

2022 Program Review and Certification Standards

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New requirements are in red text and do not apply for the 2022 PR&C review. These requirements will be applicable in 2023.

Minor adjustments and clarifications and changes to Tiers are in green text. These changes are applicable for the 2022 PR&C review.

Bold are requirements that now apply for the 2022 PR&C review.

Standard H1	Guideline H1	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency participates in vacancy management with USHS. The agency has an active USHS MOU for each PSH project.	<input type="checkbox"/> Agencies with PSH programs collaborate with USHS for vacancy management. USHS prioritizes applicants for housing based on HUD Notice CPD-14-012. <input type="checkbox"/> Clients have the right to be offered up to two housing options. Housing must be decent, safe, and sanitary. If a client declines housing because it is not decent, safe, and sanitary or the housing and services offered with the housing do not meet the client's critical health and safety needs, it will not count as one of the client's two housing opportunities. The offers and reasons for declining must be documented in the client's file.	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored through USHS	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		1	PSH/USHS
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Standard H2	Guideline H2	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
<p>All clients have formal lease agreements prior to receiving rent and/or utility assistance through CSB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Staff can provide client files containing copies of legal leases / occupancy agreements. <input type="checkbox"/> For PSH rental assistance, CSB Housing Department maintains leases if CSB Housing Department is processing monthly payments for landlords. <input type="checkbox"/> For PSH leasing and sponsor-based rental assistance, the master lease must be in the name of the agency and a sub-lease / occupancy agreement must be executed with the client. <input type="checkbox"/> PSH HOME units must be within the city of Columbus. <input type="checkbox"/> If a PSH qualifying participant dies, is incarcerated, or institutionalized for more than 90 days, the participant should be exited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review:</u> CSB reviewed client files for leases / occupancy agreements. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review:</u> For CoC Leasing and sponsor-based Rental Assistance programs, CSB reviewed the master leases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 		1	<p>PSH, RRH, TH, and Prevention (only if client moves to a new unit)</p>

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	<p>from the program. Program-assisted housing ends at lease expiration for any surviving/remaining members of the household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The minimum term of the lease / occupancy agreement is 6 months for ESG and ODSA-funded RRH tenant-based rental assistance. The lease must be terminable for cause. CSB recommends the lease be automatically renewable upon expiration for at least 1 month, except on prior notice by either party. <input type="checkbox"/> The minimum term of the lease / occupancy agreement is 12 months for CoC-funded rental assistance, CoC-funded leasing, and HOME-funded rental assistance; 1 month for YHDP rental assistance and leasing; and 1 month not to exceed 24 months for TH. The lease / occupancy agreements must be terminable for cause and 					
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	<p>automatically renew upon expiration for at least 1 month, except on prior notice by either party.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The minimum term of the lease / occupancy agreement is 6 months for projects that are not funded with ESG, CoC, or HOME funds. CSB may approve exceptions on a case-by-case basis.</p>				
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Standard H3	Guideline H3	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
<p>The agency documents annual tenant rent calculations. The tenant portion of rent and utilities should not exceed 30% of the monthly adjusted gross income, 10% of Annual Gross Income, or the portion of any public assistance designated</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Residents are expected, but may not be required, to pay rent for their units. Residents with cash income and a Section 8 voucher are required to pay rent.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The agency has an income determination policy to consistently and fairly determine updates to</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review</u>: CSB reviewed client files for tenant rent calculation and annual income verification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed income determination policy</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Compliant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>		<p align="center">1</p>	<p align="center">PSH</p>

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<p>for housing costs, whichever is greater.</p>	<p>client's income. The policy is easily explained and understood by participants and staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The agency must assess household income initially and at least annually, using the household's most recent income documentation, to determine the tenant portion of the rent. Staff must make appropriate adjustments to the tenant portion of the rent when notified of household income changes. <input type="checkbox"/> The agency can show documentation of tenant rent calculations, including how frequently rent is recalculated. If applicable, a copy of the recertification completed by CSB Housing Department is included in the client file. If there is documentation that would generally be available on a monthly basis, agencies 					
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	<p>should use the more recent documentation instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable income documentation includes pay stubs, earnings statements, W-2 forms, employer letters, documentation from the Social Security Administration or other public assistance agency, or a signed self-certification of zero income. 					
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Standard H4	Guideline H4	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
<p>The agency will recertify RRH clients every 12 months, as required by HUD, including documentation of household income below 30% Area Median Income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Staff can explain the procedures for client re-assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Households above 30% AMI at the time of the annual reassessment must be exited from the program. <input type="checkbox"/> Households in CoC funded programs with income at the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review</u>: CSB reviewed client files. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed client re-assessment processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 		1	RRH

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	<p>time of the annual reassessment must contribute 30% of their monthly adjusted income or 10% of their monthly gross income to rent.</p>				
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Standard H5	Guideline H5	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
<p>The program complies with HUD CoC and ESG rent reasonableness and Fair Market Rent (FMR) requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Staff can explain the procedure to ensure rent reasonableness and FMR compliance. <input type="checkbox"/> Rent costs must be sustainable for the client when assistance ends. <input type="checkbox"/> Rent reasonableness is determined for each unit by considering: 1) the reasonableness in relation to rents charged for comparable unassisted units, considering location, size, type, quality, amenities, management, and maintenance; 2) the rent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review:</u> CSB reviewed client and DCA files for CoC- and ESG-funded programs to confirm FMR, if applicable, and rent reasonableness compliance. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Discussion:</u> Staff can explain how the agency complies with FMR and rent reasonableness requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other:</u> During monthly invoice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 		<p align="center">1</p>	<p>CoC/YHDP and ESG/ODSA funded PSH, TH, RRH</p>

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	<p>should not exceed rents charged by the same owner for comparable unassisted units. This comparison can include units advertised for rent and the actual rents charged. All units must be within \$50 of the rent reasonableness rate. If rent or utilities increase, staff must update the rent reasonableness form to determine if rent remains reasonable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rent cannot exceed FMR for ESG-funded units. <input type="checkbox"/> Rent can exceed FMR for ESG-CV- funded units, CoC-funded rental assistance units, or ESG-funded units receiving non-rent financial assistance only. <input type="checkbox"/> Rent can exceed FMR for CoC-funded leasing units, but CoC funds and match cannot be used to pay the portion of the rent over FMR. 	<p>reviews, CSB compares HMIS rosters to HMIS client numbers provided on CoC invoices for programs that have Rental Assistance or Leasing Funds to make sure vacant units are filled quickly.</p>				
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For CoC-funded leasing units, the agency must use best and reasonable efforts to fill vacancies in an expeditious manner. <input type="checkbox"/> For CoC-funded rental assistance units, rent cannot be paid with federal funds for units that are vacant more than 30 days or for units leased without an eligible tenant assigned. 					
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Standard H6	Guideline H6	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Disability-related supportive services are voluntary, except where required by HUD regulations, and tenants are not required to engage in disability-related supportive services as a condition of their tenancy, in accordance with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The agency has a policy and a process for ensuring that all employees are educated regarding the policy. <input type="checkbox"/> Files contain documentation demonstrating that disability-related supportive service participation is voluntary. <input type="checkbox"/> Examples of disability-related services include, but are not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review</u>: CSB reviewed client files. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed the policy. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed with agency staff the process for ensuring staff is educated on the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 		1	PSH, TH, RRH, CARR Team

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Housing First principles. Participation in supportive services that are not disability-related may be required as a condition of the program. Participation may be required if clients are at or have been at imminent risk of eviction and services are necessary to maintain tenancy (e.g., protective payee). Programs should not have sobriety requirements unless authorized by the CoC and HUD.	limited to, mental health services, outpatient health services, and provision of medication (as provided to a person with a disability to address a condition caused by that disability).	voluntary disability-related supportive services policy.				
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Standard H7	Guideline H7	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The Eligibility and Prioritization Form and eligibility documentation are	<input type="checkbox"/> Client files contain signed Eligibility and Prioritization Form and eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored through USHS	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant		1	PSH/USHS

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signed by the USHS manager and provided to the agency to be kept in the client file.	documentation meets requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation verifying history of homelessness and homelessness at entry is in the client file.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review</u> : CSB verified that the USHS application is in the client file or HMIS.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
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Standard H8	Guideline H8	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
A client can be relocated temporarily only if they can be offered a decent, safe, and sanitary unit in the same building or complex upon project completion, or, for scattered sites programs, a comparable unit in the same geographic area. The agency maintains records on displaced clients. The agency gives permanently	<input type="checkbox"/> The agency must have a written policy on displaced clients. The agency must provide reasonable advanced written notice and must pay for the cost of moving and any increase in rent / occupancy charges / utilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Any client temporarily relocated for more than 1 year is considered permanently displaced and must be offered relocation assistance and payments.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>File Review</u> : CSB reviewed files of displaced clients, if applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Policy Review</u> : CSB reviewed the policy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		1	PSH, USHS, TH

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<p>displaced clients advisory services specified by the Fair Housing Act.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Records on displaced clients must include race, ethnicity, gender, and addresses of where the clients relocated. Information on displaced clients must be documented in HMIS. <input type="checkbox"/> Clients who are displaced through no fault of their own must be provided a safe, sanitary, comparable unit. A client should be offered up to two comparable units. <input type="checkbox"/> Displaced clients must retain access to similar services after relocation. <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory services for permanently displaced clients under the Fair Housing Act include information on clients' rights to relocate to housing in areas of non-minority concentrations. 					
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Standard H9	Guideline H9	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
<p>The program complies with the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The VAWA Notice and Transfer Request Form must be given to clients at program admission or denial, and at eviction or termination. <input type="checkbox"/> Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking can request an emergency transfer from the current unit to a new unit. <input type="checkbox"/> The agency must have a written emergency transfer plan. The plan must identify tenants who are eligible for emergency transfer, documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency transfer requests for permanent supportive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion: CSB and agency staff discussed the process for ensuring VAWA forms are given to clients and protections are included in leases or contracts. <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Review: CSB reviewed the emergency transfer plan. <input type="checkbox"/> File Review: CSB reviewed VAWA lease/contract for protections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant with conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Non-compliant <input type="checkbox"/> N/A 		1	<p>PSH, USHS, TH, RRH</p> <p style="color: green;">HP if clients move into new units using ESG-CV funding</p>

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	<p>housing are handled through USHS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All leases or rental assistance contracts must include VAWA protections. Except for tenant-based rental assistance, this must include the right to break the lease without penalty if the tenant qualifies for an emergency transfer. <input type="checkbox"/> VAWA protections must be included in all rental agreements and housing assistance contracts between agencies and housing owners / landlords. <input type="checkbox"/> VAWA requirements apply to HP clients using ESG-CV funding who move into new units. 					
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CSB reviews Tier 1 standards annually and Tier 2 standards every 4 years. For years when CSB does not review Tier 2 standards, agency staff certifies compliance with both Tier 2 and Tier 3 standards in the 'Certifying Official' column.

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