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Notification of Adoption of Waivers Contained in Department of Housing and Urban Development Notice PIH 2020-05

Effective 04/13/2020 and continuously updated, the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership (BRHP) adopted and enacted the following waivers allowing for temporary changes to reduce the impact of COVID-19. All waivers expire 12/31/2021:

- *PH and HCV-3 & 8 Annual Reexamination/Eligibility Income Verification*: Waives the requirements to use the income hierarchy, including the use of EIV, and will allow PHA's to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verifications.
- *PH and HCV-4 Interim Reexaminations*: Waives the requirement to use the income verification requirements, including the use of EIV, for interim reexaminations.
- *HCV-9 Eligibility Determination: Social Security Number and Citizenship Verification*: Waives the requirements to obtain and verify social security number documentation.
- *HQS-5 Biennial Inspections*: Allows for delay in biennial inspections. All delayed biennial inspections must be completed as soon as reasonably possible but no later than one year after the inspection was due.
- *HQS-9 HQS QC Inspections*: Provides for a suspension of the requirement for QC sampling inspections.
- *HQS-10 HQS Space and Security*: Waives the requirement that each dwelling unit have at least 1 bedroom or living/sleeping room for each 2 persons. Remains in effect 1 year from lease term.
- *HCV-2 PHA Oral Briefing*: Waives the requirement for an oral briefing, provides for alternative methods to conduct required voucher briefing.
- *HCV-3 Term of Voucher*: Allows PHAs to provide voucher extensions regardless of current PHA policy.
- *HCV-4 PHA Approval of Assisted Tenancy – When HAP Contract is Executed*: Waives requirement that HAP contract must be executed within 60 days from the beginning of lease term. Allows for HAP contracts to be executed no later than 120 days from beginning of lease term. W
- *HCV-6 Automatic Termination of the HAP contract*: Allows PHA to extend the period of time after the last HAP payment is made before the HAP contract terminates automatically.

Adoption of these waivers is voluntary and subject to change. If conditions allow for the resumption of standard BRHP practices prior to the expiration of a particular waiver, BRHP reserves the right to expire the waiver prior to the expiration date listed. BRHP also reserves the right to adopt additional waivers contained in PIH Notice 2020-05, or any additional waiver for which HUD-approval has been received.

BRHP Signature

Date

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