

## **Introduction**

### **ABOUT THE REFERENCES CITED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

#### **AUTHORITIES FOR POLICIES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

The authority for PHA policies is derived from many sources. Primary among these sources are federal statutes, federal regulations, and guidance issued by HUD. State law also directs PHA policy. State law must be followed where such law exists and does not conflict with federal regulations. Industry practice may also be used to develop policy as long as it does not conflict with federal requirements or prohibitions.

#### **HUD**

HUD provides the primary source of PHA policy through federal regulations, HUD notices, and handbooks. Compliance with federal regulations, current HUD notices, and current HUD handbooks is mandatory.

HUD also provides guidance to PHAs through other means such as HUD-published guidebooks, expired HUD notices, and expired handbooks. Basing PHA policy on HUD guidance is optional, as long as PHA policies comply with federal law, federal regulations and mandatory policy. Because HUD has already determined that the guidance it provides is consistent with mandatory policies, PHA reliance on HUD guidance provides the PHA with a “safe harbor.”

Material posted on the HUD website can provide further clarification of HUD policies. For example, FAQs on the HUD website can provide direction on the application of federal regulations in various aspects of the program.

#### **State Law**

Where there is no mandatory federal guidance, PHAs must comply with state law, if it exists. Where state law is more restrictive than federal law, but does not conflict with it, the PHA should follow the state law.

#### **Industry Practice**

Where no law or HUD authority exists on a particular subject, industry practice may support PHA policy. Industry practice refers to a way of doing things or a policy that has been adopted by a majority of PHAs.

### **RESOURCES CITED IN THE MODEL ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

The model administrative plan cites several documents. Where a document or resource is cited frequently, it may be abbreviated. Where it is cited only once or twice, the model administrative plan may contain the entire name of the document or resource. Following is a key to abbreviations used for various sources that are frequently cited in the administrative plan and a list of references and document locations that are referenced in the model administrative plan or that may be helpful to you.

## HUD HCV Guidebook

In November 2019 HUD began issuing a new version of the HCV Guidebook chapter-by-chapter. Unlike the previous version of the HCV Guidebook in which chapters were numbered, the new version of the guidebook includes chapter names, but no numbers. As the new version of the guidebook has not yet been fully released, and since the previous version of the guidebook contains guidance not found in the new version, the model policy cites both versions of the guidebook. Therefore, where the HCV Guidebook is cited in the model policy, the citation will make a distinction between the “old” and “new” versions of the guidebook. The “old” version of the guidebook will continue to be cited as *HCV GB* with a chapter/page reference (example: HCV GB, p. 5-4). If HUD has also released a new chapter on the same topic with information that either adds new information or updates existing information from the previous guidebook, the new guidebook will be cited as *New HCV GB* with a chapter title and page reference (example: New HCV GB, *Payment Standards*, p. 11).

## Abbreviations

Throughout the model administrative plan, abbreviations are used to designate certain documents in citations. The following is a table of abbreviations of documents cited in the model administrative plan.

Abbreviation	Document
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
HCV GB	Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook (7420.10G), April 2001.
New HCV GB	Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook (7420.10G), Various dates of release
HUD-50058 IB	HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet
RHIIP FAQs	Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Program (RHIIP) Frequently Asked Questions.
VG	PIH Notice 2004-01 Verification Guidance, March 9, 2004.
HB 4350.3	Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Housing Programs

## Resources and Where to Find Them

Following is a list of resources helpful to the PHA or referenced in the model administrative plan, and the online location of each.

**Document and Location**

Code of Federal Regulations

<https://www.ecfr.gov/>

Earned Income Disregard FAQ

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/phr/about/ao\\_faq\\_eid](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/phr/about/ao_faq_eid)

Eligibility of Students for Assisted Housing Under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937; Final Rule

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-19435.pdf>

Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System, Security Procedures for Upfront Income Verification data

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/EIVSECGUIDEPHA.PDF>

Executive Order 11063

<https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/11063.html>

Federal Register

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook (7420.10G), Updated Chapters

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/guidebook](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/guidebook)

HUD-50058 Instruction Booklet

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FORM50058INSTRUCTBOOKLET.PDF>

Joint Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice, issued May 17, 2004

[https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2010/12/14/joint\\_statement\\_ra.pdf](https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2010/12/14/joint_statement_ra.pdf)

Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, published January 22, 2007

[https://www.lep.gov/guidance/HUD\\_guidance\\_Jan07.pdf](https://www.lep.gov/guidance/HUD_guidance_Jan07.pdf)

Notice PIH 2010-26 (HA), Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Notice

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC\\_8993.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_8993.PDF)

Notice PIH 2017-12, Administrative Guidance for Effective and Mandated Use of the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PIH2017-12EIVNOTICE.PDF>

Notice PIH 2018-24, Verification of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits; and Effective Use of the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System's Identity Verification Report

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH-2018-24\\_EIV\\_SSN\\_Notice\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH-2018-24_EIV_SSN_Notice_FINAL.pdf)

OMB Circular A-133

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/circulars/A133/a133.pdf>

Project-Based Voucher Program; Final Rule

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2005-10-13/pdf/05-20035.pdf>

VAWA Final Rule

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-10-27/pdf/2010-26914.pdf>

The HUD website is <https://www.hud.gov/>.

Guidebooks, handbooks and other HUD resources may be found at the HUDClips website:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips).

The new HCV Guidebook may be found at: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/  
public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/guidebook](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/guidebook)