

OPM Compliance Updates

April 16, 2020

WHAT'S NEW

DCA would like to know how COVID-19 has impacted your property operations and financial revenue. Please take a moment to complete our survey here on the COVID-19 page.

COMPLIANCE

NEW MTSP LIMITS RELEASED

The 2020 Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects (MTSP) Income Limits have been posted to the HUD website. Click <u>HERE</u> to determine your county's corresponding income limits, effective April 1, 2020.

SERVICE FEE FOR ONLINE RENT PAYMENT

Property owners and management companies may pass on service fees to residents for online rent payments, only if residents have other ways to pay rent, such as mail or drop box. If the only option to pay rent is online and the resident is required to pay an online service fee, the online service fee is considered a mandatory cost, which must be deducted from the max gross rent. If the mandatory fee is not deducted from gross rent, the property is at risk of overcharging tenant rent, which is grounds for an immediate 8823, for which there is no cure.

Furthermore, DCA expects:

- 1) Owners and property management companies to be as flexible as possible when determining rent collection methods, which means consideration for rent payment options that neither place an undue financial burden on residents nor put them in harm's way.
- 2) If the service fee is passed through to the resident; there is no mark-up or profit on top of the assessed fee.

811

Greetings Everyone from the HUD 811 Team! We hope you are all safe and healthy!

We have had some updates these last few weeks. Here are some great resources:

COVID-19 UPDATES

Check the HUD Website to find updates that address the suspension of inspections, programmatic information, and a Q&A in light of COVID-19. This updated information is posted regularly to the Multifamily website. Please send your questions to MFCommunications@hud.gov.

HUD Multi-Family COVID-19 Q&A Responses - which covers many important topics while in Shelter-in-Place - can be found HERE.

811 POLICY UPDATES

We had great conversations with our properties and providers this week and emails are being sent to participants. What we are discussing is important, so attending one of these two gatherings next week is mandatory by at least one person at your property or provider agency. We apologize for the short notice, but we wanted to inform our partners as soon as possible.

The links for the Policy Part II Webinars on April 20th and April 21st are located on our Weekly Vacant Unit Report. The link is **HERE**.

Thanks to all the properties and providers who are working tirelessly to help 811 households move into units during this time!! Stay safe and healthy!!

A HELPING HAND

Financial Resources for Individuals & Families

Georgia COVID-19 Resource List

Georgia Housing Search

Listing on GeorgiaHousingSearch.org is completely free and can be done online at GeorgiaHousingSearch.org or via a toll-free call center at 877-428-8844. For GeorgiaHousingSearch.org questions, please call 877-428-8844 (quickest and easiest!) or register online at www.GeorgiaHousingSearch.org.

Previous Notifications

Placed In Service Notification to DCA

To sign up for this **DCA Compliance Blast**, click here and join our email group for updates!

DCA should be notified using the **Placed In Service** Notification no later than 30 days after the first building in your development is placed in service. The required notification form can be found on the Compliance Monitoring site, select the "Form" icon.

The form includes instructions for setting the development up in MITAS and obtaining initial access to MITAS for the property. For questions about the form or set up, send your email to compliance@dca.ga.gov.



DCA Fair Housing

A DCA Compliance Website

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MTSP Income Limits

HOME Income Limits

HOME Rent Limits

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Documents by Year

Applicants & Funded **Projects**

Quick Links

GA Affordable Housing Coalition

2013 HOME Final Rule





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