

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Updated Guidance Available

Purpose of this Listserv Message

This message informs CoC members of the availability of updated guidance related to COVID-19 preparedness.

Target Audience

All homeless assistance projects in the Ohio BoSCoC.

HUD Issues Availability of Additional Regulatory Waivers

HUD issued a [memorandum](#) providing regulatory waivers of certain Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) requirements to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to provide additional supports to households and communities who are economically impacted by COVID-19.

All recipients of CoC and YHDP program funding should read the memorandum ASAP, but following is a brief list of some of the waivers that are available:

Continuum of Care and YHDP Programs

- Third Party Documentation of Income
 - Self-certification of income is acceptable, if needed, until March 31, 2021.
- Monthly Case Management Requirement for RRH
 - The requirement that program participants meet with a case manager at least once per month may be waived
- Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections
 - The initial physical inspection may be waived until March 31, 2021 for those sub-recipients who are able to meet the following criteria:
 - The owner certifies that they have no reasonable basis to have knowledge that life-threatening conditions exist in the unit or units in question; and
 - The recipient or subrecipient has written policies to physically inspect the unit within 3 months after the health officials determine special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are no longer necessary.
 - Unit inspection is not required at this point for units where the initial inspection was waived and the unit is no longer being used to house clients assisted with CoC or YHDP funding
- Lease Terms
 - The requirement that an initial lease term for permanent housing projects be at least one year may be waived until March 31, 2021
- Disability Documentation for PSH

Requesting Waivers

Recipients (ie, grantees) interested in using one of the permitted waivers must provide notification in writing, via email or mail, to the CPD Director of the HUD Field Office no less than 2 days before the recipient anticipates using the waiver flexibility. Please review the memorandum and appendix for more details about what must be included in the waiver request and additional program-level documentation requirements.

Grantees should send waiver requests to cpd_covid-19waivercol@hud.gov

All guidance related to COVID-19 preparedness can be found at <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/covid19/>.

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