

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

CORRECTION: Model forms for VAWA available on hud.gov

RHIIP Listserv Posting #373, on VAWA, published on December 15, 2016 has three updates/corrections. The updates/corrections are summarized below:

1. VAWA Appendices A, B, C, and D were recently added to HUDClips.
2. The previous email had a typo indicating that, *“Beginning December 16, 2017, O/As must provide the Notice of Occupancy Rights and Certification form to applicants when assistance is being denied or at the time the new household moves into the property.”* The year should have been **2016**, not 2017.
3. A new bullet was added, *“Beginning on December 16, 2016, owners/agents must provide the Notification of Occupancy Rights and Certification form with any notification of eviction or termination of assistance.”*

The updates/corrections listed above are also highlighted in **yellow** below:

HUD has created Microsoft Word and PDF fillable files for the four model forms included in the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\) final rule](#) that was published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2016.

These forms are now available on HUDClips. The forms are as follows:

- VAWA Appendix A: Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act, form HUD-5380
- VAWA Appendix B: Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, form HUD-5381
- VAWA Appendix C: Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking and Alternate Documentation, form HUD-5382and
- VAWA Appendix D: Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, form HUD-5383

Please note:

- These Departmental forms are model forms and owners/agents can customize them for their company and properties, as long as they contain the same information and language.
- During the 12-month period following the effective date of the VAWA regulation, owners/agents must give each household the notice of occupancy rights and the certification form either during the annual recertification or lease renewal process, or, if there will be no recertification or lease renewal for a household during the first year after the rule takes effect, through other means. The 12-month period is December 16, 2016 through December 15, 2017.
- **Beginning on December 16, 2016, owners/agents must provide the Notification of Occupancy Rights and Certification form with any notification of eviction or termination of assistance.**
- Beginning on December 16, **2016**, owners/agents must provide the Notification of Occupancy Rights and Certification forms to applicants when assistance is being denied or at the time the new household moves into the property. The forms do not have to be provided to every applicant on a property's waiting list.
- The Office of Multifamily Housing will be updating our current VAWA certification form, HUD-91066. In the meantime, owners/agents should use the Departmental form.
- Owners/agents are required to develop and implement an Emergency Transfer Plan by June 14, 2017, and should use the Departmental Emergency Transfer Plan form as a guide.
- Owners/agents may require tenants seeking an emergency transfer to provide a written Emergency transfer request. To facilitate this, owners/agents can provide the Departmental Request form to their tenants.
- At this time the Office of Multifamily Housing does not plan to create our own Emergency Transfer Plan and Emergency Transfer Request forms, so owners/agents should use the Departmental forms.
- Multifamily Housing will be updating our Lease Addendum form, HUD-91067 in the coming months. In the meantime, owners/agents may continue to use this form.
 - We will have further written guidance available early next year and will plan to include a sample lease addendum that can be used prior to the update of form 91067.