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## HCV PROGRAM NEWS

### PIH Issues Notice Revising Policies and Procedures for Mainstream Program

Late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice [PIH 2020-01](#), updating policy and procedures related to the [Mainstream Voucher Program](#).

Yesterday's notice supersedes all previous notices providing guidance on the program, including Mainstream Voucher-related information contained in Notice [PIH 2013-19](#).

However, Section 7 of PIH 2013-19 may still serve as a useful resource for addressing fair housing-related issues. Notice PIH 2020-01 applies to all PHAs that were awarded Mainstream Vouchers or PHAs that administer Mainstream Vouchers through a portability billing arrangement, including vouchers formerly known as "Mainstream 5-Year Vouchers." It does not apply to Non-Elderly Disabled ([NED](#)) vouchers or "Mainstream 1 Year" vouchers.

PHAs must follow the protocols outlined in the notice for the Mainstream Vouchers and may contact their financial analyst to obtain their baseline number of vouchers for each program. Specifically, the notice covers:

- Program policies related to eligibility, reissuance of vouchers, how mainstream vouchers are administered, the scope of awarded vouchers, waiting list requirements, admission preferences, waiting list updates, portability, funding, and relocation of funds
- Tracking and monitoring, including Inventory Management Center/PIH Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)) reporting, the Section 8 Management Assessment Program ([SEMAP](#)) Lease-Up indicator, Voucher Management System ([VMS](#)) reporting, and Financial Data Schedule (FDS) reporting
- Establishing partnerships with organizations offering supportive services

Further details can be found in the notice, which is effective immediately.

## PH PROGRAM NEWS

### PIH Updates List of "Certifications and Assurances" for SF-424

The PIH Office has posted an updated [list](#) of Public Housing Operating Fund Program “Certifications and Assurances” for Line 21 of the Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424. The list of certifications and assurances are agreed to by completing and signing the SF-424. You can access the updated list under the heading “Guidance to Assist PHAs in Completing SF-424” on the [2020 subsidy processing page](#) at the [operating fund website](#).



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