

NAHMA HUD Update: Multifamily Family Self-Sufficiency Program Draft Housing Notice

Dear NAHMA Member,

NAHMA recently received a draft notice for the implementation of the Multifamily Family Self-Sufficiency (MF FSS) Program at multifamily housing properties using Project-Based Rental Assistance.

On March 15, 2016, the Department posted the draft Housing Notice and will receive feedback on the draft through March 30, 2016. The Notice can be found on HUD's website [here](#) and it is also attached to this message.

Multifamily Family Self-Sufficiency is a HUD program that seeks to enable families living in assisted housing to increase their earned income and reduce their dependence on public assistance programs. It promotes the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of HUD rental assistance programs with public and private resources, to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Family Self-Sufficiency was previously restricted to Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants. However, HUD's Appropriations Act of 2015 allows owners of privately owned multifamily property with a section 8 contract to voluntarily make a Family Self-Sufficiency program available to assisted tenants in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary, including those procedures permitting tenants to accrue escrow funds and will allow owners to use funding from residual receipt accounts to hire coordinators for their own Family Self-Sufficiency program.

NAHMA is asking for members to review the notice and submit their comments to us by Monday, March 28, 2016.