



**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY POLICY WAIVERS – Updated 11/18/2020**

As permitted by Congress in the CARES Act and implemented by HUD in PIH Notice 2020-05 (issued April 10, 2020), the St. Paul PHA has adopted the waivers of policies and procedures listed below during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the following reasons:

- To continue providing safe, affordable, quality housing to residents of PHA-owned housing and participants in the Housing Choice Voucher program; and
- To protect the health and safety of those residents and participants, PHA staff, service providers, visitors and the community, to the greatest extent feasible.

Some of the waivers listed below are used only as needed, for example waiving 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification. PHA staff will continue to evaluate the need to adopt other available waivers.

<b>HUD Waiver PIH &amp; HCV #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Alternative Requirements</b>	<b>Date PHA Adopted</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
PH & HCV 3	Annual Re-Examinations Family Income & Composition Verification; Allow Self- certification; EIV not required	PHA must address discrepancies later	PH only: 4/20/2020	12/31/2020	

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PH & HCV 4	Interim Re-Examinations Family Income & Composition Verification; Allow Self- certification; EIV not required.	Address discrepancies later	PH only: 3/31/2020	3/31/2021	Adding 18-yr-old to lease: a. Through email or postal mail b. Self-certification c. Allow Spouse or Other Adult to initiate Interim
PH & HCV 5	EIV Monitoring		PH only: 3/31/2020	12/31/2020	

<b>HUD Waiver HCV #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Alternative Requirements</b>	<b>Date PHA Adopted</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
HCV-1	Admin Plan: Suspend Board approval for policy revisions until September 2020		3/27/2020	9/30/2020	
HCV-2	Briefing appointments allowed via mail	Effective communication; meaningful access	3/27/2020	12/31/2020	
HCV-3	Additional shopping time		5/19/2020	12/31/2020	
HCV-4	PHA Approval of Tenancy: HAP Execution date extended	Provides for HAP payments for contracts not executed within 60 days; PHA must not pay HAP to owner until HAP contract is executed	3/27/2020	12/31/2020	

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HCV-11	Family Unification Program (FUP): Length of Assistance for Youth		9/1/2020	12/31/2020	As Needed.
HCV-14	Mandatory Removal of Unit from PBV HAP Contract		8/13/2020	12/31/2020	Used once.
(PIH 2020-22)	Mainstream Vouchers; Eligible Age	Voucher issued before age 62 and not yet 63 on HAP Contract effective date.	11/1/2020	12/31/2020	

<b>HUD Waiver HQS #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Alternative Requirements</b>	<b>Date PHA Adopted</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
HQS-2	PBV Pre-HAP HQS Inspections: PHA Accepting Units	Physical inspection within 1 year of date unit was certified.	10/15/2020	12/31/2020	
HQS-5	Biennial Inspection Extension of up to 1 additional year	Physical inspection within 1 year of date biennial inspns was due.	9/1/2020	12/31/2020	Used once.
HQS-8	PBV HQS Inspections Prior to Adding/Substituting Units	Physical inspection within 1 year of date unit was certified.	11/1/2020	12/31/2020	
HQS-9	SEMAP Quality Control Inspections: Suspend	End of FY 2021	3/27/20	12/31/2020	

<b>HUD Waiver Public Housing #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Alternative Requirements</b>	<b>Date PHA Adopted</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
PH-5	Community Service: Waive requirements until the next reexamination (2021).		4/17/2020	Next re-exam (2021)	
PH-7	Over-income families: Delay until next annual re-exam		4/17/2020	12/31/2020	
PH-10	Tenant Notifications for Changes to Project Rules and Regulations	Advance notice not required except for policies related to tenant charges	4/17/2020	12/31/2020	
PH-12	Annual PHA self-inspections requirement waived		4/17/2020	12/31/2020	

<b>HUD Waiver Other #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Alternative Requirements</b>	<b>Date PHA Adopted</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
11a	PHAS: Retain prior year score		4/17/2020	FYE 3/31/2021	
11b	SEMAP: Retain prior year score		4/17/2020	FYE 3/31/2021	
11c	Financial reporting: Extensions allowed		4/17/2020	12/31/2020	

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