

MT TBS8 Update Notice

Date: June 15, 2016

Regarding: Biennial Inspections

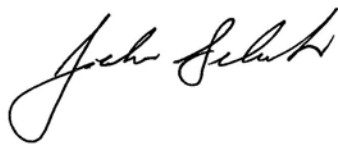
On March 8, 2016, the “Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Multifamily Housing, and Community Planning and Development Programs” rule was published in the Federal Register. Guidance related to the rule in the form of PIH Notice 2016-05 was published April 7, 2016 and clarified the original rule.

MT TBS8 is adopting the discretionary 24 CFR 982.405, 983.103 streamlining rule allowing Biennial Inspections and the use of alternative inspection methods. This new rule is effective starting July 1, 2016 and is not retroactive. It allows PHAs to conduct unit inspections biennially (every two years) instead of annually and allows for use of alternative inspection methods for periodic inspections. MT TBS8 will continue to utilize HQS inspections as the preferred inspection method.

HAPPY Software has made enhancements to the Occupancy, Inspections and Mobile Inspections modules of Housing Pro. The “Biennial” checkbox on the Unit Detail screen and Unit Data screen should be checked when it has been determined that this unit qualifies as a unit to be inspected biennially (Units inspected after July 1, 2016).

For questions regarding this notice, please contact the designated Contract Manager for your agency. Also, you may contact me directly at jschroeck2@mt.gov or by phone at 406-841-2828 for additional information.

Sincerely,



John Schroeck, M.Ed.
MDOC, TBS8 Program Manager