

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Adoption of Extension of Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Emergency Rules Relating to  
COVID-19 Emergency

September 2, 2020

SUMMARY

Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled "Hawaii Public  
Housing Authority Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Emergency  
Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency"

Historical Note: This adoption of Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled "Extension of Hawaii Public Housing Authority Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency " is to renew and extend, Hawaii Public Housing Authority Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency, Hawaii Administrative Rules, adopted April 16, 2020, and filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on May 12, 2020, for an additional 113 days after September 9, 2020, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 91-3(b) and 91-4(b)(2).

Extension of Hawaii Public Housing Authority Emergency Rules  
Related to COVID-19 Emergency

**§8-13 Findings to Extend Hawaii Public Housing Authority Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency.** The authority finds that:

(a) Governor David Y. Ige declared a state of emergency in the State of Hawaii due to COVID-19 by issuing an Emergency Proclamation on March 4, 2020, that was extended by Supplementary Proclamations, most recently on August 20, 2020, which extended the emergency through September 30, 2020;

(b) The authority agrees with the Governor that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is of such magnitude to warrant protective action, the authority finds it must provide emergency relief to its Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Program participants who lost employment or income due to the COVID-19 emergency;

(c) These emergency rules provide financial relief assistance to the authority's Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher program participants by allowing interim rent adjustments to be effective as of the date the participant's income decreased due to the COVID-19 emergency; and

(d) These emergency rules enable the authority to delay or suspend program requirements as allowed under HUD Notice PIH 2020-05 regarding COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for the Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Indian Housing Block Grant and Indian Community Development Block Grant Programs, Suspension of Public Housing Assessment System and Section Eight Management Assessment Program dated April 10, 2020, issued by HUD to public housing agencies ("PIH Notice 2020-05"). In PIH Notice 2020-05, HUD waived and established alternative

requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the Housing Choice Voucher program, pursuant to the authority provided to HUD under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 (March 27, 2020).

**§8-14 Extension.** Based on the authority's findings set forth in section 8-13, the authority is renewing and extending Hawaii Public Housing Authority Section 8 - Housing Choice Voucher Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency, adopted April 16, 2020, and filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on May 12, 2020, for an additional 113 days after September 9, 2020.

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Hawaii Public Housing Authority Emergency Rules  
Relating to COVID-19 Emergency

Hawaii Public Housing Authority Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19 Emergency, Hawaii Administrative Rules, on the Summary Page dated September 2, 2020 which renewed and extended Hawaii Public Housing Authority Emergency Rules Relating to COVID-19, Hawaii Administrative Rules, was adopted on September 2, 2020, by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors.

These rules shall take effect upon filing with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for a period of not longer than 113 days after September 9, 2020, unless extended in compliance with section 91-3(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.



ROBERT J. HALL, Chairperson  
Board of Directors  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Pursuant to my Proclamation dated March 4, 2020, and Supplementary Proclamations dated March 16, 2020, March 21, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 17, 2020, April 25, 2020, May 5, 2020, May 18, 2020, June 10, 2020, July 17, 2020, August 6, 2020, and August 20, 2020 relating to COVID-19, I approve these rules.

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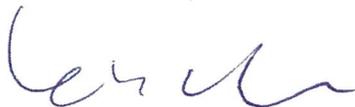


DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor  
State of Hawaii  
Dated: 9/8/2020

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy Attorney General

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