CARES Act – Notice PIH 2020-5 – HUD Waivers – Orange County Housing Authority

Item	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends
HQS-1 Initial inspection	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(i), Section 8(o)(8)(C)	 Changes initial inspection requirements, allowing for owner certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect the unit no later than October 31, 2020. 	• 7/31/20 • 10/31/20
HQS-3 Non-Life Threatening	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii)	Allows for extension of up to 30 days for owner repairs of non-life threatening conditions	• 7/31/20
HQS-4 Initial HQS - Alternative Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(iii) Regulatory Authority HOTMA HCV Federal Register Notice January 18, 2017	 Under Initial HQS Alternative Inspection Option - allows for commencement of assistance payments based on owner certification there are no life-threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect the unit no later than October 31, 2020. 	• 7/31/20 • 10/31/20
HQS-5 Biennial Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(D) Regulatory Authority §§ 982.405(a), 983.103(d)	 Allows for delay in biennial inspections All delayed biennial inspections must be completed as soon as reasonably possible but by no later than 10/31/2020. 	• 10/31/20
HQS-6 Interim Inspections	Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(F)	Waives the requirement for the PHA to conduct interim inspection and requires alternative method	• 7/31/20

	Regulatory Authority §§ 982.405(g), § 983.103(e)	Allows for repairs to be verified by alternative methods	
HQS-9 HQS QC Inspections	Regulatory Authority § 982.405(b)	Provides for a suspension of the requirement for QC sampling inspections	• 10/31/20
HQS10 HQS Space and Security	Regulatory Authority § 982.401(d)	Waives the requirement that each dwelling unit have at least 1 bedroom or living/sleeping room for each 2 persons.	Remains in effect one year from lease term or date of notice, whichever is longer
HCV-1 Administrative Plan	Regulatory Authority § 982.54 (a)	Waives the requirement to adopt revisions to the admin plan	7/31/20
HCV-4 PHA Approval of Assisted Tenancy	Regulatory Authority § 982.305(c)	 Provides for HAP payments for contracts not executed within 60 days PHA must not pay HAP to owner until HAP contract is executed 	• 7/31/20
HCV-5 Absence from unit	Regulatory Authority § 982.312	Allows for PHA discretion on absences from units longer than 180 days PHAs must not make HAP payments beyond 12/31/20 for units vacant more than 180 consecutive days	• 12/31/20
HCV-7 Increase in Payment Standard	Regulatory Authority § 982.505(c)(4)	Provides PHAs with the option to increase the payment standard for the family at any time after the effective date of the increase, rather than waiting for the next regular reexamination to do so.	•12/31/20

HCV-8 Utility Allowance Schedule	Regulatory Authority § 982.517	Provides for delay in updating utility allowance schedule	• 12/31/20
11b SEMAP	Regulatory Authority 24 CFR Part 985	PHA to retain prior year SEMAP score unless requests otherwise	HUD will resume issuing new SEMAP scores starting with PHAs with FYE dates of 3/31/21