U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

December 14, 2023

Mr. Patrick Schloss Executive Director West Allis Community Development Authority 7525 West Greenfield Avenue West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mr. Schloss:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reviewed the West Allis Community Development Authority (WACDA) request submitted pursuant to Notice PIH 2023-29, "Certain Regulatory Waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher (including Mainstream) Program and Streamlined Review Process." The Notice provided instructions on the streamlined processing of public housing authority (PHA) requests to use specific regulatory waivers for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) (including Mainstream) program.

The waivers available under Notice PIH 2023-29 are included in Table 1.

Table 1. List of streamlined regulatory waivers.

Item	Waiver Name	Regulation(s)	Alternative requirement
(A)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent of the SAFMRs for PHAs that are in mandatory SAFMR areas or have voluntarily chosen to adopt SAFMRs ("Opt-in PHAs")	24 CFR 982.503(b)(1)(iv)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of its applicable FY 2024 SAFMRs.
(B)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent of the FMR	24 CFR 982.503(c)(1)-(2) and (4)-(5)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of their applicable FY 2024 FMRs.
(C)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent for PHAs that are currently approved for exception payment standard SAFMRs	24 CFR 982.503(b)(1)(iii)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of its applicable FY 2024 SAFMRs.
(D)	Applying an increase in the payment standard during the HAP contract term	24 CFR 982.505(c)(4)	The PHA may increase the payment standard for the family at any time after the effective date of the increase, rather than waiting for the next regular reexamination.

WACDA's application was submitted by an authorized official and included **WACDA's** justifications for the waiver(s) to be granted.

Notice PIH 2023-29 specifies that for waivers A, B, and C, good cause justification requires that the PHA must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Fewer than 80 percent of the families to whom the PHA issued tenant-based rental vouchers during the most recent 12-month period for which there is success rate data available have become participants in the voucher program; or
- More than 40 percent of families with tenant-based rental assistance administered by the agency pay more than 30 percent of adjusted income as the family share.

Additionally, for all waivers, the PHA must describe the good cause justification that must include (a) why a PHA needs the waiver; (b) the impact on PHA operations or applicants if the waiver is not provided. Additionally, the request must include the requested duration of the waiver, which may not exceed December 31, 2024.

Table 2 indicates which waiver(s) **EHA** requested as well as HUD's determination of the waiver approval or denial. After reviewing the waiver request(s) and considering **EHA** stated justification(s) of good cause, HUD: (1) finds there is good cause to waive, and hereby waives, the regulations and/or requirements marked "APPROVED" in the "Waiver Status" column and/or (2) finds there is not good cause to waive, and therefore does not waive, the regulations and/or requirements marked "NOT APPROVED" in the "Waiver Status" column.

Table 2. List of streamlined regulatory waivers and HUD's determination:

Item	Waiver Name	Regulation(s)	Alternative requirement	Waiver requested?	Waiver status/term expiration	
(A)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent of the SAFMRs for PHAs that are in mandatory SAFMR areas or have voluntarily chosen to adopt SAFMRs ("Opt-in PHAs")	24 CFR 982.503(b)(1)(iv)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of its applicable FY 2024 SAFMRs.			
(B)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent of the FMR	24 CFR 982.503(c)(1)-(2) and (4)-(5)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of their applicable FY 2024 FMRs.	YES	APPROVED: Expiration 12/31/2024	

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(C)	Exception payment standards up to 120 percent for PHAs that are currently approved for exception payment standard SAFMRs	24 CFR 982.503(b)(1)(iii)	The PHA may establish exception payment standards up to 120 percent of its applicable FY 2024 SAFMRs.			
(D)	Applying an increase in the payment standard during the HAP contract term	24 CFR 982.505(c)(4)	The PHA may increase the payment standard for the family at any time after the effective date of the increase, rather than waiting for the next regular reexamination.			

All waiver approvals are set to expire at the end of the term requested or December 31, 2024, whichever is earliest, unless an alternative limit is provided by HUD.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Waiver Processing Team at *PIH_Expedited_Waivers@hud.gov*.

Sincerely,

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