HUD CARES Act Update

On November 30, 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a notice (PIH 2020-33) continuing the ability of housing authorities to employ certain waivers to provide relief of certain administrative burdens so that staff could more effectively address safety and protection for residents and staff regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. As such, HUD also requires that housing authorities inform residents what waivers have/are being utilized. Following are the waivers that will benefit WHA residents. Should you have any questions, please contact 304-242-4447, ext. 1009.

1. Waivers Applicable to Both Public Housing and HCV Programs

 PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan Submission Dates, Significant Amendment Requirements

 Family Income and Composition: Delayed Annual Examination

 Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations

 Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring

2. Housing Choice Voucher Program Waivers – Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections

 Initial Inspection Requirements

 HQS Interim Inspections

 HQS Quality Control Inspections

3. Housing Choice Voucher Program Waivers – General

 Administrative Plan

 Information When Family is Selected – PHA Oral Briefing

 Term of Voucher – Extensions of Term

 Absence from Unit

 Automatic Termination of HAP Contract

4. Public Housing Program Waivers

 ACOP: Adoption of Tenant Selection Policies

 Community Service and Self-Sufficiency Requirements (CSSR)

 Energy Audit

 Over-Income Families

 Review and Revision of Utility Allowances

 Tenant Notifications for Changes to Project Rules and Regulations

5. PHAS, SEMAP, and Uniform Financial Reporting Standards

 PHAS

 SEMAP

 Uniform Financial Reporting Standards; Filing of Financial Reports; Reporting Compliance Dates

6. Other Waivers and Administrative Relief

 Extension of Deadline for Programmatic Obligation and Expenditure of Capital Funds