

### **Initial Inspection Waiver**

The Agency is proposing to waive Statutory Authority Section 8(o)(8)(A)(i), 8(o)(8)(C) of the USHA of 1937 and the Regulatory Authority 24 CFR 982.305 (a), 982.305 (b), 982.405 initial inspection requirements. The Agency proposes to continue the COVID waiver allowing landlords to self-certify the unit does not have any life-threatening deficiencies on the lease start date for move-ins. A physical inspection would be scheduled within 60 days. Using the self-certification, the Agency would be able to complete calculations and issue contracts with the landlord timely, potentially cut administration expenses of the program and not burden tenants with paying rent on units that fail inspections for non-life-threatening deficiencies. By allowing landlords to self-certify at move-in, the Agency would be able to spread out move-in inspections into the annual inspection schedule, saving time traveling across the county on the first of every month. This waiver would meet the statutory objective of cost effectiveness.

The Agency will start implementing this waiver beginning 2022.

### **Impact Analysis:**

The Agency will track and review the physical inspections conducted within 60 days of move-in to any life-threatening deficiencies found. If a pattern of life-threatening deficiencies are found that landlords are not reporting, the Agency will reexamine the policy. If it is found to be only certain landlords that are not reporting accurately, the Agency will do physically inspections at move-in with those landlords.

### **Hardship Policy:**

If at move-in a family requests for a physical inspection, an inspection will be scheduled as soon as possible on the unit. If the unit does not pass, the Agency will follow the HQS failed inspection policy. The landlord will be notified of the failed inspection.

### **Public Hearing Comments:**

Will be inserted after Public Hearing.