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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 10, 2022

To: Homeless Housing Program Contractors

From: Delmar Algee, Homeless Program Supervisor

Subject: Status of Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection Waivers

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the status of all HQS Inspection Waivers: all covid-related waivers for HQS Inspections have lapsed. Contractors should be following Homeless Housing Program HQS Policy for their programs. Please consult the HHP Policy Manual Chapter for your program type for additional details: [Homeless Program Policies | Pierce County, WA - Official Website \(piercecountywa.gov\)](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/4804/Homeless-Program-Policies)<sup>1</sup>. An overview of the HQS expectation is below:

- All unoccupied units MUST be inspected prior to move-in and the provision of rental subsidy. Units must be vacant during inspection. This policy applies to ALL fund sources for all Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, or move-in assistance provided by a Transitional Housing project.
- Inspections MUST be conducted on occupied units annually.
- Hotel/motel unit stays for less than 30 days do not require an inspection.

To request an HQS inspection, please visit our website:

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/4804/Housing-Quality-Standards-Inspections-HQ>

Please direct any questions to Delmar Algee at [delmar.algee@piercecountywa.gov](mailto:delmar.algee@piercecountywa.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/7587/Homeless-Program-Policies>