

paragraph H. to be H.1. and by adding paragraph H.2. to read as follows:

“2. Bedroom size must be determined based on the number of family members living in the household, not on the number of bedrooms in the unit to be rented. Guidelines for determining unit size are one bedroom for each two persons within the household, except:

a. Persons of the opposite sex (other than spouses, and children under age 5) are not required to share a bedroom;

b. Persons of different generations are not required to share a bedroom;

c. Live-in aides must be allocated a separate bedroom. No additional bedrooms will be provided for the live-in aide's family; and

d. Single person families must be allocated zero or one bedroom.

Therefore, in situations where the available housing has more bedrooms than necessary for the family size and composition, the rental assistance payment must be limited to the number of bedrooms based on the guidelines listed above. If a grantee chooses to “over house” a Veteran family by placing the family in a larger unit than the family requires under the above guidelines, the maximum amount of Tribal HUD-VASH funds that can be used to house the Veteran family is the rent for a unit sized in accordance with the guidelines, and in accordance with Section VI., subsection H of this notice. Any additional rental costs due to over housing cannot be funded with Tribal HUD-VASH or regular Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds, but can be funded by other resources. In addition, Tribes/TDHEs may want to consider shared housing arrangements in situations where appropriate-sized housing is limited, but where individual Veterans could have a separate bedroom and share common areas.”

D. Section VI. Subsection L (Affordability Periods and Binding Commitments)

HUD has determined that this subsection is too restrictive when project-based housing is being used to house eligible homeless Native American Veterans. As a result, HUD is removing this requirement and deleting Section VI.L of the October 21, 2015, Notice.

Dated: November 28, 2016.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Chapter V

[Docket No. FR-5976-C-04]

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Initial Guidance; Correction

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Initial implementation guidance; correction.

SUMMARY: On October 24, 2016, HUD published implementation guidance for the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act. In that document, HUD inadvertently published the incorrect implementation information for changes regarding the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP). This notice corrects that information.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date for the implementation guidance of October 24, 2016 is unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: With respect to this supplementary document, contact Ariel Pereira, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10238, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-708-1793 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On October 24, 2016, HUD published a document advising the public on HUD's implementation plans for the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) (Pub. L. 114-201). That document inadvertently contained inaccurate implementation information for changes relating to SHOP. This correction replaces that inaccurate information with the corrected information.

II. Correction

In document FR-5897-N-01, published October 24, 2016 (81 FR 73030), make the following correction: On page 73032, in the first column, replace the implementation action for section 502 with the following paragraph:

Implementation action: This provision was effective upon enactment of HOTMA. The Fiscal Year 2016 SHOP

Notice of Funding Availability states that due to this provision, all applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to use ENERGY STAR-labeled appliances and products. Applicants are also strongly encouraged, but not required, to meet the standard for ENERGY STAR Certified New Homes (single-family homes and low-rise multifamily properties up to three stories), or for ENERGY STAR Multifamily High Rise (four or more stories).

Dated: December 1, 2016.

Ariel Pereira,

Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5985-N-01]

HUD Program Evaluation Policy—Policy Statement

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This policy statement of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research articulates the core principles and practices of the office's evaluation and research activities. This policy reconfirms the Department's commitment to conducting rigorous, relevant evaluations and to using evidence from evaluations to inform policy and practice.

DATES: December 6, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark D. Shroder, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402-5922. The listed telephone number is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (this is a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The mission of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) is to inform HUD policy development and implementation to improve life in American communities through conducting, supporting, and sharing research, surveys, demonstrations,