide relief to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), Indian tribes, and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this revision to that Notice, HUD restates the waivers and alternative requirements established previously in Notice PIH 2020-05, provides additional waivers and alternative requirements, extends the periods of availability for previously established waivers and alternative requirements, and issues technical amendments to several of the previously established waivers and alternative requirements. A complete list of revisions is included in the Appendix to this Notice.

This Notice also carries forward information on previously specified HUD actions, such as the temporary suspension of the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). With respect to the Public Housing and HCV programs, use of any waiver or alternative requirement established by HUD is at the discretion of the PHA; however, HUD strongly encourages PHAs to utilize any and all waivers and alternative requirements as necessary to keep Public Housing and HCV programs operational to the extent practicable. HUD also encourages PHAs to utilize waivers and alternative requirements to expand housing assistance opportunities, including to families on waiting lists; providing affordable, safe housing during this time assists in addressing issues like homelessness and overcrowding that contribute to risk factors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IMPLEMENTED WAIVERS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

Effective Wednesday, July 8, 2020, and until further notice, HASA will implement the following waivers:

- PH-5: Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR)
- PH-8: Resident Council Elections
- PH-12 Annual Self Inspections
- PH and HCV-3: Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination; Income Verification Requirements.
- PH and HCV-4: Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations

IMPLEMENTED WAIVERS FOR HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM

Effective Wednesday, July 8, 2020, and until further notice, HASA will implement the following waivers when no other option is available:

- PH and HCV-3: Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination; Income Verification Requirements
- PH and HCV-4: Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations

For additional information, please refer to HUD PIH 2020-13. Program Participants and Landlords are encouraged to call HASA during regular work hours with questions or email questions directly to your caseworker's email address and continue to watch the website (www.sanangelopha.com) for updates on this rapidly changing situation.