

Public Notice

Proposed Changes to Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan And Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)

The Hagerstown Housing Authority (HHA) has reviewed and made changes to its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). These policies govern the continued occupancy of residents in our Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing Programs. The changes made to these policies are to ensure compliance with federal regulations and state and local laws, as well as to allow HHA to adopt or change management practices and policies.

The change made to these policies is to adopt the use of the \$5,000 and under Asset Self-Certification for those Public Housing, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) families that have under \$5,000 in combined family assets. This self-certification is now allowed under LIHTC and HUD rules. Federal Register Vol. 82 No. 237 amends verification requirements to:

This rule amends the regulations so, for a family that has net assets equal to or less than \$5,000, an owner, at recertification, may accept a family's declaration that it has net assets equal to or less than \$5,000, without annually taking additional steps to verify the accuracy of the declaration. Third-party verification of all family assets will be required every 3 years.

By enacting the \$5,000 and under Asset Self-Certification provision, Third-party verification of assets would occur at:

- Initial certification
- Every 3rd year after initial certification for those families with under \$5,000 in net assets
- Every year after initial certification for those families with over \$5,000 in net assets

Residents of or applicants for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and any member of the Public may submit comments on the Proposed ACOP and Administration Plan changes during the public comment period. The 30-day comment period begins October 31, 2018 and ends November 30, 2018 (4:30pm). All comments must be received by 4:30pm on November 30, 2018 to be considered and must be in writing. The proposed changes will be posted for review on HHA's website at www.hagerstownha.com as well as the following locations:

- HHA Administrative Office (35 W. Baltimore Street)
- HHA Resident Services Office (11 W. Baltimore Street)
 - GWC Administrative Office (40 Elgin Blvd.)
 - CWB Building (45 W. Baltimore Street)

Mail comments to: Hagerstown Housing Authority
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Subject: Amended Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and HCV
Administrative Plan proposed changes

Fax comments to:
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Attention: Amended Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy
(ACOP) and HCV Administrative Plan