Dear NAHMA Member,

HUD recently issued the following notice for multifamily owners and management agents containing guidance on excluding the use of arrest records of residents or applicants in housing decisions.

For the past five years, HUD has been an active member of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council. An important aspect of the Reentry Council's work has been to have each Federal Agency identify and address "collateral consequences" that individuals and their families may face because they or a family member has been incarcerated.

HUD states that the purpose of this Notice is to inform PHAs and owners that arrest records may not be the basis for denying admission or terminating assistance/evicting tenants, to remind PHAs and owners that HUD does not require their adoption of "One Strike" policies, and to reinforce the obligation to safeguard the due process rights of applicants and tenants. The Notice provides best practices and peer examples for PHAs and owners to review.

To view this notice, please click here

In addition to this notice issued by the Office of Housing, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing released a similar <u>notice</u> on this guidance as it applies to other programs.

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