

**Subject:** RHIIP Listserv #134 - COLA for 2009; EIV Instructional Course Materials and Q&A's; and RHIIP Tip (Moving Tenants Who Require Special Features into Accessible Units)  
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**RHIIP Listserv Posting #134**

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Welcome to the MULTIFAMILY HOUSING RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RHIIP) LISTSERV that brings you up-to-date RHIIP related publications, news, information and occupancy tips in an effort to help reduce errors in rent determinations and subsidy calculations.

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## **Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System**

### **Update for Multifamily Housing Program Users**

**Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2009.** On January 06, 2009, the COLA for beneficiaries of Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA) was loaded into EIV. The new benefit amounts, reflecting the 5.8 percent COLA increase for participant families, are displayed on the EIV Income Report.

**EIV 8.1.1 Instructional Course – Materials.** In the coming weeks, the comprehensive version of materials used for the EIV 8.1.1 Instructional Course, held December 16-17, 2008 via Webcast will be posted to the **EIV Training and Outreach for Multifamily Housing Programs** web page at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/eiv/eivtraining.cfm>. Course materials will include detailed information not included on the slides used for the presentation. An "EIV Update" RHIIP Listserv message will be posted to inform you of the availability of updated materials for review and download.

To view the in-depth, two-day EIV 8.1.1 Instructional Course, conducted December 16-17, 2008 by HUD staff from the Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration (HAGA), go to the **EIV Training and Outreach for Multifamily Housing Programs** web page and click [HUD Webcast](#), which will take you to the "Webcast" page. In the first paragraph, click the link for "archive" to view the "Multifamily Enterprise Income Verification, December 16-17, 2008" course located under "Most Recent Webcasts." You may email Kevin Garner at [Kevin\\_X\\_Garner@hud.gov](mailto:Kevin_X_Garner@hud.gov) with any questions you have on posted materials or presentations delivered during the course.

**EIV 8.1.1 Instructional Course – Questions and Answers (Q&As).** Questions received via email, during and after the live Webcast, will be answered and posted to the **EIV Training and Outreach for Multifamily Housing Programs** web page, along with the updated course materials. Q&As will be listed and categorized by subject (e.g., EIV access, security, use of EIV reports, verification, monitoring, etc.) to make user friendly. As with the updated course materials, an "EIV Update" RHIIP Listserv message will be posted informing you of the availability of the Q&As.

Thank you for your interest in, and use of, HUD's EIV System, which will assist the Department in reducing income and rent determination errors in HUD's rental assistance housing programs.

#### **RHIIP TIP: Moving Tenants Who Require Special Features into Accessible Units**

If a member of a tenant household becomes disabled with an impairment that requires special accessibility features and the tenant requests an accessible unit, an owner may move that tenant into an accessible unit in lieu of making the tenant's existing unit accessible and usable. (See Chapter 4 of Handbook 4350.3 REV-1 for more information.) However, if a tenant needs only minor modifications to his or her unit, and does not need a fully accessible unit, the landlord should make the modifications and leave the project's fully accessible units available for tenants who need such units.

For more information on moving tenants who require special features into accessible units, please refer to Chapter 2, Paragraph 2-33 of HUD Handbook 4350.3 REV-1 *Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Housing Programs*.

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