



WAIVERS & ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS

RESOURCES

GENERAL RESOURCES

- [HUD EHV Website: https://www.hud.gov/ehv](https://www.hud.gov/ehv)
- [EHV: A How-to Guide for PHAs](#)
- [Ask a Question](#): PHAs and CoCs can submit policy and program questions through the AAQ feature on the [HUD Exchange](#)
- [Signup for EHV Mailing List](#)
- [EHV FAQs \(2/23/2022\)](#) – Up-to-date FAQs posted to HUD EHV website
- [PIH 2021-15: EHV Operating Requirements \(5/5/2021\)](#)

WEBINARS & OFFICE HOURS

- **EHV Webinar: Making the Most of EHV Waivers (6/1/2021)**:
 - [Webinar Recording](#)
 - [Presentation](#)
 - [Meeting Summary](#)
- **EHV Office Hours: Screening Criteria in EHV (7/13/2021)**:
 - [Office Hours Recording](#)
 - [Presentation](#)
- [Previously Held and Archived Resources](#)

TOOLS, TEMPLATES, & GUIDES

- [EHV Waiver and Alternative Requirements Summary Table](#)

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OVERVIEW

The American Rescue Plan provides that HUD may waive regulations when necessary to expedite the lease up process in the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. The EHV Notice ([Notice PIH 2021-15 \(HA\)](#)) outlines all waivers and alternative requirements applicable to EHV program including the use of COVID-19 Waivers. These waivers or alternative requirements are exceptions to the normal Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) requirements, which otherwise apply to the administration of the EHV. Some of the waivers and/or alternative requirements are mandatory while others are optional.

EHV waivers assist in implementing the EHV program and expediting the lease-up process. The waivers also help provide added flexibilities to promote access that is more equitable for people of color that disproportionately experience higher rates of homelessness, housing insecurity, incarceration and health inequities. These waivers also remove many eligibility and access barriers that vulnerable populations experience when trying to access the HCV program. The full use of the waivers and alternative requirements will aid in centering equity in a community's EHV program and help create a more equitable program overall.

The table below (from [EHV: A How-to Guide](#)), lists each of the waivers and alternative requirements available in the administration of EHV and denotes whether they are mandatory or optional. Page numbers refer to where the waiver information can be found in [Notice PIH 2021-15 \(HA\)](#):

Waiver or Alternative Requirement	Mandatory or Optional	EHV Notice Page Reference
COVID-19 waivers (under the CARES Act and set to expire 12/31/21)	Optional	Page 22
Separate waiting list for EHV referrals/applicants	Mandatory	Page 27
Local preferences established by the PHA for HCV admissions do not apply to EHV	Mandatory	Page 28
Restrictions on PHA denial of assistance to an EHV applicant	Mandatory	Page 29–31
Income verification at admission	Optional	Page 32–33
Eligibility determination: social security number and citizenship verification	Optional	Page 33–34
Inapplicability of income targeting requirements	Mandatory	Page 34
Use of recently conducted initial income determinations and verification at admissions	Optional	Page 34–35
Pre-inspection of Housing Quality Standards (HQS) units	Optional	Page 35
Initial search term	Mandatory	Page 35
Initial lease term	Mandatory	Pages 35–36
Portability	Mandatory	Pages 36–38
Payment standard amount	Optional	Pages 38–39