

Welcome to the MULTIFAMILY HOUSING RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RHIP) LISTSERV that brings you up-to-date RHIP related publications, news, information and occupancy tips in an effort to help reduce errors in rent determinations and subsidy calculations.

Deadline for Elimination of TASS Extended One Week

The Tenant Assessment Subsystem (TASS) used for income verification will be eliminated on September 29 instead of September 22. Once TASS is eliminated on September 29, the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System will be the only web-based system available to owners, management agents and service bureaus to verify social security and supplemental security income benefit information. It is anticipated that new hires, wage, and unemployment compensation data will be added into EIV for owners, management agents and service bureaus to use beginning in late 2006.

EIV Coordinator Access Authorization Forms Must Be Submitted By September 18 for Access to EIV by September 29

In order to use EIV, owners, agents and service bureaus must apply for EIV access rights by following the instructions found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/eiv/eivhome.cfm> and completing either a Coordinator Access Authorization Form or a User Access Authorization Form. Coordinator Access Authorization Forms must be submitted to HUD Headquarters by fax at 202-708-3104 or by email at Mf_Eiv@hud.gov.

HUD's goal is to provide EIV access rights by September 29 to all EIV Coordinator applicants who submit complete and acceptable Coordinator Access Authorization Forms by September 18. Once EIV Coordinator applicants receive notification that they have EIV access rights, they may begin processing User Access Authorization Forms from their EIV User applicants.

WARNING: For security reasons, HUD will be removing access to EIV for anyone who assigned themselves the Coordinator or User role in EIV. If you assigned yourself EIV access as a Coordinator without submitting a Coordinator Access Authorization Form to HUD Headquarters or assigned staff as EIV Users without receiving a User Access Authorization Form from the staff needing User access rights, EIV access will be removed until such time as the proper application forms are submitted and processed.

What will be available in EIV immediately after TASS is eliminated?

In transitioning from TASS to EIV, which currently provides SS and SSI benefit data, between September 29, 2006 (the date TASS is eliminated) and approximately October 22, 2006, SS and SSI benefit data will not be available for viewing in EIV due to the time it takes to match the data in the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System with the data from the Social Security Administration. During this transition period, users will be able to see only tenant information by using the "Head of Household" link; the income discrepancy report and the ability to search by recertification date will not be available. During this period when SS and SSI benefit data may not be available for the purpose of conducting tenant recertifications of family income, please use

tenant-provided SS/SSI benefit letters dated within the last 120 days to satisfy income verification requirements.

Please encourage others to sign-up for the Listserv, so they too can receive current RHIP related information from HUD <http://www.hud.gov/subscribe/maillinglist.cfm>

You can view the RHIP Tips Archives: issues 31-35, under "Listserv-Multifamily RHIP Tips" at <http://wwwhud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip.cfm>.