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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC Summary of Public Housing Waivers

May 6, 2021

On May 4, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued **Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA)**, **REV-3**, COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers and Alternative Requirements for the Public Housing Program, Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream and Mod Rehab), Indian Housing Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant programs, Suspension of Public Housing Assessment System and Section Eight Management Assessment Program, Revision 3.

This notice extends the period of availability for the Public Housing waivers, which is in most cases extended to December 31, 2021. Other waivers have unique dates, such as the period of availabity, which are dependent on GHURA's fiscal year end date or based on a specific action or activity.

The use of the Waivers is necessary to keep the Public Housing Program operational to the extent feasible and allows the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) to continue to carry out its mission to provide decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for low-income families amidst the pandemic. This Notice carries forward information on previously specified HUD actions.

Through HUD Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3, GHURA opts to adopt the Waivers specified for the Public Housing Program as indicated in the attached chart. The chart provides a summary of each Statutory and Regulatory Waiver, the period the Waiver is available, and the Amended Availability Period, as adopted by GHURA's Public Housing Program.

GHURA has issued a Notice to Residents notifying them of GHURA's decision to adopt the Waivers and the impacts the Waivers may have on them.

RAY S. TOPASNA Executive Director

Attachment: Summary of Public Housing Waivers and Alternative Requirements

This chart summarizes the waivers authorized under this Notice and the availability period for each. As stated in Section 5, 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.

## STATUTORY AND REGULATORY WAIVERS & ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS #4 (AS ADOPTED BY GHURA)

Item	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends	Did the PHA implement the waiver or alternative requirement?	Date of PHA adoption.
PH and HCV-1 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages	Statutory Authority Section 5A(a)(1), Section 5A(b)(1), Section 5A(g), Section 5A(h)(2)  Regulatory Authority	<ul> <li>Alternative dates for submission</li> <li>Changes to significant amendment process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Varies based on FYE</li> <li>12/31/2020</li> </ul>	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 05/04/2021
9-10 §§ 903 903.13	§§ 903.5(a)(3), 903.5(b)(3), 903.13(c), 903.21, 903.23	Submission Dates: Significant Amendment Requirements			
PH and HCV-2 Family Income and Composition: Delayed Annual Examinations Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-2: page 10	Statutory Authority Section 3(a)(1)  Regulatory Authority §§ 982.516(a)(1) - HCV, 960.257(a) - Public Hsg	<ul> <li>Permits the PHA to delay the annual reexamination of income and family composition</li> <li>HCV PHAs must implement HCV-7 for impacted families if they implement this waiver</li> </ul>	• 6/30/2021  All reexams due in CY20 must be completed by 12/31/20.  Reexams due between 1/1/21 and 12/31/21 would need to be completed by 12/31/21.	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

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PH and HCV-3 Family Income and Composition: Annual Examination; Income Verification Requirements  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 11-12	Regulatory Authority §§ 5.233(a)(2), 960.259(c), 982.516(a)  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2018-18	<ul> <li>Waives the requirements to use the income hierarchy, including the use of EIV, and will allow PHAs to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification</li> <li>PHAs that implement this waiver will be responsible for addressing material income discrepancies that may arise later</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH and HCV-4 Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-2: pages 12-13	Statutory Authority Section 3(a)(1) Regulatory Authority §§ 5.233(a)(2), 982.516(c)(2), 960.257(a), (b) and (d), 960.259(c) Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2018-18	Waives the requirement to use the income verification requirements, including the use of EIV, for interim reexaminations	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH and HCV-5 Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-2: page 13	Regulatory Authority § 5.233  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2018-18	Waives the mandatory EIV monitoring requirements	• 12/31/2021		1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

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PH and HCV-6 Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS) Contract of Participation: Contract Extension  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 14	Regulatory Authority § 984.303(d)	Provides for extensions to FSS contract of participation	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH and HCV-7 Waiting List: Opening and Closing; Public Notice  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 14	Regulatory Authority § 982.206(a)(2)  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PiH 2012-34	<ul> <li>Waives public notice requirements for opening and closing waiting list</li> <li>Requires alternative process</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 05/04/2021
PH and HCV-8: Eligibility Determination: Income Verification Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 15-16	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR § 960.259(c) – Public Housing; 24 CFR 982.201(e) - HCV  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2018-18	<ul> <li>Waives the third-party income verification requirements for applicants, and will allow PHAs to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification at admission</li> <li>PHAs must review the EIV Income and IVT Reports to confirm/validate family-reported income within 90 days</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	05/04/2021

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PH and HCV-9: Eligibility Determination: Social Security Number and Citizenship Verification Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 16-17	Statutory Authority 42 USC 1436a(d)(2)  Regulatory Authority § § 5.216(b)(2), (g), (h), 5.218, 5.508(b)(2)(ii), (b)(3)(ii),(g)  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2012-10	<ul> <li>Waives the requirements to obtain and verify social security number documentation and documentation evidencing eligible noncitizen status before admitting applicants to the HCV and Public Housing programs</li> <li>PHAs may accept selfcertification of date of birth and disability status if a higher level of verification is not immediately available.</li> <li>Individuals admitted under this waiver must provide the required documentation within 90 days of admission to be eligible for continued assistance</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	05/04/2021
PH-1 Fiscal Closeout of Capital Grant Funds Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 33	Regulatory Authority § 905.322(b)	Extension of deadlines for close- out documents ADCC and AMCC	Varies by PHA; For grants that were open on March 19, 2020, the deadline for submission of grant closeout documents (ADCCs and AMCCs) is extended from 120 days to one year.	YES	11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

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PH-2 Total Development Costs Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 33-34	Regulatory Authority § 905.314(c) - (d)	Waives the TDC and HCC limits permitting approval of amounts in excess of published TDC by 25% to 50% on a case by case basis	Applies to development proposals submitted to HUD no later than December 31, 2021	NO	N/A
PH-3 Cost and Other Limitations: Types of Labor Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 34	Regulatory Authority § 905.314(j)	Allows for the use of force account labor for modernization without HUD approval regardless of whether the PHA is a high performer	• 12/31/2021	NO	N/A
PH-4 ACOP: Adoption of Tenant Selection Policies	Regulatory Authority § 960.202(c)(1)	• Establishes an alternative requirement that policies may be adopted without board approval until 9/30/2021	• 9/30/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020
Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 34		<ul> <li>Any provisions adopted informally must be adopted formally by 12/31/2021</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021		05/04/2021

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PH-5 Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR) Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 34-35 Superseded by 12.e.	Statutory Authority Section 12(c)  Regulatory Authority §§ 960.603(a) and 960.603(b)	Temporarily suspends CSSR	• N/A – this waiver is superseded by 12.3.	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH-6 Energy Audits Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 35	Regulatory Authority § 965.302	Allows for delay in due dates of energy audits	• 12/31/2021	NO  Energy Audit was completed in PHA Five- Year Plan in 2019	N/A

Item PH-7	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends	Did the PHA implement the waiver or alternative requirement?	Date of PHA adoption.
Over-Income Families  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 35	Statutory Authority Section 16(a)(5)  Sub-regulatory Guidance Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Final Implementation of the Public Housing Income Limit 83 FR 35490, Notice PIH 2019-11	Changes to timeframes for determination of over-income when a delay in the annual reexamination occurs as a result of adoption of waiver PH and HCV-2	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 05/04/2021
PH-8 Resident Council Elections Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 36	Regulatory Authority § 964.130(a)(1)	Provides for delay in resident council elections	• 12/31/2021	NO	N/A
PH-9 Review and Revision of Utility Allowance  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 36	Regulatory Authority § 965.507	Provides for delay in updating utility allowance schedule	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

Item PH-10	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends	Did the PHA implement the waiver or alternative requirement?	Date of PHA adoption.
Tenant Notifications for Changes to Project Rules and Regulations  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 36	Regulatory Authority § 966.5	Advance notice not required except for policies related to tenant charges	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH-11 Designated Housing Plan Renewals  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 36-37	Statutory Authority Section 7(f)	• Extends the Plan's effective period through June 30, 2021 for Plans due to expire between July 2, 2020 and June 30, 2021	• 12/31/2021	NO	N/A
PH-12 Public Housing Agency Annual Self- Inspections Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 37	Statutory Authority Section 6(f)(3)  Regulatory Authority § 902.20(d)	Waives the requirement that the PHA must inspect each project	• 12/31/2020	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

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PH-13 Over-Income Limit: Termination Requirement  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 37-38	Statutory Authority Section 16(a) as amended by section 103 of HOTMA  Implementation Notice: Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Final Implementation of Public Housing Income Limit, 83 Fed. Reg. 35,490 (July 26, 2018)	<ul> <li>Waives the requirement that a family whose income has exceeded the over-income limit for the locality for two consecutive years be terminated within 6 months of the third income determination.</li> <li>As an alternative requirement, over-income families will remain public housing households instead of being terminated and will be charged the applicable FMR as the family's monthly rental amount.</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
PH-14 Annual Choice of Rent Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 38-39	Statutory Authority: 42 USC 1437a(a)(2)(A)  Regulatory Authority § 960.253	<ul> <li>Allows a PHA to give families up to two opportunities to choose between a flat rent and an income-based rent within the same one-year period</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 05/04/2021

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11. PHAS, SEMAP	, AND UNIFORM FINA	NCIAL REPORTING STAN	DARDS		
PHAS  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 39	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 902	<ul> <li>Allows for alternatives related to inspections</li> <li>PHA to retain prior year PHAS score unless requests otherwise</li> </ul>	HUD will carry forward the most recent PHAS score on record for any PHAs with a fiscal eyar on or before 12/31/2021	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
11c Uniform Financial Reporting Standards: Filing of Financial Reports; Reporting Compliance Dates Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 40-42	Regulatory Authority §§ 5.801(c), 5.801(d)(1)	Allows for extensions of financial reporting deadlines	Varies by PHA FYE	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 05/04/2021

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12. OTHER WAIV	ERS AND ADMINISTR	RATIVE RELIEF			
PHA Reporting Requirements on HUD Form 50058 Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 908, § 982.158  Sub-regulatory Guidance Notice PIH 2011-65	<ul> <li>Waives the requirement to submit 50058 within 60 days</li> <li>Alternative requirement to submit within 90 days of the effective date of action</li> </ul>	• 12/31/2020	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>
12b Designated Housing Plans: HUD 60-Day Notification  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA) PEW 3- percent 42	Statutory Authority Section 7(e)(1)	Allows for HUD to delay notification about designated housing plan	• 07/31/2020	NO	N/A
(HA), REV-3: page 43  12c Extension of Deadline for Programmatic Obligation and Expenditure of Capital Funds  Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: page 44	Statutory Authority Section 9(j)  Regulatory Authority § 905.306(d)(5)	Provides a 24-month extension	For all open Capital Fund grants that were open on April 10, 2020, a 24- month extension from the obligation and expenditure end date in LOCCS as of April 10, 2020; For new Capital Fund grants opened	YES	1) 5/11/2020 2) 7/02/2020 3) 11/30/2020 <b>05/04/2021</b>

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			between April 11, 2020 and December 31, 2020, a 24- month extension from the obligation and expenditure and dates in LOCCS s of December 31, 2020.		
12d Section 6(j) 1- and 2- Year Substantial Improvement Requirements Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 44-45	Statutory Authority Section 6(j)(3)(B)(ii)  Regulatory Authority 24 CFR § 902.75(d)	• For PHAs designated as troubled prior to the date of this Notice that have not received a PHAS assessment for the first full fiscal year after the initial notice of the troubled designation, HUD will: (1) evaluate the 1-year substantial improvement benchmark based on the first released score for fiscal years ending on or after March 31, 2022; and, (2) toll the evaluation of the 2-year recovery benchmark to the next sequential fiscal year	The period of availability for this waiver and alternative requirement: (1) is effective on the date of this Notice; and, (2) will continue through March 31, 2023, at which time HUD will reevaluate any additional impacts of this waiver on any PHA in the process of being evaluated.	NO GHURA is not designated as a troubled agency.	N/A

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Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirement (CSSR) Suspension Notice PIH 2021-14 (HA), REV-3: pages 45-46	Statutory Authority Section 12(c)  Regulatory Authority 24 CFR § 960.603(a), 960.603(b), 960.607, 966.4(1)(2)(iii)(D)	Waives the requirement that each non-exempt adult resident of public housing contribute 8 hours per month of community service and/or participation in an economic self-sufficency program. This non-discretionary waiver also suspends enforcement of the requirement by all PHAs operating a public housing program.	Effective for all annual reexaminations completed between the publication date of this notice through April 30, 20222.	YES	05/04/2021