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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE TO TENANTS 2010 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Policy Changes

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that due to on-going budget constraints beginning **January 1, 2010** the HCV (formerly known as Section 8) will adopt the HUD-recommended Subsidy Standard of Two-Per-Bedroom.

This policy change eliminates from the subsidy standards policy that “The head of household (with spouse or co-head, if any) will be allocated a separate bedroom from other household members.”

What does this mean?

- Previously, the HA would issue a bedroom to the head of household, and one bedroom to every two persons thereafter.
- Effective January 1, 2010 the HA will issue a bedroom to every two persons in the household.

Not all households will be impacted. To see whether your family may be impacted, please see the examples below.

Example 1:

Mary Head of Household
Jane 12
John 15

Voucher Size Issued with old subsidy standards = 2
Voucher Size issued with new subsidy standards = 2 (No Impact)

Example 2:

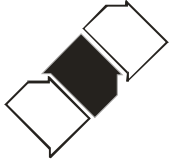
Mary Head of Household
Jane 12
John 15
Jake 24

Voucher Size Issued with old subsidy standards = 3
Voucher Size issued with new subsidy standards = 2 (Subsidy is reduced)

Subsidy Standard Chart

Family Size	Subsidy Standard (Voucher Size Issued)
1 - 2	1
3 - 4	2
5 - 6	3
7 - 8	4
9 - 10	5
11 - 12	6





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Exceptions to the Subsidy Standards

The HA shall grant exceptions to the subsidy standards if the family requests and the HA determines the exceptions are justified by the age, sex, health, handicap, or relationship of family members or other personal circumstances.

The HA will grant an exception upon request as an accommodation for persons with disabilities. Circumstances may dictate a larger size than the subsidy standards permit when persons cannot share a bedroom due to a documented need, such as:

- A verified medical or health reason;
- Elderly persons or person with disabilities who may require a live-in attendance; or
- If there is a need, which is documented by a health care provider, that an additional bedroom is needed for medical equipment. This will be verified by the HA during the annual inspection process.

Request for Exceptions to Subsidy Standards

The family may request a larger voucher size than indicated by the HA's subsidy standards. Such request must be made in writing within 10 business days of the HA's determination of bedroom size. The request must explain the need or justification for a larger bedroom. Documentation verifying the need or justification will be required as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or would like to view the HCV Administrative Plan Policy, please contact Jo Ann Bliss or Alisha Prewitt at (559) 445-8994.

Sincerely,

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