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From the Director's Office

As we finalize our first newsletter edition this calendar year, HUD has issued "Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons". The final notice, effective February 21, 2007, is in the January 22, 2007 issue of the Federal Register at 72 FR 2732 and is subsequent to the proposed guidance that HUD published in December 2003. As stated in the final notice, there are no significant changes between the proposed & final guidance. Please note that there are, however, several minor changes to Appendix A and a new Appendix B, "Questions and Answers (Q&A)", that responds to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to providing meaningful access to LEP persons.

On behalf of Office of Public Housing team members in the Seattle, Portland, & Anchorage offices, we hope this newsletter is helpful to you. Just let me know if there are items that you would like to see in future newsletters.

Thank you.

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<http://www.energystar.gov/>

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Avoid Accidental Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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Disaster response
Carbon monoxide poisoning

- What is carbon monoxide?
- What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?
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- What should be done if you suspect someone has been poisoned by carbon monoxide?
- Carbon monoxide facts in Adobe PDF format

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous and odorless gas that cannot be seen or smelled and that can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of carbon monoxide produced is usually not hazardous. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from carbon

Carbon monoxide facts in other languages:

- 一氧化碳 (Chinese / 一一)
- 탄소 일산화물 (Korean / ㅌㅅㅇ)
- Отравление угарным газом (Russian / ㄹㅅㅇ)
- Sunta carbon monoxide (Somali)
- Envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono (Spanish / Español)
- Nhiễm độc khí carbon monoxide (Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt)

One page carbon

In light of recent winter storms and power outages, the Seattle and King County Departments of Public Health have published carbon monoxide prevention tips on the web in English, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Carbon monoxide gas comes from burning fuels such as gasoline, propane, oil, kerosene, natural gas, coal or wood, and can cause injury or death. Visit the following website for more information:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/disaster/carbmono.htm>

- During a power outage or at any other time, do not operate fuel-powered machinery such as a generator indoors, including the garage
- Do not cook or heat with charcoal barbecues inside your home
- Avoid combustion "space heaters" unless there is an exhaust vent.

Take the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Quiz:

1. The form HUD-50066 for certification of domestic violence (etc.) may NOT be used by HAs for the following HUD programs:
 - a. Public Housing
 - b. HCV Voucher
 - c. Mod Rehab
 - d. Project based Voucher
 - e. SRO Mod Rehab (McKinney Act)
2. Which one crime listed below is not included in the VAWA protections?
 - a. Domestic violence
 - b. Dating violence
 - c. Stalking
 - d. Elder abuse
3. May there be exceptions to this exclusion?
4. True or False - PHAs must require tenants to either sign the HUD 50066 or provide police records to prove their eligibility for protections under VAWA.
5. True or False – PHAs may require tenants to come into the office to pick up the HUD 50066.
6. PHAs must notify tenants of their rights under VAWA, including the existence of the HUD 50066. List two ways they can do this that are mentioned in the Notice 2006-42.
7. If a tenant completes the HUD 50066, the HA can:
 - a. Keep the form in the tenant file as supporting documentation
 - b. Enter the VAWA information for this tenant into a shared database
 - c. Keep the data in a separate locked file with other criminal history information
 - d. Discuss a tenant's VAWA status with all the case managers at an open staff meeting.
8. True or False – Voucher landlords are not required to comply with the requirements of VAWA.
9. True or False – HAs are required to advise owners and managers of their rights and obligations under VAWA.

Answers: See PIH Notice 2006-42: 1.e; 2.d; 3.Yes, refer to your State or local law. For example, Oregon's elder/disabled abuse laws would be applicable to VAWA; 4.False- medical professional, social service provider, or attorney may also produce statements documenting abuse; 5.True; 6.Make certification form available at time of admission and include with eviction/termination notification; 7.c; 8.False; 9.True

.....ARCHIVED HUD WEBCASTS.....

<http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/archives/ph.cfm>

1/4/2007	Grants.gov
08/24/2006	PIH Calculation of Operating Subsidy
08/23/2006	PIH Calculation of Operating Subsidy: Treatment of New Units
08/17/2006	PIH Calculation of Operating Subsidy II

Reminder: An Energy Audit is required for each development of PHA owned Low-Income Public Housing. Please refer to 24 CFR 965.302. The local HUD Field Office does not need a copy of the audit results, but may request to view the items while conducting on-site PHA office visits.

Role of Energy Conservation in the Transition to Asset Management

Utility costs account for 23% of PHA operating expenditures, which make energy and water conservation important tools for controlling these costs at the property level. The ability to reduce operating costs and retain savings under the new 24 CFR 990 encourages PHAs to take advantage of financial incentives and strategies for reducing utility consumption.

The Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 extends the allowable payback period for Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) from 12 to 20 years. This longer payback period makes EPCs more financially attractive for small and medium size PHAs and can generate funding to incorporate more energy-saving retrofits. See PIH Notice 2006-06 for more information and visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/phecc/index.cfm>

Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) uses cost savings from reduced energy consumption to repay the cost of installing energy conservation measures. Normally offered by Energy Service Companies (ESCOs), this financing technique allows building users to achieve energy savings without up-front capital expenses. Please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/phecc/eperformance.cfm>

Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership



HCV Homeownership Closings as of 12/31/2006

Alaska	25
Idaho	55
Oregon	46
Washington	87
Hub Total	213

FREE PIC Training

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PIC Coach

Suzanne Manville, PIC Coach extraordinaire, will be conducting **FREE** PIC training in February and March at the Seattle Regional HUD Office. She will be offering 2-3 sessions depending on interest, topics, and ability level. If your agency would like to participate in this training, please e-mail Suzanne at Suzanne_Manville@hud.gov with topic suggestions and requested dates.

A PHA must have a minimum 95 percent Form 50058 reporting rate for both public housing and HCV at the time of its annual assessment to avoid sanctions.

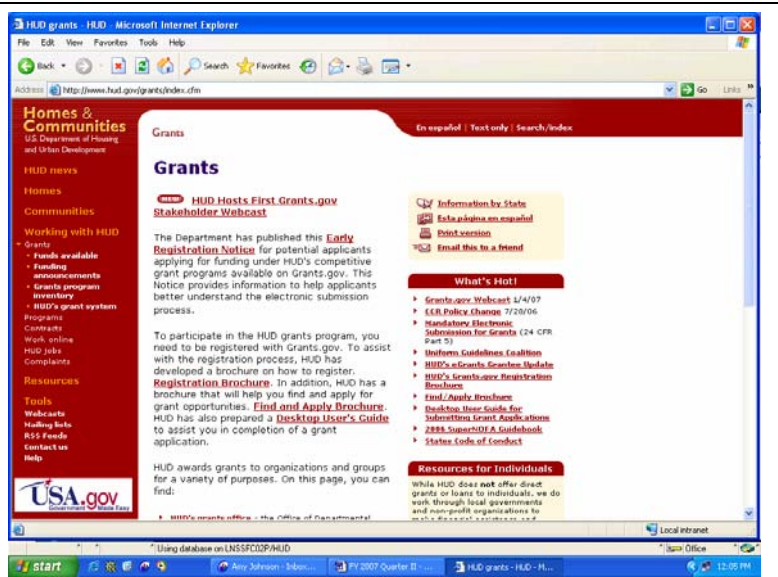
For Section 8 agencies, please remember there is a distinction between sanctions and SEMAP scoring. Per PIH Notice 2006-24, Section 1, Note, and Section 11 and PIH Notice 2005-17, Section 8, the SEMAP scoring requirement for a 95% reporting rate went into effect with the 12/05 PHAs and will be assessed based on PHA FYE. (PIH 2006-24 changed only the requirements as they relate to Sanctions, not as to SEMAP scoring.)

This means that if at your fiscal year end your Section 8 PIC reporting rate is less than 95%, your SEMAP scores for Indicators 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 will be adjusted to zero, and you will not receive any points for the deconcentration bonus. You may ask for relief at the time of certification submission by posting a comment to your submission and being prepared to submit documentation of your request.



New Phone Number for PIC or EIV Help

If you need assistance with PIC or EIV, contact PIH-REAC's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at (888) 245-4860, or via email at REAC_TAC@hud.gov



Grants.gov Early Registration

On January 17, 2007, grants.gov sponsored a stakeholder meeting (broadcast on HUD webcast) to inform the public of recent and planned changes to grants.gov, including their move to a new forms package. The changes to the forms will NOT impact this year's SuperNOFA. The meeting was to exchange important information and gain applicant/grantee input. This webcast will be archived shortly.

Please visit: <http://www.hud.gov/grants/index.cfm> for more information on upcoming grants application notifications. HUD only accepts electronically submitted applications through grants.gov. To participate in the HUD grants program, you need to be registered with grants.gov. To assist with the registration process, HUD has developed a brochure on how to register and apply for grant opportunities.



Want to save time?

Prevent your Housing Authority from having to submit monthly status reports by timely submission of your PHAS reports. A late PHAS submission will result in a "troubled" designation. Once troubled, HUD is required to assess the condition of the HA and enter into a one-to-two year term Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Do not wait until the last minute. File on time and save time.

EIV Recertification by January 30th

REMINDER:



PHA Users must be recertified by PHA User Administrator by midnight 1/30/07. HUD Field EIV Coordinator will recertify PHA User Administrators.

Recently Published

For a complete list of Federal Register and Notices published, please visit HUD Clips at <http://www.hudclips.org/cgi/index.cgi>

Federal Register

- 10/24/2006 Demolition or Disposition of Public Housing Projects; Final Rule
- 11/24/2006 Public Housing Operating Fund Program; Revised Transition Funding Provision for FFY 2007
- 11/24/2006 Public Housing Operating Fund Program; Revised Transition Funding Schedule for Fiscal Year 2008 Through Fiscal Year 2012
- 12/27/2006 Announcement of Funding Awards for the Housing Choice Voucher Program; Fiscal Year 2006.
- 12/27/2006 Extension of Regulatory and Administrative Waivers Granted for Public and Indian Housing Programs To Assist With Recovery and Relief in Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma Disaster Areas
- 1/18/2007 Notice of HUD's FY2007, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Policy Requirements and General Section to SuperNOFA
- 1/22/2007 Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons

PIH Notices

- PIH 2006-41 Verification of Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits
- PIH 2006-42 Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act 2005 Form HUD-50066 Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking
- PIH 2007-1 Reinstatement Notice PIH 2006-1 Requirement for Designation of Public Housing Projects

E-Memos

- 10/31/2006 HUD Office of Labor Relations Letter 2004-1, REV 1 HUD-Determined Wage Rate Compliance Labor Standards Clauses
- 11/03/2006 Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Report
- 11/06/2006 Questions from the NAHRO Conference (sent by Elizabeth Santone, Portland Field Office)
- 11/09/2006 Training- Changes in Financial Management and Report Requirements
- 11/09/2006 Public Housing FY2007 Quarter I Newsletter
- 11/16/2006 HUD Office of Labor Relations Letter 2006-2
- 12/21/2006 PIC Info and Summary of Major Changes in PIC Release 5.9
- 12/26/2006 PIC Info and Summary of Major Changes in PIC Release 5.9 (sent by Elizabeth Santone, Portland Field Office)
- 1/05/2007 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Notice 2006-42 (sent by Elizabeth Santone, Portland Field Office)
- 1/22/2007 FREE Lead-Safe Work Practices Training (sent by Elizabeth Santone, Portland Field Office)

HUD Highlights Regional Office E-Newsletter

Find out what's new in the region across all HUD program areas. To electronically receive this newsletter, sign-up at: <http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/newsletters/hudhighlights.cfm?state=wa>

Important Upcoming Quarter II Dates

!!! Please Note: All dates subject to change. Refer to program area websites for most current information and complete list of forms due!!!

FYE 3/31 PHAs

- 1/1/2007 90 days prior to FYB, submit complete budget (HUD-52673, 52672, 52663) for Mod Rehab, SRO, HOPE VI, Mainstream (DV code-5 year increments), to FMC representative
- 1/17/2007 PHA Plan submission. CFP Program Performance and Evaluation Reports must be included in PHA Plan.
- 2/1/2007 (Beginning February) PHA certifies address in RASS. Please see RASS Business Calendar at http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/products/rass/business_calendar.cfm
- 1/21/2007 One Copy of IPA Audit due to Field Office with Management letter, Corrective Action Plan, and other relevant written communications as applicable for FYE 3/31/2006. See PIH Notice 2006-15
- 2/28/2007 (Late February) PHA certifies Implementation Plan in RASS. Please see RASS Business Calendar at http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/products/rass/business_calendar.cfm

FYE 6/30 PHAs

- 1/30/2007 12/31 Occupancy Report (HUD-51234) submit in PIC
- 3/31/2007 Audited FASS for FYE 6/30/2006 submission due to REAC
- 3/31/2007 One Copy of IPA Audit due to Field Office with Management letter, Corrective Action Plan, and other relevant written communications as applicable for FYE 6/30/2006. See PIH Notice 2006-15
- 3/31/2007 90 days prior to FYB, submit complete budget (HUD-52673, 52672, 52663) for Mod Rehab, SRO, HOPE VI, Mainstream (DV code-5 year increments), to FMC representative
- 4/17/2007 PHA Plan submission. CFP Program Performance and Evaluation Reports must be included in PHA Plan
- 4/28/2007 (Late April) PHA certifies addresses in RASS. Please see RASS Business Calendar at http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/products/rass/business_calendar.cfm

FYE 9/30 PHAs

- 1/15/2007 (Mid January) PHA certifies RASS follow-up Plan. Please see RASS Business Calendar at http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/products/rass/business_calendar.cfm
- 4/30/2007 3/31 Occupancy Report (HUD-51234) submit in PIC

FYE 12/31 PHAs

- 3/1/2007 SEMAP Submission due in PIC (60 days after FYE)
- 3/1/2007 MASS Submission due to REAC
- 2/28/2007 Unaudited FASS for FYE 12/31/2006 submission due to REAC
- 3/30/2007 (Mid March) PHA certifies Follow-up Plan in RASS. Please see RASS Business Calendar at http://www.hud.gov/offices/reac/products/rass/business_calendar.cfm

All PHAs

- 1/30/2007 EIV User Administrators must re-certify all existing EIV users for your housing authority.
- 2/28/2007 Payment of Annual Contribution and Operating Statement (HUD-52681B) November, December, January data due end of February in VMS (Section 8). *Exact date TBA. Please check VMS website*
- 1/31/2007 ROSS Financial Status Report (HUD-269A) and Semi-Annual Program Report submitted to field office
- 4/15/2007 Stop-loss application submission deadline (Asset Management)
- Every Month CFP obligated/expended data is submitted through eLOCCS. CFP work completion activities where pre-audit is required, are reminded to submit AMCC to Field Office
- Every Month Send complete copy of renewal Moderate Rehabilitation program HAP contracts with owners to FMC representative. Please include Attachment A. Contracts needed to request renewal funds and to release payments
- Quarterly VMS data collection (HUD 52681B submitted electronically). **Ensure data is submitted timely and accurately.** Failure to report timely could result in loss of Administrative fees. *Check VMS website for exact submission dates*
- Reminder:** Please continue to submit Year-End Settlement Statement (HUD-52681) for Section 8 Mod Rehab, SROs, and Mainstream (DV) vouchers **ONLY**. Submit to FMC (45 calendar days after FYE)
- 90 days prior to FYB, submit complete budget (HUD-52673, 52672, 52663) for Mod Rehab, SRO, HOPE VI, Mainstream (DV code-5 year increments), to FMC representative