

MTW-PHA will use the Form HUD-50058 MTW to collect data on MTW-families only. MTW-families include families who participate in any component of the MTW program. This includes families who receive self-sufficiency support services but pay rent under conventional program rules. Non-MTW-families include families who reside in a MTW-PHA but do not participate in any component of the MTW program. MTW-PHA will continue to use the regular Form HUD-50058 for Non-MTW families.

Public housing agencies that currently participate in the MTW demonstration program are:

- Cambridge Housing Authority
- Chicago Housing Authority
- Delaware State Housing Authority
- Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of the City of High Point
- Keene Housing Authority
- Lawrence-Douglas Housing Authority
- Lincoln Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of Louisville
- Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of the City of New Haven
- Philadelphia Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
- Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of Portland
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- San Diego Housing Commission
- Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Housing Authority of the County of Tulare
- Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver

Additional public housing agencies may join the MTW program.

(3) Systems to Monitor Reductions in Subsidy Payment Errors

In response to a Presidential Management Initiative, HUD has established the Annual Performance Plan goal to reduce subsidy payment errors by 15% in 2003, 30% by 2004, and 50% by 2005. In support of this goal, the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) implemented an income verification component in the Tenant Assessment Sub-System (TASS), which assists public housing agencies (PHA) in the detection and prevention of program abuses. TASS performs this function by providing over the Internet the ability

for public housing agencies to verify income from Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reported on the Form HUD-50058.

Program Administrators of HUD's rental assistance programs need SS and SSI information to determine the amount of rental assistance that tenants are entitled to receive. Currently, TASS uses an automated matching process to compare tenants' SS and SSI benefits from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) database to SS and SSI benefits reported to HUD by public housing agencies on the Form HUD-50058. This process runs every month and generates two online reports: the Monthly Benefit History, which contains a list of all tenants to be re-certified, and the Income Discrepancy, which identifies tenants with discrepancies in SS and SSI benefit payments.

While the current process delivers great value by providing timely information that may be used to detect and prevent program abuse, TASS does not now gather information necessary to measure the amount of benefits incorrectly reported to the PHA. The information collection covered by this request will correct this deficiency.

HUD will also soon implement a complementary system to provide public housing agencies with an on-line source of a thirty-party-verified wage and unemployment benefit payments. Public housing agencies can use the information to verify tenant-supplied income-related information at the time of annual and interim re-examinations and to more accurately calculate the amount of rental assistance that tenants are entitled to receive. This will improve the accuracy of data reported to HUD on the Form HUD-50058.

The new system will also allow HUD to gather information necessary to measure the amount of tenants' gross wage and unemployment benefit payments that are incorrectly reported to public housing agencies. HUD can use the data, combined with that collected through TASS, to generate statistics to measure progress towards the Annual Performance Plan (APP) goal to reduce both the number of errors and the estimated net annual subsidy overpayment by 50% over the next three years.

Highlight of the Changes

(1) Form HUD-50058

The revised Form HUD-50058 reflects the initiative to remove obsolete and unnecessary lines from the form. The revised Form HUD-50058 contains 27% fewer lines and three fewer pages. The

items removed from the existing Form HUD-50058 include section 14 (Manufactured Home Owner Renting the Space) and section 16 (Indian Mutual Help). Some Welfare to Work (WtW) elements of section 17 (Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)/Welfare to Work (WtW) Voucher Addendum), space for five family members in Section 3 (Household), reserved field, and references to Indian Housing and Pre-merger (Certificates and Vouchers were also removed. HUD also removed lines numbered and labeled as follows: (2e)—“Date correction transmitted”, (2f)—“Repayment agreement?”, (2g)—“Monthly amount of repayment”, (2n)—“Other special programs: Number 03”, (2n)—“Other special programs: Number 04”, (2n)—“Other special programs: Number 05”, (2p)—“Use if instructed by HUD”, (3s)—Continued on an additional sheet?”, and (8u)—“Total annual travel cost to work/school (Indian Housing only)”.

(2) Form HUD-50058 MTW

The Department did not make any change to the current version of the Form HUD-50058 MTW (6/2001). As many MTW-PHA have already modified their software to meet the requirements of the existing Form HUD-50058 MTW (6/2001), and because the MTW-PHA will be required in the future to modified their software to accommodate the revised Form HUD-50058 when they transition out of the MTW program, the Department will not require the public housing agencies to revise their MTW-software at this time.

(3) Systems to Monitor Reductions in Subsidy Payment Errors

This notice also covers the collection of 9 additional data elements that will allow HUD to monitor and report progress towards the Annual Performance Plan goal to reduce program abuses. First, HUD will collect 3 data elements to measure the amount of Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits that are incorrectly reported to public housing agencies. According to the proposed change, during the annual recertification meeting, public housing agencies will access the TASS reports to verify the SSA benefits amount. Once the amount of benefits is verified, users will be requested to enter information into two fields to report: the “Amount initially reported by family” and the “Verified monthly benefit amount”. If there is a discrepancy, the user will be requested to select a code from a drop-down list to explain the reason for the discrepancy: “SSA Error”, “Tenant Error-Tenant Agrees with SSA Info”, or