HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

COVID-19 HUD WAIVERS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, has provided certain waivers and establishes alternative requirements to allow public housing authorities (PHA) administrative flexibilities in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. On July 2, 2020, HUD issued an extension to the existing waivers and provided additional waivers to meet the ongoing nature of COVID-19. Pursuant to Notice PIH 2020-13 (HA), REV-1, the HACLA has adopted the following waivers that could potentially affect you.

Community Service and Self-Sufficiency
- Description: Temporarily suspends community service and self-sufficiency requirement.
- End Date: March 31, 2021
- Impact: The community service requirement will not be enforced until annual recertifications effective on or after April 1, 2021.

Income Verification
- Description: Allows PHA to use tenant self-certification for both annual and interim reviews.
- End Date: December 31, 2020
- Impact: If you are unable to provide written 3rd party verification of your benefits or from your employer, we will accept a written certification from you.

Over-Income Families
- Description: Written notice provided to families that exceeded the over-income limit for the past 12 months will be delayed.
- End Date: December 31, 2020
- Impact: Written notice will be issued at the next annual review following the expiration date of waiver.

Resident Advisory Council Election
- Description: Allows PHA to delay Resident Advisory Council (RAC) elections.
- End Date: December 31, 2020
- Impact: Elections cancelled due to COVID-19 will be rescheduled immediately after the expiration date.

Agency Plan
- Description: Delay public hearing and submission of the 2021 Agency Plan.
- End Date: January 16, 2021

Annual Inspections
- Description: Allow PHA to skip self-inspections for 2020.
- End Date: December 31, 2020
- Impact: HACLA must complete all self-inspections during calendar year 2021. HACLA is still obligated to identify, respond to, and address serious conditions that could jeopardize life or property. Residents are encouraged to submit work order requests.

If you have any questions regarding the waivers above, please contact your site management office.

Thank you.