

NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Appropriations

- Often referred to as the “annual **budget** process”

Reconciliation

- Full name: **Budget** reconciliation

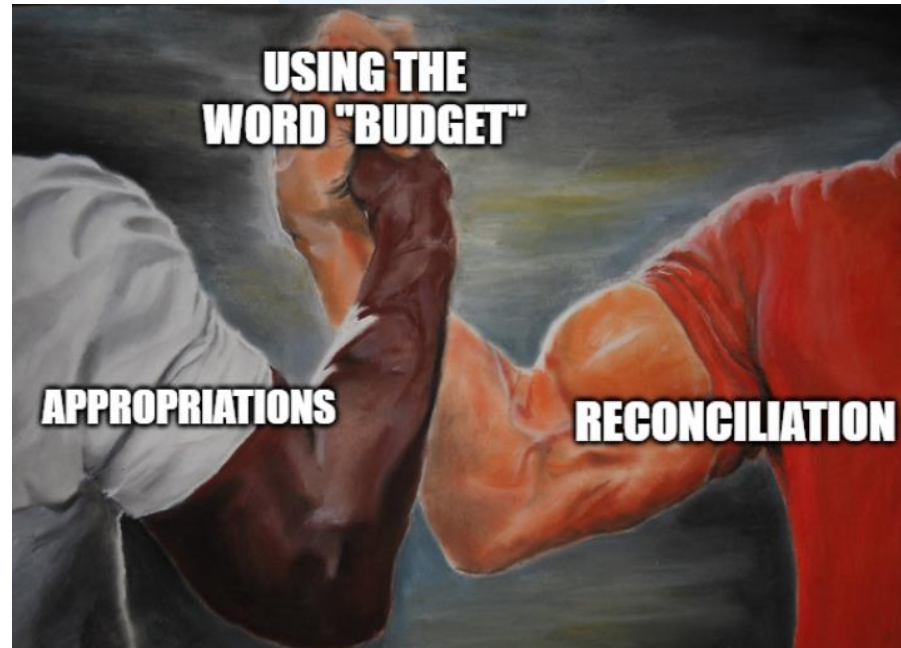


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Appropriations

- Yearly process to fund the federal government every fiscal year (FY)
 - New FYs begin on October 1
- Includes funding for HUD programs
 - Transportation Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) spending bill
- New spending bills cannot be enacted with fewer than 60 “yes” votes in the Senate
 - ***Requires*** bipartisan support

Reconciliation

- Special legislative procedure
 - Not usually used, but becoming increasingly common
- Allows bills to pass with just 51 “yes” votes in the Senate
 - Can be enacted ***without*** bipartisan support
- Provisions that are included are restricted

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Appropriations

- President's FY26 budget request released
 - Request, not a mandate
 - Includes time limits on HUD assistance
- House and Senate working on drafting FY26 bill text
 - House text for THUD bill could be out later this month/early July
- Deadline: October 1

Reconciliation

- House Republicans passed their version of a reconciliation package
 - Bill is now being consider by the Senate
 - Includes work requirements, cuts to Medicaid and SNAP
 - Likely to change in Senate, be sent back to the House before text can be finalized
- Goal: Finalized by July 4

Legal Memo on the Rights of EHV Recipients



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Emergency Housing Vouchers

EHV funding status

Federal landscape

Who is at risk



Summary of EHV tenants' rights



[EHV Funding & Advocacy memo](#)

Terminations based on insufficient funding



24 C.F.R. § 982.454 - Termination of HAP contract: Insufficient funding

PHA may terminate the HAP contract if the PHA determines, in accordance with HUD requirements, that funding under the consolidated ACC is insufficient to support continued assistance for families in the program.



Part B of the HAP contract – § 4(b)(5) Term of HAP Contract

The PHA may terminate the HAP contract if the PHA determines, in accordance with HUD requirements, that available program funding is not sufficient to support continued assistance for families in the program.

A PHA may only terminate a HAP contract based on insufficient funding if:

1. PHA complies with insufficient funding requirements:

- Having considered **all of** its available budget authority, funding insufficient;
- Carefully considered all cost-savings measures and impact terminations will have on program applicants and participant; and
- Issues written notice to HUD prior to issuing notices of termination, specifying “all measures taken to date to reduce or eliminate the shortfall and the number and date(s) of proposed termination.”

(PIH 2011-28 at 6-7.)

2. PHA proceeds in compliance with Administrative Plan, which must:

- Describe “the factors the PHA will consider when determining which HAP contracts to terminate first...”
- Examples: based on priority categories or criteria.

(24 C.F.R. § 982.54(d)(26).)

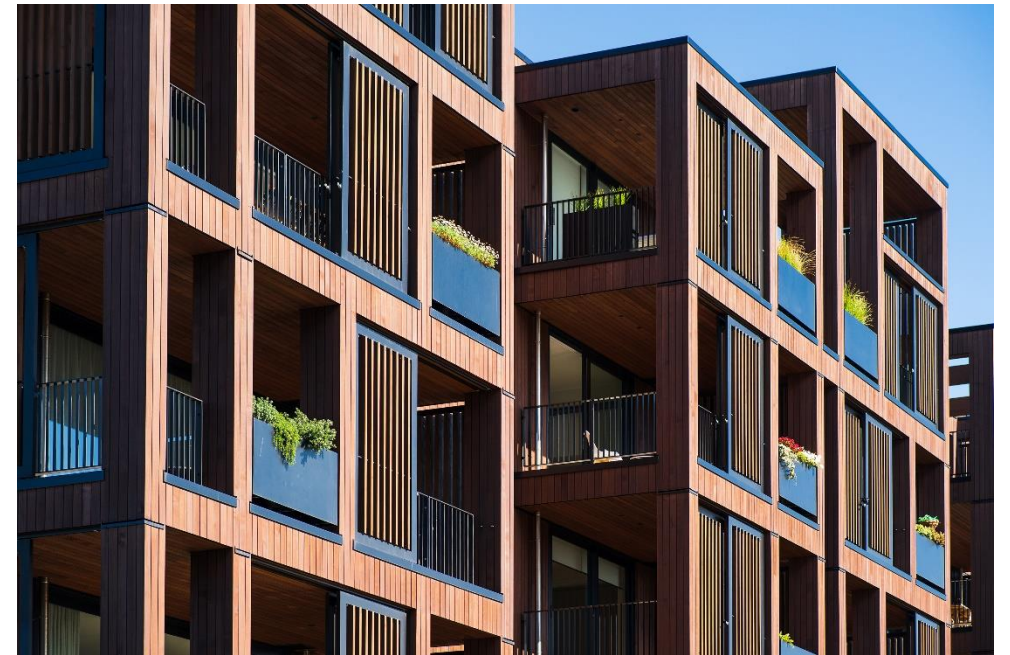
- Adequate notice
- Informal hearings
- Part C of HAP contract:
 - If the HAP contract terminates for any reason, the lease terminates automatically.
- Look to:
 - State landlord/tenant laws
 - Local protections

See [EHV Funding and Advocacy memo](#), pp. 5-7.



Advocacy – engaging with your PHA to protect tenants:

- Meet with your PHA
 - Promote transparency
 - Ask the PHA to keep EHV households informed
- Administrative Plans & Adequate Notice
- PHA's Financial Status & Cost-Saving Measures
- Actions to preserve tenancies
 - Absorb into the HCV program
 - State and local funding examples



See [EHV Funding and Advocacy memo](#), pp. 8-11.

What can advocates do to fight back?



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<http://www.nhlp.org/>
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- Contribute to NHLP story bank
 - <http://nhlp.org/story>
- Resources for EHV advocacy
 - [Memo](#)
 - [Toolkit](#)

Reconciliation Provisions Impacting Health Coverage for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Medicaid and Homelessness

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Medicaid and Homelessness

- Poor health causes homelessness
- Homelessness causes poor health.
- Experiencing homelessness makes it harder to engage in care.
- Medicaid = primary health insurance program for unhoused people.
- States can tailor systems and services (medical respite care, tenancy supports in supportive housing)

Fact Sheet:
Homelessness and
Medicaid: What's
the Connection?



Reconciliation

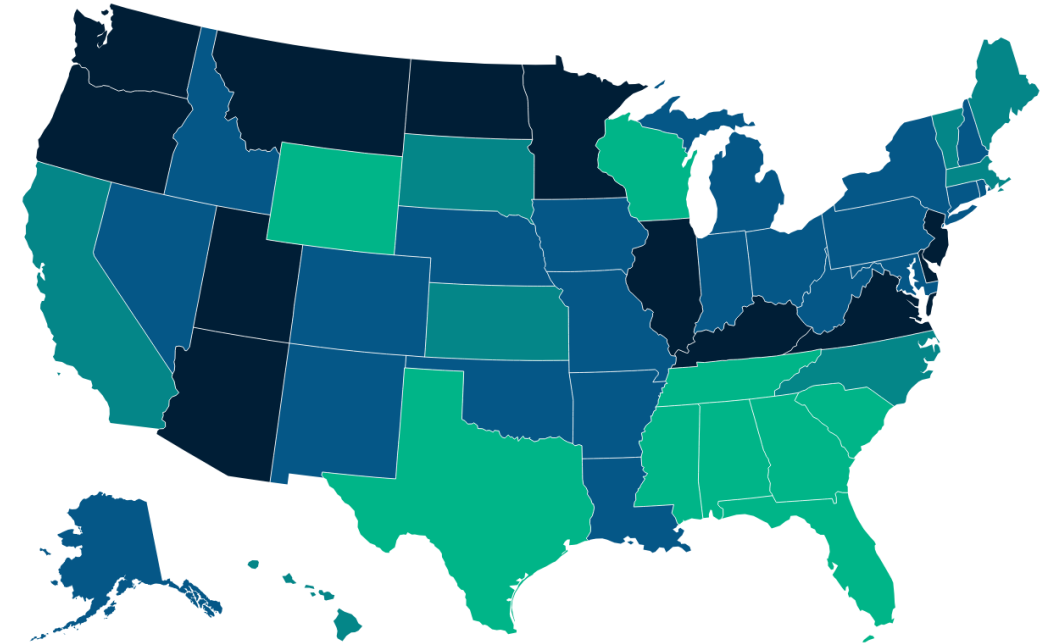
- Reconciliation – special legislative process for fiscal issues
- House passed “**One Big Beautiful Bill Act**” with historic cuts to Medicaid
 - \$715 billion in cuts
 - 14 mil. people at risk of losing insurance
- **Senate goal:** President’s desk July 4th

Figure 3

Estimated Medicaid Enrollment Loss From the House Reconciliation Bill, By State

As a % of baseline Medicaid enrollment in 2034

■ < 8% ■ 8%–12% ■ 12%–16% ■ ≥ 16%



Note: The provisions resulting in enrollment loss account for \$671 billion out of the \$793 billion in Medicaid spending reductions, including a proportional amount (\$59 billion) of the interaction effects. See Methods in "Allocating CBO's Estimates of Federal Medicaid Spending Reductions and Enrollment Loss Across the States" for more details.

Source: KFF analysis of CBO estimates of the House Reconciliation Bill

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Medicaid Provisions and Barriers



Work Reporting Requirements



Address Verification



Citizenship Verification



More Frequent Eligibility Checks

Other provisions:

- Penalties to States for Noncitizen Coverage
- Out of Pocket Cost Sharing
- Prohibits all Gender Affirming Care
- Slashes Retroactive Coverage

BARRIERS

- **Difficulty proving** work hours or exemptions
- **Lack of address** and ability to verify address & citizenship
- **Documentation burdens**, including lack of safe storage and ability to receive notices
- **For providers:** paperwork burden and financial impact

Impact on Unhoused Population

- **Lost access to health care**, including behavior health
- **Lost access to housing**, medical respite care, and other Medicaid services
- **Greater homelessness** and housing instability
- **Greater illness**, disability, and mortality
- **Greater unemployment**

Fact Sheet:
One Big Beautiful
Bill Act: Impact on
the HCH
Community



Next Steps

1. **Call your Senators!** Tell them to reject these cuts.
2. **Reject the narrative** of “waste, fraud, and abuse”
3. Uplift the **impact on unhoused people**
4. If you are interested in our advocacy alert, sign up for our **monthly Mobilizer**



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President Trump's FY26 Budget Request



The Trump Administration's FY26 budget request would cut HUD's budget by 44% from FY25

- Includes a 43% cut to HUD's rental assistance program, and redesigning HUD rental assistance entirely
- Cuts Homeless Assistance Grants by 13% from FY25 and consolidates Continuum of Care (CoC) and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) programs under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program
- Imposes a two-year time limit on receiving rental or homelessness assistance
- Cuts \$479 million from Native housing programs, consolidates into IHBG

Additional Funding Needed to Ensure Nearly 60,000 Households Stay Housed



Emergency Housing Vouchers received \$5 billion in 2021

- Targeted resources to people experiencing or at immediate risk of homelessness, and survivors of intimate partner violence and human trafficking
- Funding projected to run out mid-way through 2026 or sooner for some agencies
- Nearly 60,000 households still rely on an EHV to pay rent every month

Congress must provide funding to preserve these vouchers, or to fold EHV recipients into other programs (like the HCV program)

President Trump's FY26 Budget Request



What comes next?

House and Senate Appropriators will draft their FY26 spending bills

- House THUD Subcommittee markup July 14, full Committee markup July 17
- Senate Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee markups TBD
- Deadline: October 1, 2025

HUD Sec. Turner testifying on the President's budget request June 10 in the House and June 11 in the Senate

Resources & Next Steps



Read NHLP's [legal memo](#) on the rights of EHV recipients

Learn more about EHV's and [take action to expand voucher funding](#)

Contribute to NHLP's [story banking](#) project

Learn more about the [impact of the reconciliation bill](#) on healthcare access for people experiencing homelessness

Take action to [oppose the cuts](#) to healthcare and food assistance in the reconciliation bill

Use [NLIHC's FY26 Advocacy Toolkit](#) for advocacy ideas, talking points, resources, and more

View [recordings](#) of previous National Calls and [register](#) for future calls.

Join our next National HoUsed Campaign Call:

Tuesday, June 24 at 4:00 -5:00 pm ET