Module 5:

Determine Appropriate Actions

This Module is designed to teach Assessors/Inspectors how to determine and justify appropriate next actions based on a calculated hazard score when using the HUD Healthy Home Rating System (HHRS).

Learning Objectives

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

Let’s Recap

The HHRS rating is a thorough risk assessment of a dwelling. Keep in mind the following:

The resulting HHRS score determines the most hazardous deficiencies based on the evidence.

The HHRS Process

As we begin this module, let’s review the HHRS process. The HHRS is a four step process that includes:

Working with HHRS Scoring

No home is without health and safety hazards. The goal of the HHRS is to identify those that pose the greatest risk to the occupants.

Once the deficiencies and hazards have been identified, the likelihood and outcome judgments have been made, and the hazard scores have been calculated, the Assessor/Inspector can determine appropriate actions.

Final HHRS Assessment

As the HHRS Assessment is finalized, it may be determined that some hazards need additional testing (radon, lead, asbestos, etc.). Any additional test results should be considered in determining the final HHRS scores and repairs for those hazards. Once final HHRS scores have been determined, the Assessor/Inspector can develop a scope of work. The best interest of the occupants (most vulnerable) will dictate what steps to take. Assessors/Inspectors must be sure to document why/why not a repair or action is taken and ensure that the repair work is completed correctly to address the hazard.

HHRS Summary

The HHRS is designed to take into account REALITY and provide flexibility

For More Information

## For additional information on the HHRS, please contact [**Eric.w.hornbuckle@hud.gov**](mailto:Eric.w.hornbuckle@hud.gov) or visit HUD’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) website at [**www.hud.gov/healthyhomes**](http://www.hud.gov/healthyhomes)for the following resources:

* Overview of HHRS
* HHRS Hazards Chart
* Excel Scoring Tool
* Operating Guidance
* Paper Scoring Form and Examples