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### **New HCS User Guide:**

HUD has made improvements to its Housing Counseling System (HCS) and has published a user guide. These improvements were made to the Sub-Allocation/Budget page and HUD-9902 Performance Reports.

Agencies awarded with a HUD Housing Counseling Grant are required to record their budget plan in HCS using the Sub-Allocation page showing disbursements of their award. Agencies now have the ability to adjust the funding period should an agency request a grant extension from HUD. The Grant Agreement describes procedures for requesting grant extensions. In order to properly manage your agency's HUD grant award; any adjustment to your Grant Sub-Allocation that you intend to make must first be submitted in writing to your HUD point of contact for approval. Agencies can then adjust their sub-allocation/budget page in HCS for each quarter, if necessary. The User Guide illustrates how to record their Initial Allocations and how to make adjustments in subsequent quarters. See the new HCS user Guide posted on HUD's website at: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC\\_HCSUGAV1300071513.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_HCSUGAV1300071513.pdf)

HUD-9902 performance reports have a slightly different appearance but the functionality is the same. Agencies must submit their "Total Clients Served" data electronically using the "Client Management System" (CMS) of their choice/design. If your CMS does not incorporate the data reflecting HUD Clients served with grant award fund(s), then your agency must manually input the data necessary for just the HUD Clients. Manual input requires a few extra steps to access each HUD funded grant column. The User Guide provides instructions on how to input manual data.

For more information on the HCS system, please visit the HCS webpage at: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_hcs](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_hcs)  
Please direct any questions to your HUD point of contact or email: [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov)

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### **New HUD Press Releases:**

- HUD CHARGES NEW JERSEY LANDLORDS WITH REFUSING TO RENT TO AFRICAN AMERICANS:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-106](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-106)

- OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RELEASES JUNE HOUSING SCORECARD:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-105](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-105)

To read all of HUD's press releases and media advisories please visit:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories) Also, to stay up on the latest developments at HUD, please read "The HUDdle": The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Official Blog. On this blog, HUD will share information about programs, interact with the public, and get feedback about the work HUD is doing. Visit the HUDdle on-line at: <http://blog.hud.gov/>

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### **FHA Loss Mitigation Training Comes to Atlanta, GA and Other Training for Housing Counselors:**

August 22, 2013 - FHA Loss Mitigation training comes to Atlanta, GA. FHA Loss Mitigation training on the recent changes of the retention waterfall and all of the loss mitigation tools available to avoid foreclosure. This training is geared for Housing Counselors, Servicing Lenders and Nonprofits. Be sure to bring a calculator to class. This training will be held at: Microbusiness Enterprise Center, 230 S. Jackson Street, Albany, GA 30701. Registration required. More information at: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1808&update=N>

July 16, 2013 - Webinar: Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program for Trusted Advisors. Sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA) Registration required. More information at: <https://mhaevents.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mhaevents&service=6>

July 18, 2013 - Webinar: HAMP A to Z for Trusted Advisors. Sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA) Registration required. More information at: <https://mhaevents.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mhaevents&service=6>

June 22, 2013 - Webinar: CheckMyNPV.com for Trusted Advisors. Sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA) Registration required. More information at: <https://mhaevents.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mhaevents&service=6>

July 24, 2013 - Webinar: National Mortgage Settlement Overview for Trusted Advisors. Sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA) Registration required. More information

at: <https://mhaevents.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mhaevents&service=6>

July 25, 2013 - Webinar: FHA Rehab and Energy Efficient Programs. This session is dedicated entirely to FHA's two rehabilitation loan programs; comparing and contrasting the two programs, the energy efficient mortgage program, solar and weatherization programs, and how they can be used with a purchase or refinance transaction 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (PST) Registration required, no fee. Register at: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.addRegisterEvent&eventId=1732&update=N>

July 25, 2013 - FHA Loss Mitigation training comes to Birmingham, AL Registration required. More information at: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1757&update=N>

July 29, 2013 - Webinar: Case Escalations for Trusted Advisors. Sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA) Registration required. More information at: <https://mhaevents.webex.com/mw0306ld/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=mhaevents&service=6>

August 8, 2013 - Webinar: FHA Changes and Updates. Learn about: FHA changes and updates - Temporary waiver of resale of property within 90 days, appraisal validity period, appraisal updates, electronic signatures, changes to FHA mortgage insurance premiums, and more. 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (PST) Registration required, no fee. Register at: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.addRegisterEvent&eventId=1733&update=N>

August 19, 2013 - Philadelphia, PA. NeighborWorks® Training Institute. NeighborWorks® and HUD present a broad range of high quality training for the housing counseling professional. Registration required. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants. Registration required. More information at: [http://training.nw5.org/schol\\_event?event=570](http://training.nw5.org/schol_event?event=570)

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### **Bulk subscriptions:**

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

[aaa@xyz.com](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)

[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)

[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to:  
[jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov](mailto:jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov)

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_listserv](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv)  
they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit:  
<http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at:  
<http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to:  
<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on  
"Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

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### **Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:**

HUD Housing Counseling: [www.hud.gov/housingcounseling](http://www.hud.gov/housingcounseling)

"The Bridge" is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_bridge](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge)

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_msg](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg)

Events & Training Calendar:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC\\_TRAINING](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING)

Contracting Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/cpo](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo)

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fund\\_savail](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail)

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster)

Foreclosure Assistance:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i\\_want\\_to/talk\\_to\\_a\\_housing\\_counselor](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

Freddie Mac Housing Professionals Resource  
Center: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:  
<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!