

RESOLUTION #2026 – CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE - POLICY CHANGES

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020, the federal government declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency. Pursuant to the authority provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136), HUD is waiving and establishing alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs. These waivers provide administrative flexibilities and relief to public housing agencies (PHAs) in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. With respect to the Public Housing and HCV programs, use of these waivers 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. Through issuance of this notice, HUD is exercising this authority to provide PHAs with flexibility to adjust program practices where necessary to prioritize mission critical functions when normal operations are restricted and severely constrained, further prevent the spread of COVID-19, and mitigate the health risks posed by COVID-19 to PHA staff, families, landlords, and their communities at large.

WHEREAS: the period of availability for the Public Housing and HCV waivers is in most cases either one of short-term or longer-term duration. Short-term waivers generally end on July 31, 2020, while the longer-term waivers typically expire on December 31, 2020. Short term waivers provide PHAs with essential flexibilities when normal operations are severely disrupted. Longer term waivers include waivers that permit PHAs to defer important but less critical functions to focus on their most vital responsibilities and effectively manage their transition back to normal operations. Other waivers have unique dates, such as when the period of availability is dependent on a PHA's fiscal year end date or based on a specific action or activity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: in accordance with the CARES Act and Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2020-05, the Housing Authority of the City of Newport hereby adopts the following waivers as specifically identified in the HUD waiver chart. The Housing Authority will update its Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, its HCV Administrative Plan, and any other related documents, as necessary, to address the newly adopted waivers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED: the enclosed chart summarizes the waivers authorized under this notice and the availability period for each. PHAs must keep written documentation on the waivers applied by the PHA as well as the effective dates. To fulfill those requirements, PHAs may but are not required to utilize the last two columns to record this information, which has been done by the Housing Authority of Newport. Any HUD authorized extensions to the waivers will be fully recognized and authorized by this resolution.



CORONAVIRUS WAIVERS

Item	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends	Did PHA implement waiver and alternative requirement?	Date of PHA adoption
PH and HCV-1 PHA 5-Year and Annual	Statutory Authority Section 5A(a)(1), Section 5A(b)(1),	 Alternative dates for submission Changes to significant	Varies based on FYE7/31/20	NO YES	N/A 3/27/20
Plan	Section 5A(g), Section 5A(h) Regulatory Authority § 903.5(a)(3), 903.5(b)(3), 903.21	amendment process	• 7/31/20		3121120
PH and HCV-2 Family income and composition – delayed annual reexaminations	Statutory Authority Section 3(a)(1) Regulatory Authority § 982.516(a)(1), § 960.257(a)	 Permits the PHA to delay the annual reexamination of income and family composition HCV PHAs must implement HCV-7 for impacted families if they implement this waiver 	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20
PH and HCV-3 Annual	Regulatory Authority § 5.233(a)(2)	Waives the requirements to use the income	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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reexamination Income Verification	Sub-regulatory Guidance PIH Notice 2018-18	hierarchy, including the use of EIV, and will allow PHAs to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification • PHAs that implement this waiver will be responsible for addressing material income discrepancies that may arise later			
PH and HCV-4 Interim reexaminations	Statutory Authority Section 3(a)(1) Regulatory Authority § 5.233(a)(2), 982.516(c)(2), 960.257(b) and (d) Sub-regulatory Guidance PIH Notice 2018-18	Waives the requirement to use the income verification requirements, including the use of EIV, for interim reexaminations	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
PH and HCV-5 EIV System Monitoring	Regulatory Authority § 5.233 Sub-regulatory Guidance	Waives the mandatory EIV monitoring requirements.	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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	PIH Notice 2018-18				
PH and HCV-6 FSS Contract of Participation	Regulatory Authority § 984.303(d)	Provides for extensions to FSS contract of participation	• 12/31/20	NO	N/A
PH and HCV-7 Waiting List	Regulatory Authority § 982.206(a)(2) PIH Notice 2012-34	 Waives public notice requirements for opening and closing waiting list Requires alternative process 	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS-1 Initial inspection	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(i), Section 8(o)(8)(C) Regulatory Authority § 982.305(a), 982.305(b), 982.405	 Changes initial inspection requirements, allowing for owner certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must 	7/31/2010/31/20	YES	3/27/20
		inspect the unit no later than October 31, 2020.			
HQS-2: PBV Pre-HAP Contract Inspections,	Statutory Authority: Section 8(o)(8)(A) Regulatory Authority:	Changes inspection requirements, allowing for owner certification that there are no life-	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
PHA acceptance of completed units	\$\\$ 983.301(b), 983.156(a)(1)	 threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect the unit no later than October 31, 2020. 	• 10/31/20		

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HQS-3 Non-Life Threatening HQS - Initial Unit Approval	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii) Regulatory Authority HOTMA HCV Federal Register Notice January 18, 2017	Allows for extension of up to 30 days for owner repairs of non-life threatening conditions	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS-4 Initial HQS - Alternative Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(iii) Regulatory Authority HOTMA HCV Federal Register Notice January 18, 2017	 Under Initial HQS Alternative Inspection Option - allows for commencement of assistance payments based on owner certification there are no life-threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect the unit no later than October 31, 2020. 	7/31/2010/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS-5 Biennial Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(D) Regulatory Authority §§ 982.405(a), 983.103(d)	 Allows for delay in biennial inspections All delayed biennial inspections must be completed as soon as reasonably possible but 	• 10/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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HQS-6 Interim Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(F) Regulatory Authority §§ 982.405(g), § 983.103(e)	 Waives the requirement for the PHA to conduct interim inspection and requires alternative method Allows for repairs to be verified by alternative methods 	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS-7 PBV Turnover Inspections	Regulatory Authority § 983.103(c)	 Allows for PBV turnover units to be filled based on owner certification there are no life-threatening deficiencies Allows for delayed full HQS inspection 	7/31/2010/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS-8: PBV HAP Contract – HQS Inspections to Add or Substitute Units	Statutory Authority Section 8(0)(8)(A) Regulatory Authority §§ 983.207(a), 983.207(b)	 Allows for PBV units to be added or substituted in the HAP contract based on owner certification there are no life-threatening deficiencies Allows for delayed full HQS inspection 	7/31/2010/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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HQS-9 HQS QC Inspections	Regulatory Authority § 982.405(b)	 Provides for a suspension of the requirement for QC sampling inspections 	• 10/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HQS10 HQS Space and Security	Regulatory Authority § 982.401(d)	• Waives the requirement that each dwelling unit have at least 1 bedroom or living/sleeping room for each 2 persons.	Remains in effect one year from lease term or date of notice, whichever is longer	YES	3/27/20
HQS-11 Homeownership HQS	Statutory Authority Section 8(0)(8)(A)(i), Section 8(y)(3)(B) Regulatory Authority § 982.631(a)	 Waives the requirement to perform an initial HQS inspection in order to begin making homeownership assistance payments Requires family to obtain independent professional inspection 	• 7/31/20	NO	N/A
HCV-1 Administrative Plan	Regulatory Authority § 982.54 (a)	Waives the requirement to adopt revisions to the admin plan	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HCV-2 PHA Oral Briefing	Regulatory Authority § 982.301(a)(3) § 983.252(a)	 Waives the requirement for an oral briefing Provides for alternative methods to conduct required voucher briefing 	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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HCV-3 Term of Voucher - Extensions of Term	Regulatory Authority § 982.303(b)(1)	 Allows PHAs to provide voucher extensions regardless of current PHA policy 	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HCV-4 PHA Approval of Assisted Tenancy	Regulatory Authority § 982.305(c)	 Provides for HAP payments for contracts not executed within 60 days PHA must not pay HAP to owner until HAP contract is executed 	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HCV-5 Absence from unit	Regulatory Authority § 982.312	 Allows for PHA discretion on absences from units longer than 180 days PHAs must not make HAP payments beyond 12/31/20 for units vacant more than 180 consecutive days 	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HCV-6 Automatic Termination of the HAP Contract	Regulatory Authority § 982.455	Allows PHA to extend the period of time after the last HAP payment is made before the HAP contract terminates automatically.	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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HCV-7 Increase in Payment Standard	Regulatory Authority § 982.505(c)(4)	• Provides PHAs with the option to increase the payment standard for the family at any time after the effective date of the increase, rather than waiting for the next regular reexamination to do so.	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20
HCV-8 Utility Allowance Schedule	Regulatory Authority § 982.517	Provides for delay in updating utility allowance schedule	• 12/31/20	NO	N/A
HCV-9 Homeownership Counseling	Statutory Authority Section 8(y)(1)(D) Regulatory Authority § 982.630, 982.636(d)	Waives the requirement for the family to obtain pre-assistance counseling	• 7/31/20	NO	N/A
HCV-10 FUP	Statutory Authority Section 8(x)(2)	Allows PHAs to increase age to 26 for foster youth initial lease up	• 12/31/20	NO	N/A
PH-1 Fiscal closeout of Capital Grant Funds	Regulatory Authority § 905.322(b)	Extension of deadlines for ADCC and AMCC	Varies by PHA	YES	3/27/20
PH-2 Total	Regulatory Authority § 905.314(c)	Waives the TDC and HCC limits permitting	Applies to development	YES	3/27/20

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Development Costs		approval of amounts in excess of published TDC by 25% to 50% on a case by case basis	proposals submitted to HUD no later than December 31, 2021		
PH-3 Cost limitations	Regulatory Authority § 905.314(j)	Allows for the use of force account labor for modernization activities in certain circumstances	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20
PH-4 ACOP	Regulatory Authority § 960.202(c)(1)	Changes to approval process for ACOP	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
PH-5 CSSR	Statutory Authority Section 12(c) Regulatory Authority § 960.603(a) and 960.603(b)	Temporarily suspends CSSR	• 3/31/21	YES	3/27/20
PH-6 Energy Audits	Regulatory Authority § 965.302	Allows for delay in due dates of energy audits	One year beyond 2020 audit deadline	YES	3/27/20
PH-7 Over-income families	Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Final Implementation of the Public Housing Income Limit 83 FR 35490	Changes to timeframes for determination of over-income	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20

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	Notice: Notice PIH 2019-11				
PH-8 Resident Council Elections	Regulatory Authority § 964.130(a)(1)	Provides for delay in resident council elections	• 7/31/20	NO	N/A
PH-9 Utility Allowance	Regulatory Authority § 965.507	Provides for delay in updating utility allowance schedule	• 12/31/20	NO	N/A
PH-10 Tenant notifications	Regulatory Authority § 966.5	Advance notice not required except for policies related to tenant charges	• 7/31/20	YES	3/27/20
11a PHAS	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 902	 Allows for alternatives related to inspections PHA to retain prior year PHAS score unless requests otherwise 	HUD will resume issuing new PHAS scores starting with PHAs with FYE dates of 3/31/21	N/A	N/A
11b SEMAP	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 985	PHA to retain prior year SEMAP score unless requests otherwise	HUD will resume issuing new SEMAP scores starting with PHAs with FYE dates of 3/31/21	N/A	N/A
11c Financial reporting	Regulatory Authority §§ 5.801(c), 5.801(d)(1)	Allows for extensions of financial reporting deadlines	Varies by PHA FYE	YES	3/27/20

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12a Form HUD 50058	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 908, § 982.158 Sub-regulatory Guidance PIH Notice 2011-65	 Waives the requirement to submit 50058 within 60 days Alternative requirement to submit within 90 days of the effective date of action 	• 12/31/20	YES	3/27/20
12b Designated housing plan	Statutory Authority Section 7(e)(1)	Allows for HUD to delay notification about designated housing plan	• 7/31/20	N/A	N/A
Deadline for reporting Operating and Capital Fund expenditures	Statutory Authority Section 9(j) Regulatory Authority § 905.306(d)(5)	Provides a one-year extension	One-year extension, however no programmatic expenditure end date shall be extended beyond one month prior to closure of relevant appropriations acc	YES	3/27/20

Attachment: Summary of IHBG and ICDBG Statutory and Regulatory Waivers and Alternative Requirements

	COVID-19 Statutory at	nd Regulatory Waivers for ONAP programs				
Item	Statutory and Regulatory Waivers	Waiver/Alternative	Waiver/Alternative Requirement Summary			
13a. Application Process for IHBG- CARES Grants and Indian Housing Plan (IHP) Requirements	Statutory Authority: Section 101(b), Section 102, and Section 103 of NAHASDA Regulatory Authority: 24 C.F.R. §§ 1000.214; 1000.218;1000.220; 1000.224; 1000.226; 1000.228;1000.230; and 1000.232	 Abbreviated IHP to Receive IHBG-CARES Grant Funding: Applicants for IHBG-CARES funding must submit an abbreviated IHP specifying how the funds will be used. Recipients that did Not Submit an IHP in FY2020: A Tribe or TDHE that did not submit a timely or compliant IHP in FY 2020 may still qualify for an IHBG-CARES grant. IHP Certifications: IHBG recipients that cannot provide HUD with IHP certifications may still submit an Abbreviated IHP provided an authorized official of the IHBG recipient provides a statement on inability to secure certifications. Reprogramming of FY2020 IHBG Funding: FY2020 IHBG funds may be reprogrammed to address COVID-19 through streamlined process. 				
13b. IHP Submission	Statutory Authority: Section 101(b) and 102(a) of		Org. IHP Due Date 1/17/2020	Extension 10/16/2020		
Deadline for Annual IHBG Formula Grants	NAHASDA, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 1000.214, 1000.216, 1000.225	IHP Submission Deadlines Extended	4/17/2020	10/16/2020		
13c.Annual	Statutory Authority: Sections	APR Submission Deadlines	Org. APR Due Date	Extension		
Performance Report Submission	403 and 404 of NAHASDA, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR	Extended Extended	3/30/2020 6/29/2020	6/28/2020 9/27/2020		
Deadline	§ 1000.514					

10.1.7		IHBG recipients may deviate from their current written admissions and
13d. Income Verification	Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1000.128	occupancy policies, including allowing less frequent income recertifications, remote income verification, and self-certification over the phone or email.
13e. Public Health Services	Statutory Authority: Section 202(3) of NAHASDA	Recipients may use IHBG-CARES funding to carry out a wide range of public health services.
13f. COVID-19- related Assistance to Non-Low Income and Non-Native Families	Statutory Authority: Section 201(b) of NAHASDA, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 1000.104, 1000.106, 1000.108, 1000.110; 1000.312, 1000.314, , 1000.318	Recipients may use IHBG-CARES funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 through certain limited activities that provide assistance to all affected and threatened people without regard to income limits or Indian status.
13g. Useful Life	Statutory Authority: Section 205 of NAHASDA, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 1000.141, 1000.142, 1000.143, 1000.144, 1000.146, 1000.147	If the assistance is related to inhibiting the spread of COVID-19 to low-income Indian families and the Tribal community, Recipients may use IHBG-CARES funding to assist housing units without determining and maintaining affordability during their useful life.
13h. Total Development Cost (TDC) Limits	Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 1000.156, 1000.158, 1000.160, 1000.162	Recipients may exceed TDC by 20 percent without HUD approval for dwelling and non-dwelling units developed, acquired or assisted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
13i. Prohibition Against Investment of CARES Act Grant Funds	Statutory Authority: Section 204(b) of NAHASDA, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1000.58	Recipients are prohibited from investing any IHBG funding provided under the CARES Act.
14a. Citizen Participation	Statutory Authority: Section 104 of the Housing and	

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	Community Development Act of 1974 (HCD Act) Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1003.604	Indian tribes are not required to hold one or more meetings to obtain the views of residents before applying for ICDBG-CARES grant funding or amending their FY 2020 ICDBG grants to address COVID-19.
	1) Criteria for Funding: With respect to applications for ICDBG-CARES grants and FY 2020 ICDBG Imminent Threat grants to address the COVID-19 crisis, the urgency and immediacy of the threat will be presumed.	
14b. Application Process for ICDBG-CARES Grants		2) Grant Ceilings: Current grant ceilings are waived for ICDBG-CARES and will be set in an ICDBG-CARES Implementation Notice to be published in the very near future.
Regulatory Authors 1003.401, 1003.402	Funding Criteria ority: 24 CFR §§ 1003.400, 2; Section I.A.1.b. of FY19/20 Funding Availability (NOFA)	3) Reimbursement of Costs and Letter to Proceed: ICDBG applicants and grantees to receive ICDBG-CARES grants do not have to demonstrate other Tribal funding sources cannot be made available to alleviate the threat and may use the funding to cover or reimburse costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 without a Letter to Proceed from the area ONAP.
		4) Availability of Funds: If ICDBG-CARES grant funds are not awarded in a fiscal year, HUD reserves the right to adjust how funding is awarded to ensure needs of Tribes are met, including possibly setting aside a portion of funding to address the needs of Tribes with the greatest needs.
14c. Removal of Public Services 15% Cap under FY 2020 ICDBG Grants	Statutory Authority: Section 105 of the HCD Act; Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1003.201(e); FY 19/20 ICDBG NOFA	HUD is eliminating the 15 percent cap on FY 2020 ICDBG funding (both Single Purpose and Imminent Threat grants), to align with ICDBG Imminent Threat funding provided under the CARES Act.
14d. Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, Food, Clothing, and Other Emergency Assistance	Statutory Authority: Section 105 of the HCD Act; Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1003.207(b)(4)	ICDBG grant funds may be used to provide emergency payments for low and moderate income individuals or families impacted by COVID-19 for items such as food, medicine, clothing, and other necessities, as well as utility payment assistance.

14e. Purchase of Equipment	Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR §§ 1003.207(b)(1); 1003.201(c)(1)(ii)	Grantees may use of ICDBG funds for the purchase of medical and personal protective equipment to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19.
14f. Operating Expenses for Public Facilities	Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1003.207(b)(2)	Grantees may use ICDBG funds to pay operating and maintenance expenses of any public facility, to the extent it is used for COVID-19-related purposes but not for staffing costs of public facilities.
14g. New Housing Construction by Tribes	Statutory Authority: Section 105 of the HCD Act, Regulatory Authority: 24 CFR § 1003.207(b)(3)	ICDBG grantees may use ICDBG funds to carry out new housing construction under certain conditions without having to use a CBDO.