



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Public and Indian Housing**

Special Attention of:
Directors of HUD Regional and Field
Offices of Public Housing;
Agencies that Administer the
Housing Choice Voucher Program

Notice PIH 2009- 8 (HA)

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Cross References:

HUD Notices PIH 2006-12,
PIH 2006-29, PIH 2006-37,
PIH 2007-3, PIH 2007-4,
PIH 2007-17, PIH 2008-29, and
PIH 2008-36

Subject: Extension of the Disaster Voucher Program (DVP)

1. Purpose. This notice informs DVP administering public housing agencies (PHAs) that the DVP has been extended beyond the previously projected end date of February 28, 2009, for all pre-disaster public housing, project-based and pre-disaster homeless and special needs housing families currently receiving DVP assistance.

2. Background. In HUD Notice PIH 2008-36, the Department extended the DVP end date for all pre-disaster public housing, project-based, homeless, and special needs housing families from September 30, 2008, to at least February 28, 2009. The notice stated that February 28, 2009, was a projected end date and that the length of the extension would be dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families assisted.

3. Revised DVP End Date. The Department is projecting that there is sufficient DVP funding remaining to continue DVP assistance for current participants through at least December 31, 2009. This extension applies only to those families already receiving DVP assistance, and does not permit any additional families to be admitted to the program. The length of the extension is dependent on the availability of funding and the number of families that continue to receive DVP assistance.

If funds are available to extend the DVP beyond December 31, 2009, PHAs will be notified by HUD as soon as a new extension date is determined. In anticipation of DVP ending, PHAs are encouraged to consider adopting waiting list preferences for the displaced families currently receiving DVP assistance, and to make families aware of any other affordable housing resources available within their community.

Displaced families should also be encouraged to contact the owner of their pre-disaster housing,

if they have not done so already, to find out the status of their pre-disaster unit and to explore other affordable housing opportunities.

4. Moves with Continued DVP Assistance. Since the inception of the DVP, families have been able to move with continued assistance as long as the receiving PHA was willing to administer the assistance or was already operating a DVP. Many PHAs that once administered the DVP no longer have active participants in the program, and may no longer be willing to administer the program. A PHA's operation of the DVP ends at the time the last active DVP participant leaves the PHA's program. Therefore, if a family wishes to move to another PHA's jurisdiction with continued DVP assistance, the DVP PHA must first verify that the receiving PHA is willing to administer the assistance. If a PHA is not willing to administer the DVP, either because the PHA never administered the DVP, or because the PHA is no longer operating the DVP, the current DVP PHA must notify the family that a move with continued DVP assistance to that jurisdiction is not possible. In the event the family still wishes to move to that particular jurisdiction, the DVP PHA must inform the family that if they proceed with the move the family's participation in DVP will be terminated.

In cases where moves with continued DVP assistance are possible, PHAs should continue to process moves in accordance with the instructions provided in Notice PIH 2006-12 (as amended by Notice PIH 2006-37, which removed the initial lease term requirements of Section 8(o)(7)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 from the DVP). The Department will continue to provide DVP funding directly to the receiving PHA on the basis of the information entered into the Disaster Information System.

5. Disaster Information System (DIS). The "Program End Date" in the DIS will be updated to December 31, 2009, for all families currently under a DVP lease. However, the "HAP Contract Termination Date" will not be updated automatically. The DVP PHA must update the "HAP Contract Termination Date" for all families that remain on DVP assistance to reflect the family's actual date of lease/HAP contract termination. Current and future DVP disbursements are based on active lease records in the DIS, so PHAs must ensure that the "HAP Contract Termination Date" is up-to-date in order to ensure payment from HUD.

6. Information Contact. Inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to the Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, at (202) 708-0477.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Statement. The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3501-3520), and assigned OMB control number 2577-0169. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

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