

**OPM Compliance Updates** 

OCTOBER 1, 2019

#### WHAT'S NEW

#### **CHANGES TO OUR TEAM**

#### ASSISTANT COMPLIANCE MANAGER

We are happy to welcome aboard Tzwanza Taylor as the new Assistant Compliance Manager. Tzwanza brings her extensive knowledge of LIHTC, Bond, and Section 8 Housing regulations to her new role at DCA. Tzwanza will provide support and oversight of the file audit and inspection review process as well as assist in implementing new and updated policies and procedures.

#### SHARE YOUR LIHTC TRAINING EXPERIENCE WITH DCA

If you have attended a great Tax Credit and/or HOME Compliance training class or webinar recently, please let us know about it, so we can share your experience and recommendations with other participating owners and management teams in Georgia. Please email our External Training and Development Coordinator Merranda James at <a href="Merranda.James@dca.ga.gov">Merranda.James@dca.ga.gov</a>.

## **COMPLIANCE CORNER**

#### **DOUBLE CHECKING THE TIC**

Although DCA has not yet adopted a mandatory TIC, we **strongly encourage** you to make sure your Tenant Income Certification captures the important tenant file data. Below is a non-exhaustive list of key items that should be captured on the Tenant Income Certification (TIC):

- Set-Aside/Unit Designation
- Maximum Income Limit
- Bedroom Size
- Housing Assistance Payment if applicable
- Tenant Paid Rent
- Redacted SSN
- Maximum Allowable Gross Rent
- Utility Allowance
- Program Funding
- Household Income and Size at Move-in

## **ASSET MANAGEMENT**

#### LOOKING TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Find <u>DCA Qualified Contract Properties for Sale</u> on our website and contact <u>Tricia.Manning@dca.ga.gov</u> if you have any questions or would like more information on these properties.

DID YOUR TEAM RECENTLY PURCHASE A DCA PROPERTY IN THE

#### **COMPLIANCE PERIOD OR EXTENDED USE PERIOD?**

If your team recently received DCA's approval of a purchase or a transfer of ownership interest, your work is not yet done! Please be sure all the conditions of DCA's approval have been met within the required time-frame. Most importantly, be sure to provide all the updated and new ownership team contact information once the transaction has closed and the transfer has taken place. Click the link to let DCA know the closing has taken place by filling out the new owner and management information using the: <a href="DCA Property Information">DCA Property Information online form</a>.

For additional questions, please email <u>Tricia.Manning@dca.ga.gov</u> and be sure to copy your assigned Pod team.

## 811 UPDATES

#### **QUALIFYING 811 TENANTS**

HUD 811 can help your current eligible tenants! So, let's look at the important requirements to participate...

The eligible tenant (who is not necessarily the head of household) must be: 18 - 61 years old and have a disability that is:

- Mental, physical or emotional
- It needs to be long term.
- It needs to keep them from being fully independent of support primarily financial
- It will get better with supportive housing.
- Verifiable through <u>either</u> a monthly SSDI disbursement or signed verification from a licensed professional

AND the entire household must qualify according to the <u>Section 8 Income Guidelines</u>. For further questions, contact Ilona Nagy at <u>ilona.nagy@dca.ga.gov</u> or 404-679-3150.

## **HELPING HAND**

## PREVENTING INJURIES

According to the CDC, injuries at home and at play are not accidents. They can be prevented. CDC focuses on the science behind making people safe - working to prevent leading causes of injuries. To find out how to share injury prevention tips with your residents click here.

## DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER....

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS**

All DCA offices will be closed Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

# **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.

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MTSP Income Limits

HOME Income Limits

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DCA Allocation Documents by Year

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#### **Quick Links**

GA Affordable Housing Coalition

2013 HOME Final Rule

🛖 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Fair Housing Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

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