

## **HUD's Proposed Mixed Status Rule**

### **Submit Public Comments by April 21, 2026**

Under federal law, individuals without US citizenship or eligible immigration status cannot receive housing assistance through programs like Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing.

HUD's long-standing "mixed status rule" allows families with both eligible and ineligible members to live together in assisted housing by providing reduced (prorated) assistance based only on the eligible members, instead of denying help to the entire household. Now HUD wants to change that.

On February 19, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [proposed a revised mixed status rule for public comment](#) by publishing it in the Federal Register. HUD is required by law to review the comments they receive.

When this rule was proposed under the first Trump administration, communities across the country flooded HUD with more than 30,000 comments, changing the outcome so that the rule was not implemented. Right now, communities have a chance to make their voices heard again.

This fact sheet is meant to help you and your organization develop comments to submit to HUD for review. Comments are due by April 21, 2026, and can be submitted electronically or by mail. Comments may be submitted anonymously.

#### **Under current rules:**

- Families can stay together in HUD assisted housing even if not everyone in the household is eligible for assistance.
- Housing assistance is provided only for family members who are U.S. citizens or have eligible immigration status, so the household receives less federal assistance and pays more of the rent themselves.
- U.S. citizens can confirm their eligibility by signing a written declaration—no additional documents are required.
- KCHA data shows that in most mixed status families, the majority of the household is made up of US citizens or other eligible members.

#### **Under the proposed rule:**

- Households with ineligible members could not receive any housing assistance at all, so a mixed status household could not use a Housing Choice Voucher or live in Public Housing.

- Everyone in the household – including seniors – would have to provide proof of citizenship or eligible status.

### **The impact could be:**

- Families being forced to separate or lose their housing. break up or face eviction.
- More families, elders, and children becoming homeless.
- Long-term effects on people’s health, education, and opportunity.
- Increasing service costs to local communities.
- Direct harm to the US citizens and eligible people who live in a mixed status family.

### **How to write an effective comment:**

- Start with the goal in the subject line and be sure to include the regulation number (FR-6524):
  - “I strongly oppose HUD’s proposed rule changing verification of eligible status (FR-6524)”
- State the demand:
  - “HUD should immediately withdraw the current proposal.”
- Include a personal story and share why this is important to you, for example:
  - The proposal will increase homelessness, exacerbate the housing crisis, destabilize communities, and cost more in local services.
  - The proposal will evict thousands of children, including US citizens, stealing their future and leaving them in poverty.
  - The proposal undermines fundamental American values by breaking up families.
  - The proposal will harm elders and grandparents, taking away one of the last affordable options for childcare and pushing more seniors into homelessness.
- State the alternative:
  - Families and communities are stronger when everybody is housed. HUD should work with Congress to invest in federal housing programs that provide the stability to help people achieve the American Dream.

### **How to submit your comment:**

- The easiest way to submit is online at <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/HUD-2026-0199-0001>
- You can submit as an individual, an organization, or anonymous
- The deadline is April 21, 2026

**Spread the Word:**

- Put a call to action in your newsletter and at your meetings.
- Nonprofits: Share this with your Board, staff, donors, and members.
- Schools: Share this information with your teachers, staff associations, PTAs, School Boards, student bodies, and community partners.

**Resources:**

- Keep Families Together: <https://www.keep-families-together.org/>
- Know Your Rights & Legal Help
  - Check with the [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#), the [Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network](#), or the [ACLU](#), for “Know Your Rights” information in multiple languages