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GENERAL NEWS

IMS/PIC to be Down for Ten Days

In a [letter to executive directors](#) dated February 24, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) provided advance notice of a special maintenance upgrade of the Inventory Management System/PIH Information Center ([IMS/PIC](#)) to align the system with industry best practices for security and data integrity. As a result of the upgrade, **the IMS/PIC system will be down starting tomorrow, March 13, 2020, through March 23, 2020.** During that time, the system will not process 50058 submissions. According to the letter, scheduling the upgrade and associated internal testing during this time will give PHAs operating Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) programs with fiscal years that end of December 31 the opportunity to complete submission of their SEMAP certifications in the IMS/PIC system prior to the system entering this period of testing.

HUD intends to have the system fully back online by March 24, 2020, at which time it will publish step-by-step instructions for PHAs and Field Offices to address each problem identified in the system. The REAC Technical Assistance Center ([TAC](#)) will also be available to assist PHAs encountering issues. For additional information on the upgrade and its related challenges, you can refer to the [letter](#).

HUD to Host COVID-19 Planning and Response Q&A Webinar

Today on [HUD Exchange](#), HUD [announced](#) that it will be holding an “Office Hours” webinar to discuss COVID-19 planning and response as a follow-up to its [Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners](#) webinar. Presenters from the following federal agencies and their partners will be available for a live question and answer (Q&A) session:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#))
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#))
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ([VA](#))
- National Healthcare for the Homeless Council ([HCH](#))

The announcement asks that before joining the Q&A session that you review the original 75-minute webinar, available [here](#). The Office Hours webinar is scheduled for tomorrow, March 13, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. To join the event at the specified time, click [here](#). Participants are not required to register in advance.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Announces Updated PH Repositioning Webinar Series

Today on [HUD Exchange](#), HUD [announced](#) another [series](#) of training webinars on repositioning public housing. The series, which will be held once a month on Wednesdays from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, enables PHAs to understand multiple aspects of the repositioning process and identify strategies and resources available to successfully complete the repositioning process. Topics and webinar dates include the following:

- [Developing a Repositioning Strategy](#) – March 25, 2020
- [Options for Scattered-Site Units](#) – April 29, 2020
- [Options for 50-and-Under PHAs](#) – May 27, 2020
- [RAD and Section 18 Blends](#) – June 24, 2020
- [Resident Considerations](#) – July 29, 2020
- [Streamlined Voluntary Conversion](#) – August 26, 2020
- [Options for Obsolete Units](#) – September 30, 2020
- [Common PHA Board Questions](#) – October 28, 2020
- [PHA Closeout](#) – November 25, 2020

Participants must register for each webinar individually. Further details and instructions for registration can be found in the [announcement](#).



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