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Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg

Notice of COVID-19 Public Housing Waivers

To: All Public Housing Residents

In response to the ongoing pandemic, Housing Authorities have had to navigate new requirements, recommendations, and guidance.

- Federal guidance concerning housing authority residents,
- State and local stay at home orders,
- Limitations on the number of people who can gather, and
- Concerns for the health and safety of program participants, applicants, and agency staffs.

In Notice PIH 2020-05, HUD announced a broad set of blanket waivers Housing Authorities may elect to use without further HUD approval or review. The Spartanburg Housing Authority has elected to utilize the following waivers as adopted on April 10, 2020 and approved by our Board of Commissioners on April 28, 2020. This chart summarizes the waivers authorized under this notice and the availability period for each.

This is a rapidly changing time and we will continue to monitor the economic landscape in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for being a valued resident and we look forward to getting through these tough times together. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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| Item | Summary of alternative requirements | Availability Period Ends |
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| PH and HCV-2 Family income and composition – delayed annual reexaminations | Permits the PHA to delay the annual reexamination of income and family composition HCV PHAs must implement HCV-7 for impacted families if they implement this waiver | 12/31/2020 |
| PH and HCV-3 Annual Reexamination Income Verification | 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. PHAs that implement this waiver will be responsible for addressing material income discrepancies that may arise later | 7/31/2020 |
| PH and HCV-4 Interim reexaminations | Waives the requirement to use the income verification requirements, including the use of EIV, for interim reexaminations | 7/31/2020 |
| PH and HCV-5 EIV System Monitoring | Waives the mandatory EIV monitoring requirements. | 7/31/20 |
| PH and HCV-6 FSS Contract of Participation | Provides for extensions to FSS contract of participation | 12/31/20 |
| PH-4 ACOP | Changes to approval process for ACOP | 7/31/2020 |
| PH-5 CSSR | Temporarily suspends CSSR | 3/31/2021 |
| PH-7 Over-Income Families | Changes to timeframes for determination of over-income | 12/31/2020 |
| PH-9 Utility Allowance | Provides for delay in updating utility allowance schedule | 12/31/2020 |
| PH-10 Tenant notifications | Advance notice not required except for policies related to tenant charges | 7/31/2020 |