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PORTABILITY INFORMATION SHEET
TENANT BRIEFING

Participants in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are permitted to transfer their rental assistance from one Housing Agency's (HA) jurisdiction to another location.

You are eligible for Portability, under the following circumstances:

- 1) If you are a resident of this HA's jurisdiction at the time you were scheduled to receive Section 8 Assistance;
- 2) You were not a resident of this HA's jurisdiction at the time you were scheduled to receive Section 8 Assistance but rented an assisted unit for at least 12 months in this HA's Jurisdiction;
- 3) Neither of the above, but, in some instances, if the initial HA and receiving HA are in agreement.

If (1), (2) or (3) above describes your situation, you are eligible to transfer or "port out" to another jurisdiction.

- 1) Notify the initial HA of where they want to move;
- 2) Submit a Request for Tenancy Approval and proposed Lease to the receiving HA for approval no later than the Voucher termination date;
- 3) Comply with all HUD program rule-, regarding family obligations and receiving HA's administrative policies.

OBLIGATIONS OF INITIAL HA

- 1) Contract receiving HA to determine if it will:
 - (a) accept the Voucher and administer it on behalf of the initial HA;
 - (b) issue a Voucher of its, own;
- 2) The initial HA **must** verify to the receiving HA that the family is eligible for assistance, a Certificate/Voucher has been issued to the family and inform the receiving HA of the deadline by which the family must submit a Request for Lease Approval.

FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WHEN THINKING ABOUT RELOCATION UNDER THE PORTABILITY REGULATIONS

What MAY change for you if you move?

- 1) Fair Market Rent limits -- if you move outside of the county where you currently reside, the HA to which you are moving may have different Fair Market Rent limits (the total rent the landlord is entitled to charge). You must abide by the Fair Market Rent limit that apply in your new location.
- 2) Occupancy standards -- the municipality to which you are moving may require you to find an apartment of a different bedroom size to comply with local occupancy standards.

What WILL change for you if you move?

The goal of portability is to improve the quality of your family's life . When you are thinking of moving to another area, you should evaluate how your life will improve in terms of work, school, safety and services. You should make every effort to find out what opportunities your new community can offer you to make your move a successful one.

Signature

Date: