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## January-February 2021 E-Blast

Welcome to the January-February 2021 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

**Thank You!** – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

**New NMHOA Web Address:**  
[www.manufacturedhomeowners.us](http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us)

### Federal COVID Relief and Rental Assistance move forward

Congress is acting on the Biden Administration’s proposed “American Rescue Plan Act,” a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package containing [\\$40 billion in essential housing and homelessness assistance](#), including \$26 billion for rental assistance and \$5 billion to assist people who are homeless. These investments will help prevent millions of low-income people from losing their homes during the pandemic and will provide cities and states with the resources they need to help people experiencing homelessness find and remain safely housed throughout the duration of the pandemic and beyond.

In addition, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released on February 22 a new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document to help states and communities distributing than current [emergency rental assistance](#) (ERA) funds to renters in need. The updated FAQ includes the following clarifications:

- Renters may self-attest to meeting most eligibility criteria, including income, housing stability, and the amount of rent arrears, provided that certain safeguards are met. Self-attestations will help reduce the burden on program administrators and renters.
- The timeframe is shortened from 21 days to as little as 10 days before assistance can be provided directly to tenants in cases when landlords refuse to participate in the program or are unresponsive.
- Assistance can cover home internet costs needed for distance learning, telework, and telehealth, helping to keep families connected to school, work, and healthcare.
- Some of the funds may be used to provide legal assistance to renters facing eviction under certain conditions.

See the National Low-Income Housing Coalition’s [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on Treasury’s ERA program and the revised guidance.

### Federal Eviction Moratorium is in effect through March 31

The [federal eviction moratorium](#) issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [remains in effect](#) through March 31, 2021. The protections under the CDC moratorium are not automatic. Tenants must fill out a form declaring that they meet certain eligibility requirements and give it to their landlord. You are eligible if you meet the following five criteria:

- Make less than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 if you file a joint tax return)
- Unable to make full rent “due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses”
- Making an effort to make timely, partial rent payments
- Used your “best efforts” to seek out and apply for all available [state or local rental assistance programs](#)
- At risk of homelessness or at risk of having to double up with others in cramped, close quarters if you were evicted

The moratorium is still in effect despite the Federal District Court of Eastern Texas ruling in [Terkel v. CDC](#) on February 25 that the vital measure violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The Justice Department [announced](#) that the federal government appealed the harmful decision. While renters are still protected under the moratorium, this ruling and its potential effects are deeply concerning. Learn more about court rulings on the federal eviction moratorium [here](#).

For more details about the moratorium and a sample declaration that renters can use, read NLIHC’s and NHLP’s [Overview of National Eviction Moratorium](#) and our [National Eviction Moratorium: FAQ for Renters \[Español\]](#). The declaration can be found in these languages:

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- HUD PIH and Office of Multifamily Housing have posted the declarative statement in these and other languages (20 in total) at <https://bit.ly/3iIlB0R>

## **HUD’s Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee reviews proposed changes to federal housing code**

The **Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC)** is a committee of **U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**. It has 21 members with seven members each representing consumers, producers, and government agencies, which includes several leaders from NMHOA and state manufactured home owner associations. It plays a role in the development of manufactured housing regulations. In January, the committee met to review [proposed changes](#) to the payments made to states for their participation in the federal program.

## **U.S. Department of Energy convenes manufactured housing working group**

In March, the **U.S. Department of Energy** will convene key stakeholders to form a working group to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and potential solutions for improving energy efficiency and affordability of manufactured homes. NMHOA has been invited to join this working group.

The goals of the group include: identifying key challenges to adoption of energy efficient manufactured housing; collecting and synthesizing existing research; engaging the finance industry to understand barriers and potential opportunities for lending in efficient manufactured housing; developing ideas for scalable state, local, and/or federal programs; developing ideas for engaging the philanthropic and non-profit community; and identifying opportunities to partner with existing manufactured housing programs.

## **Stay informed about the Coronavirus**

All forms of media are now dominated with information about the coronavirus, but some less reputable sources are spreading incomplete, misleading, false, or even malicious information. Stay informed but make sure that you are relying on reputable sources and, ideally, confirming the information with at least two sources. A couple of the best sources are the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [your own state health department](#).

**Members only** – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* – this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com) with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/membership.html>

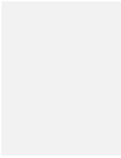
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***If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com). Your story will inspire and educate others.***



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