

In response to the CV19 pandemic, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued a series of regulatory waivers to provide administrative flexibilities and relief to Public Housing Authorities. HUD recognizes that many of the required program functions cannot be performed in their standard manner without creating some level of risk to assisted families and agency staff, and these waivers were created to keep housing programs operational and accessible to the extent practicable.

Use of these waivers is at the discretion of the PHA. Below, you will find a list of the waivers we have implemented at the CCHA. For a full list of the waivers issued under PIH Notice 2020-13, please visit the following link: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/ATT-SECOND-WAIVER-NOTICE.pdf>

Please note that all waivers are applicable through June 30, 2021.

- PH and HCV-3: Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination; Income Verification Requirements : HUD understands that documentation may be difficult to obtain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the allowable period of availability, PHAs may consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification to process annual reexaminations.

- PH and HCV-4: Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations  
During the allowable period of eligibility, PHAs may consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification to process interim reexaminations. This may occur over the telephone (with a contemporaneous written record by the PHA staff person), through an email with a self-certification form by the family, or through other electronic communications.

- HCV-2: Information When Family is Selected: PHA Oral Briefing  
The regulation requires when the PHA selects a family to participate in either the HCV or PBV program, the PHA must give the family an oral briefing. HUD is waiving this requirement and as an alternative requirement allowing the PHA to conduct the briefing by other means such as a webcast, video call, or expanded information packet. Section 504 and the ADA require PHAs to ensure effective communication with applicants, participants and members of the public in all communications and notices. The PHA must ensure that the method of communication for the briefing effectively communicates with, and allows for equal participation of, each family member, including those with vision, hearing, and other communication-related disabilities, and ensures meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency.

- HCV-3: Term of Voucher: Extensions of Term  
The regulation provides that at its discretion, the PHA may grant a family one or more extensions of the initial voucher term in accordance with the PHA policy as described in the PHA administrative plan. HUD is waiving the requirement that the extension(s) must be accordance with the PHA's administrative plan in order to allow the PHA to provide extensions even though it has been unable to formally amend its policy in the administrative plan.

- HCV-6: Automatic Termination of HAP Contract  
When an HCV family's income increases to the extent that the housing assistance payment is reduced to \$0, PHAs are required to terminate HAP contracts 180 days

after the last housing assistance payment to the owner. In recognition that the COVID-19 pandemic is creating economic and employment instability for many families, as well as situations where families may on a temporary basis be adding members whose additional income may result in a \$0 HAP subsidy calculation, HUD is waiving this requirement. As an alternative requirement, the PHA, upon written notice to the owner and family, may extend the period of time following the last payment to the owner that triggers the automatic termination of the HAP contract. The extension beyond the normally applicable 180 days is determined by the PHA but may not extend beyond December 31, 2020.