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To: Regional Administering Agencies

- From: Maryssa Schneider McLean, Deputy Director, Division of Rental Assistance
- Re: Guidance on Emergency Assistance Shelter Exit Vouchers

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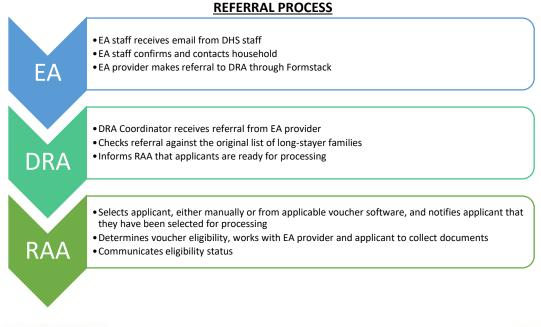
1.1 OVERVIEW

On August 8, 2023, the Healey/Driscoll Administration declared a state of emergency due to a severe lack of shelter in Massachusetts. In response, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) set aside 1,200 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) and Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) vouchers specifically designated for families exiting EOHLC's Emergency Assistance (EA) shelters ("exit vouchers").

These vouchers, both HCVP and MRVP, will be administered as regular vouchers and subject to Moving to Work (MTW) and MRVP policies. However, EOHLC is implementing a number of flexibilities in the eligibility, issuance, and leasing processes in order to facilitate lease-ups and thus expedite exits from the EA shelter system.

1.2 REFERRALS

EOHLC's Division of Housing Stabilization (DHS) compiled an initial list of families who had been in EA shelter for 18 months or more as of August 8, 2023, partnering with the Division of Rental Assistance (DRA) to refer those families to Regional Administering Agencies (RAAs) for voucher eligibility screening, issuance of vouchers, and leasing. EOHLC may in the future develop additional categories of families eligible for referral.



100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, Massachusetts 02114 Clear and prompt communication among DRA, DHS, the RAAs, and the EA providers is imperative.

1.2.1 Responsibilities of DHS and EA Providers

DHS will provide the EA providers with the names of families to be referred for vouchers. The EA providers will work with those families to complete and submit required documentation and information to the RAA in the jurisdiction in which the family prefers to reside. The EA providers will work with the families to provide housing search assistance, conduct landlord outreach and engagement, arrange move-in costs and landlord incentives, and promote tenant readiness (see Housing Search Assistance).

1.2.2 Responsibilities of DRA and RAAs

DRA's primary responsibilities include ensuring that families are referred to the proper RAA and providing clear and practicable guidance on HCVP and MRVP program requirements.

The RAAs are responsible for receiving the referred families, working with the families and EA staff to ensure submission of complete information, conducting eligibility screening, determining whether HCVP or MRVP is the appropriate program for the family, briefing the families and issuing vouchers, conducting the approval process for identified units, completing leasing and contracting documents, and providing continuing occupancy administration.

1.3 WAITING LIST MANAGEMENT

As these vouchers have been specifically set aside for this purpose (with MTW authority for HCVP and regulatory authority for MRVP), these direct referrals will not be added to the general HCVP or MRVP waiting lists.

EOHLC will add HCVP referrals to a designated voucher software waiting list for the purpose of creating a record in the database in order to process voucher issuances and leasing. RAAs will process MRVP referrals according to MRVP procedures.

1.4 FAMILY ELIGIBILITY

1.4.1 Overview

Families referred for HCVP or MRVP screening must meet at least the following minimum eligibility criteria for those programs.

| | НСVР | MRVP | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Income (household) | <u>Gross</u> income < 50% of AMI for the highest income limit in EOHLC's entire jurisdiction (usually Boston) for the family size, both at issuance and admission to the program | <u>Net</u> income ≤ 80% of AMI | |
| CORI (18+) | Mandatory Denials and | Mandatory Denials and | |
| | Discretionary Denials | Discretionary Denials | |

| | НСУР | MRVP |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| SORI (18+) | Mandatory Denials | Mandatory Denials |
| Immigration Status | Must have at least one family member with eligible immigration status | n/a |

1.4.2 RAA Screening

To determine eligibility, the RAA will need to review the family's documentation, including at least:

| | НСУР | MRVP | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Government- Issued Photo ID (18+) | Acceptable documents include: • Driver's license • State ID card • Passport • Permanent resident immigration card • Self-attestation form | Acceptable documents include: Driver's license State ID card Passport Permanent resident immigration card Self-attestation form | |
| Social Security Number | Acceptable documents include: Social Security card Documentation from Social Security Administration with number on it Military record such as DD214 | n/a (must provide if available) | |
| Proof of Age | Acceptable documents include: Birth certificate Mother's letter from hospital Passport Driver's license Self-attestation for minors including the member's full name, parent(s), precise date of birth, and location of birth | Acceptable documents include: Birth certificate Mother's letter from hospital Passport Driver's license Self-attestation for minors including the member's full name, parent(s), precise date of birth, and location of birth | |
| Immigration Status | Acceptable documents include: Birth certificate Passport Permanent resident immigration card (both sides) Must also provide declaration form for all family members, and RAA will run USCIS SAVE screening | n/a | |

Accordingly, for **initial screening**, each family must provide, at a minimum (see Appendix for forms):

- Completed and signed family certification form
- Documentation of all household income (self-attestation acceptable)
- Completed and signed asset self-certification form
- Documentation of citizenship or eligible immigration status (HCVP only; RAA can proceed with issuance even if only one family member has provided)

- Declaration of Citizenship form (HCVP only; RAA can proceed with issuance even if only one family member has provided)
- Photo ID (all adults; self-attestation acceptable)
- Social Security numbers (not required for MRVP)
- Date of birth (self-attestation acceptable)
- Authorization for release of information
- Signed CORI Authorization form for each adult, with appropriate verification
- Form HUD-52675 (HCVP only)
- Form HUD-92006(HCVP only)

From the time the RAA notifies the family that their application has been selected for processing, the family will have 45 calendar days to provide the documentation required for initial screening. EOHLC strongly encourages RAAs to work with families and shelter providers for in-person clinics and communication in order to complete and collect all available documentation, including documentation that will be needed for lease-up if available. If a referred family does not engage in the voucher eligibility process or cannot provide the minimum documents required for initial screening within 30 calendar days after the RAA's initial notice of selection, the RAA will provide a 15-calendar-day warning to the family, the shelter provider, and DHS. If all documents required for initial screening are not received within 15 calendar days from this warning notice, unless an extension has been issued, the RAA will end the voucher process for that family in order to allow for a new referral.

RAAs may issue extensions of up to an additional 15 calendar days on a case-by-case basis where families are in active communication and lack only limited documents or signed forms.

If an RAA ends the voucher process for a family, that RAA shall notify EOHLC's Targeted Voucher Program Coordinator in case a new referral can be made.

1.4.2.1 Mandatory Denials

For both HCVP and MRVP, RAAs are required to deny admission and assistance to any household member who:

- 1. Has been convicted for drug-related criminal activity for the manufacture or production of methamphetamine (at any location, not just on the premises of federally-assisted housing)
- 2. Is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender program

For HCVs, this is a federal statutory requirement. EOHLC and the RAAs must also deny admission to the program if any adult member of the family who will be housed with the voucher fails to sign and submit consent forms required for these vouchers, but must first notify the family in writing of these grounds for denial of admission. If an adult member fails to sign and submit required consent forms, the RAA may issue the voucher to the remaining members of the family, but the adult member who fails to sign and submit will not be included in the voucher household.

1.4.2.2 Discretionary Denials

EOHLC and the RAAs will consider the following as grounds for denial:

- If the RAA determines that any household member is currently engaged in, or has engaged in within the previous three years:
 - Violent criminal activity
 - Drug-related criminal activity
 - Other criminal activity that may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity
- Conviction for an egregious crime, regardless of time elapsed since the conviction
- If any member of the family has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any federal housing program within the previous 12 months
- If any member of the family engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward personnel of EOHLC or its designees within the previous 12 months
- If a family member is already receiving rental assistance from another voucher program

EOHLC expects the RAAs to apply these factors as part of the screening of referred households. Decisions to deny based on these factors must be made based on an individualized assessment of relevant mitigating information, including requests for reasonable accommodation. EOHLC expects RAAs to use discretion in favor of applicant households where appropriate, and the RAAs must heavily consider and give strong weight to mitigating information.

1.4.2.3 Duplicate Subsidy

Upon receipt of signed releases, the RAA must use HUD's EIV system to search for all household members using the Existing Tenant Search.

1.4.3 Income Verification

1.4.3.1 Self-Certification of Income

At eligibility screening and admission, EOHLC will permit self-attestation of all household income. Thirdparty verification (e.g. pay stubs, online printouts) remains the preferred method of verification, but in the absence of readily available third-party verification, applicants may submit a self-certification attesting to their reported income, assets, expenses, and other factors that would affect an income eligibility determination.

If a household has no income, applicants must submit self-certification attesting to that fact.

RAAs and shelter providers should remind households of the obligation to provide true and complete information, and RAAs will address any material discrepancies (i.e., unreported income or a substantial difference in reported income) that may arise later and families may be subject to voucher termination if the RAA discovers a material discrepancy on recertification or otherwise.

RAAs and shelter providers should also remind households that landlords may require them to provide third-party verification of income from employment, benefits, and other sources prior to lease-up or at recertification.

1.4.3.2 Income Validation

For HCVP, once HUD makes the EIV data available, the RAA must:

- Review the EIV Income and Income Validation Tool (IVT) reports to confirm and validate family-reported income within 90 days of the PIC submission date;
- Print and maintain copies of the EIV Income and IVT Reports in the tenant file; and
- Resolve any income discrepancy with the household within 60 days of the income report dates.

For MRVP, the RAA is not required to compare income reported by the household with income listed in Wage Match at eligibility.

Prior to admission, the RAA must use HUD's EIV system to search for all household members using the Existing Tenant Search.

If EOHLC or the RAA later determines that an ineligible household received assistance, the RAA must take steps to terminate that household from the program in accordance with applicable HCVP or MRVP policies.

1.4.4 Social Security Number and Immigration Status Verification

Families referred for MRVP vouchers are not required to provide a Social Security number or documentation of immigration status. However, if a family member has a Social Security number, they must provide it.

For HCVP, at least one family member must have eligible immigration status to be eligible for an HCVP voucher. For applicants who are unable to provide the required Social Security number or citizenship/immigration documentation during the initial eligibility determination, EOHLC will permit those individuals to provide the required documentation no later than 90 days after admission (lease-up) to the program. Rent calculations for families with mixed immigration status will follow the MTW policy described in Calculation of Rent Share.

If EOHLC or the RAA later determines that an ineligible household received assistance, the RAA must take steps to terminate that household from the program in accordance with applicable HCVP or MRVP policies.

1.4.5 Age and Disability Verification

EOHLC and the RAAs will accept self-certification of date of birth and disability status at voucher issuance if a higher form of verification is not immediately available. For date of birth, self-certification must include the member's full name, parent(s), precise date of birth, and location of birth. All self-certifications must be signed by the family member whose information or status is being verified. If self-certification is accepted, the RAA will verify the information, within 90 days of admission, in EIV and/or through other third-party verification. The RAA will note in the household's file that self-certification was used as initial verification and include an EIV printout or other third-party verification confirming the applicant's date of birth and/or disability status.

If EOHLC or the RAA later determines that a household received assistance or deductions to which they were not entitled, the RAA must take steps, as necessary, to make corrections or terminate that household from the program in accordance with applicable HCVP or MRVP policies.

1.5 HOUSING SEARCH AND LEASING

1.5.1 Issuance of Voucher

For each HCVP voucher, RAAs must perform a Calc 10 – Issuance of Voucher action and submit the record to PIC.

1.5.2 Initial Voucher Term

HCVP and MRVP vouchers will have an initial term of 120 calendar days, with extensions granted pursuant to program policies. For MRVP, RAAs can approve one 30-calendar-day extension. A second 30-calendar-day extension for MRVP can be requested from EOHLC (<u>thomas.timms@mass.gov</u>). Also, for MRVP, RAAs may grant additional extensions to persons with disabilities as a reasonable accommodation. For HCVP, RAAs can approve extensions either for reasonable accommodation or if necessary due to reasons beyond the family's control. The household must submit a Request for Tenancy Approval (RFTA; HCVP) or Request for Program Payment (RFPP; MRVP) within 120 days or any approved extension period.

1.5.3 Housing Search Assistance

Housing search assistance must be made available to EA households during their initial housing search. The housing search assistance shall be provided by EA service providers, with assistance from the RAAs (e.g. landlord outreach and engagement within their markets). At a minimum, housing search assistance should:

- Help individual households identify potentially available units during their housing search, including physically accessible units with features for family members with disabilities, as well as units in low-poverty neighborhoods;
- Provide transportation assistance and directions to potential units;
- Conduct landlord outreach and engagement, including marketing RAA-funded landlord incentives;
- Assist with collecting vital documents and with the completion of rental applications and EOHLC/RAA forms; and
- Provide approved move-in costs and landlord incentive payments.

1.5.4 Move-In/Financial Services

EOHLC will offer a \$500 issuance fee to an RAA for every HCVP exit voucher that RAA issues February 1, 2024 or later. EOHLC already offers a \$500 lease-up fee for MRVP vouchers.

EOHLC has also approved three types of financial benefits to facilitate and expedite leasing for families exiting EA shelter:

| HomeBASE | RAA | Landlord Incentives (via RAA) |
|--|---|---|
| Tenant's first month's rent portion Moving expenses Furniture Utility payments or arrearages Real estate broker fees Realtor incentive commission Security deposit (where not payable by RAA) One month bonus payment to the landlord | First month's Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)/Voucher Payment Monthly HAP/Voucher payments One-time security deposit | Flexible, landlords may access up to \$4,000 for items including: Lease-up/sign-on incentive of one month's rent Inspection repairs (needed to pass inspection) Fund for tenant-caused damages beyond regular wear and tear in excess of the security deposit The landlord may request the maximum amount of \$4,000 for each successful lease up |

Note that a landlord cannot receive both HomeBASE's one-month bonus payment and the RAAs' one-month lease-up/sign-on incentive payment.

1.5.5 Inspections

MRVP

All MRVP units must meet the minimum standards of fitness for human habitation as outlined in the State Sanitary Code. MRVP regulations call for the Board of Health of a municipality to conduct inspections to certify that a unit complies with the State Sanitary Code. If a municipality is unable to conduct the inspection, MRVP regulations permit an inspection by another local code enforcement entity or other certified inspector, such as an inspector qualified to complete Section 8 Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections, to be substituted for the Board of Health inspection.

While MRVP does not normally pay for inspections, EOHLC has allowed a waiver for administering agencies to make those payments. EOHLC will reimburse administering agencies for this cost.

<u>HCVP</u>

HUD requires that all units occupied by families receiving HCVP assistance meet HUD's HQS requirements. The RAA will conduct an initial HQS inspection of a proposed unit. Subject to Owner Self-Certification below, the unit must pass inspection before the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract is signed and before a family can move into the unit.

The RAAs shall make every effort to fast-track the inspection process for the exit vouchers, including adjusting the normal inspection schedule for any required reinspections.

Except as outlined below, all EOHLC HQS requirements apply to HCVP exit vouchers.

1.5.5.1 HQS Pre-Inspections

To expedite the leasing process and develop a pool of eligible units, RAAs may pre-inspect available units that households may be interested in leasing. If a household selects a unit that passed a HQS pre-inspection (without intervening occupancy) within 45 days of the date of the RFTA, the unit may be approved provided that it meets all other conditions under <u>24 CFR 982.305</u>.

Households shall not be required to accept a pre-inspected unit and will remain able to select their own unit.

1.5.5.2 Conducting an Initial Inspection While the Unit Is Still Occupied

If necessary, RAAs may conduct initial inspections on units occupied at the time of inspection.

1.5.5.3 Owner Self-Certification

EOHLC will permit households to lease up and HAP payments to commence based on an owner's written certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies in or around the unit. Where self-certification is used, the RAA must inspect the unit as soon as practicable, but no later than two months from the date of the owner's certification.

Where a unit has failed inspection, the owner may self-certify to the RAA that the required non-life-threatening repairs have been completed.

If a child under six will be residing in the unit, the owner must provide valid and official documentation of lead compliance, and may not self-certify lead compliance.

1.5.5.4 Biennial Inspections

After leasing, RAAs will conduct regular inspections on a biennial basis. EOHLC and the RAAs reserve the right to inspect a unit on an annual basis if needed. Tenants and owners may request a complaint inspection at any time.

1.5.6 Shared Housing

Shared housing is a single housing unit occupied by an assisted family and another resident or residents. The shared unit consists of both common space for use by the occupants of the unit and separate private space for each assisted family. Following <u>24 CFR 982.615 through 982.618</u> and EOHLC's <u>HCVP</u> <u>Administrative Plan</u>, § 19.5, EOLHC permits shared housing arrangements for families using exit vouchers. Pursuant to <u>760 CMR 49.08</u>, EOHLC is extending this authorization for shared housing arrangements to MRVP vouchers as well as HCVP.

1.5.7 Master Leasing

HCVP HAP contracts and MRVP Voucher Payment contracts allow for master leasing arrangements, in which a service provider or other entity would contract as direct lessee with the property owner and would serve as "owner" for the purposes of the HAP/Voucher Payment contracts. The lessee "owner" would then sub-lease to families who are struggling to lease and might need an option such as this to build tenant history and creditability. Pursuant to <u>760 CMR 49.08</u>, EOHLC is extending this authorization for master leasing to MRVP vouchers as well as HCVP.

1.5.8 Initial Lease Term

Generally, the initial lease term is for at least 12 months. In two situations, HCVP and MRVP exit voucher holders may enter into an initial lease that is for less than 12 months:

• If the lease begins mid-month, the term of the lease should be for one year less the portion of the first month prior to the lease commencement date (subsequent lease terms would ordinarily be for one-year terms unless the lease form specifies otherwise).

or

• Where EOHLC or the RAA determines and can clearly document that: (i) such shorter term would improve housing opportunities for the tenant; and (ii) the family would otherwise be unable to find housing in the particular rental market.

In these cases, a lease should be for a minimum of six months.

1.5.9 Payment Standard Schedule

Usual payment standard policies for HCVP and MRVP will apply to the exit vouchers, except that:

- In keeping with Executive Order #285, the payment standards for units in Lynn will be 100% of metro-wide 2024 fair market rents.
- For HCVP vouchers for units outside of Lynn, RAAs will use 120% of the higher of small area fair market rent or metro-wide fair market rent for the voucher or unit size.
- For MRVP vouchers for units outside of Lynn, RAAs will use 110% of the higher of small area fair market rent or metro-wide fair market rent for the voucher or unit size.

1.5.10 Rent Reasonableness

All rent reasonableness requirements apply, and do not depend on payment standards.

1.5.11 Calculation of Rent Share

RAAs will calculate family rent shares as per regular HCVP or MRVP policy, as applicable.

However, for families with mixed immigration status choosing an HCVP voucher, EOHLC will utilize its MTW policy allowing a flat increase in rent rather than by HUD's proration policy based on the percentage of family members with eligible immigration status. Instead, families with mixed status will pay an additional 10% of their Total Tenant Payment regardless of the number of family members without citizenship or eligible immigration status.

1.5.12 Affordability

For HCVP, at the time a family initially receives tenant-based assistance for occupancy of a dwelling unit, and where the gross rent of the unit exceeds the applicable payment standard for the family, the family

share cannot exceed 40% of the family's monthly adjusted income. For MRVP, the family share cannot exceed 40% of the family's net monthly income. The MRVP calculation sheet will display a warning if the gross rent appears to be too high at initial occupancy and will list the maximum gross rent for the household.

1.5.13 Portability

The normal portability procedures and requirements apply to HCVP exit vouchers. Portability is not applicable to MRVP vouchers.

1.6 CONTINUED OCCUPANCY

After initial lease-up, and other than specified in this guidance, standard HCVP and MRVP policies for continued occupancy (including but not limited to moves, portability, terminations, and appeals) shall apply.

However, the goal is for households exiting shelter to maintain stable housing, so it is expected that EOHLC and the RAAs will exercise care and consideration of households' needs and mitigating circumstances before resorting to adverse actions.

1.6.1 MTW Flexibilities

The HCVP exit vouchers are MTW vouchers and are subject to the same policies as other MTW vouchers.

1.7 FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) PROGRAM

HCVP households are eligible to participate in FSS. MRVP participants may participate in the State Self-Sufficiency Program, if the RAA already participates in the program.

Appendix: Required Eligibility Forms and Documentation

| Document | Notes | Form Attached? |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Completed and signed family certification form | | Yes |
| Documentation of all household income | Self-attestation via family certification form is acceptable (with follow-up later) | |
| Completed and signed asset self-certification form | | Yes |
| Documentation of eligible immigration status (HCV only) | RAAs can proceed with issuance of an HCV with documentation from one member, but will need to obtain later for the rest of the family | |
| Declaration of Citizenship form | RAAs can proceed with issuance of an HCV with documentation from one member, but will need to obtain later for the rest of the family | Yes |
| Photo ID (all adults) | Self-attestation is acceptable (with follow- up later) | Yes |
| Social Security number | RAAs can proceed with issuance of an HCV with documentation from one member, but will need to obtain later for the rest of the family (required for MRVP only if family has Social Security number) | |
| Date of birth | Self-attestation is acceptable (with follow- up later) | |
| Authorization for release of information | | Yes |
| Signed CORI Authorization form for each adult | | Yes |
| Form HUD-52675 | HCV only | Yes |
| Form HUD-92006 | HCV only | Yes |

FAMILY CERTIFICATION FORM EA EXIT VOUCHERS (HCVP AND MRVP)

Instructions: The Head of Household must complete and submit this form at the time of regular and, if required, interim recertification. Every item listed below must be completed on behalf of <u>every member of the household</u>. The form must be signed by the Head of Household.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

| Head of Household/Participant Name | Last Four Digits of SS No. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Head of Household/Participant Address | |
| Home Telephone: | Email Address: |
| Cell Phone: | Best Time to Call: |
| Completed By: | Date: |

1. On the chart below please list all household members living in your unit 50% or more of the time. If you need additional space, please attach another page. Make sure to indicate which question you are answering.

| Full Name of Member | Relation- ship to Head of Household | DOB | Sex | Ethni- city | Race | Income | Source of Income | Disabled | Full Time Student |
|--|--|-----|-----|----------------|----------------------|------------|---|----------|-------------------------|
| | | | □м | □н | □1 □2 | | UWages | □ Yes | □ Yes |
| | Head | | □F | □NH | □3 □4 □5 | \$/ per | Child Support TANF Pension Other | 🗆 No | 🗆 No |
| | | | □м | □н | □1 □2 | | Wages SS/SSI/SSDI | □ Yes | □ Yes |
| | | | □F | □nh | □3 □4 □5 | \$/ per | Child Sup/Alimony Pension TANF Other | □ No | □ No |
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| | | | □F | □NH | □3 □4 □5 | \$/ per | Child Sup/Alimony Pension TANF Other | □ No | □ No |
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| | | | □F | □nh | | \$/ per | Child Sup/Alimony Pension TANF Other | □ No | □ No |
| Sex Categories: M = Male F = Female X = Non-Binary/Other | | | | | | | | | |

Ethnicity Categories: H = Hispanic NH = Non Hispanic

Race Categories:

1 = White 2 = Black/African American 3 = American Indian/Alaska native 4 = Asian

5 = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

| What is the primary language spoken in your home? | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| English Spanish or Spanish Creole Portuguese or Portuguese Creole Vietnamese | | | | | | | |
| French Creole Italian Russian Chinese Mon-Khmer, Cambodian | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| B. If you prefer to receive written communication from in a language other than English, please check the langue that you prefer. EOHLC is required to provide written translation of materials for languages spoken by a significant percentage of households in its jurisdiction. Accordingly, EOHLC will provide translation or interpretation services for the languages indicated below: | | | | | | | |
| English Spanish or Spanish Creole Portuguese or Portuguese Creole Vietnamese | | | | | | | |
| French Creole Italian Russian Chinese Mon-Khmer, Cambodian | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

OTHER INCOME

4. If you selected "Other Income" for any household member, complete the table below by entering the monthly amount and name of household member who receives that type of income.

| Income | Amount Per Month | Name of Household Member |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Commissions, Tips, Bonuses, & Other Income | | |
| Disability or Death Benefits | | |
| Veteran's Benefits | | |
| Veteran's Disability Benefits | | |
| Payments for a Member of the Armed Services If yes, is the Armed Services member exposed | | |
| to hostile fire? Yes No | | |
| Unemployment Benefits | | |
| Interests, Dividends or Capital Gains | | |
| Lottery or Gambling Winnings | | |
| Real Estate or Rental Property Income | | |
| Income from an Inheritance | | |
| Insurance, Retirement, Pension, Life Insurance | | |
| Payments for Support of a Foster Child | | |
| Regular monetary or non-monetary gifts | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Describe | | |

Adjusted Income

Childcare Deduction

- 5. Is the family paying for care of children under age 13 so an adult can work? \Box Yes \Box No
- 6. Is the family paying for the care of children under age 13 so an adult can attend education or job training classes?
- 7. Is the family paying for the care of children under age 13 so an adult can look for work? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No

Disability Expense Deduction (Eligible only if the head of household, co-head and/or spouse is elderly or disabled)

- 8. Is the family paying for care or apparatus for a disabled family member so that an adult family member can work?
- 9. If yes, list name(s) of person with disability who is receiving care or using the apparatus:

Name of disabled family member receiving care or using apparatus

10. Cost of care or apparatus: \$______per month

Un-reimbursed Medical Expense Deduction (Eligible only if the head of household, co-head and/or spouse is elderly or disabled)

- 11. Does the family expect un-reimbursed medical expenses over the period covered by the certification?
- 12. List names of family members who expect un-reimbursed medical expenses:

Name of Family Member

Name of Family Member

13. Check type of **<u>un-reimbursed</u>** medical expenses anticipated and enter annual expense:

| Type of Expense | Check if Applicable | Annual Amount |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Medical insurance premiums (including Medicare) | | |
| Doctor visits | | |
| Dentist visits | | |
| Dentures, bridgework, or crowns | | |
| Eye doctor visits | | |
| Eyeglasses or contact lenses | | |
| Clinic visits | | |
| Therapy (physical or emotional) | | |
| Lab fees, x-rays, blood work | | |
| Prescription medicine | | |
| Non-prescription medicine | | |
| Hearing aid batteries | | |
| In-home health care | | |
| Medical Transportation | | |
| Medical apparatus (owned or rented) | | |
| Assistive animal expense | | |
| Hospice care | | |
| Other (describe) | | |
| Other (describe) | | |

Participant Certification

Third-party verification of the above information will be completed and the results will be electronically transmitted to the HUD data collection system. Please refer to the Federal Privacy Act Statement for more information on its use.

I hereby certify that the above information on household composition, income, and assets is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false statements or information can be grounds for termination of Section 8 Housing Voucher Program assistance and for punishment under state and federal laws. Title 18, Section 1001 of the United States Code states that a person who knowingly and willfully makes a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement within the jurisdiction of the United States Government shall be fined and/or imprisoned.

If there are any changes in income, expenses, and/or household composition prior to my reexamination effective date and which are different than what I reported on this reexamination questionnaire, I understand that I am required to notify the agency prior to the effective date of reexamination. I understand that these changes will affect my rent determination.

Date



ASSET INCOME SELF-CERTIFICATION

Applicants and participants who are part of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities' (EOHLC) rental assistance programs must provide verification of income related to assets. The head of household is required to complete and sign this form on behalf of the entire household.

| | | Participant ID No | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|----------|
| Applicant/Participant Name | | | |
| | | | |
| Applicant/Participant Address | City, State | | Zip Code |
| Is the value of all household assets more than \$50,000? | □Yes | □No | |

Regardless of the amount, please specify below.

| Description | Asset Value |
|--|-------------|
| Stocks and/or bonds | |
| Cash Value of Life Insurance Policy | |
| Real Property total assessed value | |
| Checking account | |
| Savings account | |
| Burial plots | |
| Inheritances, lottery winnings, insurance settlements | |
| Cash value of Trusts | |
| IRA, Keough, or other retirement savings | |
| Personal property held as an investment such as gems, jewelry, coin collections, antique cars, etc. | |
| Assets disposed of less than fair market value during the two years preceding certification or recertification | |
| Lump sum payments from insurance settlements or legal claims | |
| Other (please, specify) | |
| Total | |

I certify that the information given to EOHLC on family assets is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that false statements or information are punishable by federal law. I also understand that false statements or information are grounds for termination of housing assistance with EOHLC.

This form will be reviewed by an RAA staff member.

Signature of Applicant or Participant

Date

Date

RAA Staff Signature

WARNING! Title 18, Section 1001 of the United States Code, states that a person who knowingly and willfully makes a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement within the jurisdiction of the United States Governments shall be fined and/or imprisoned.

DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS (SECTION 214)

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND TENANTS:

In order to be eligible to receive the housing assistance you seek, you, as an applicant or current recipient of housing assistance, must be lawfully within the U.S. Please read the Declaration statements carefully, check that which applies to you, and sign and return the document to the Housing Authority Office. Please feel free to consult with an immigration lawyer or other immigration expert of your choosing.

I, _____, certify, under penalty of perjury <u>1</u>/, that, to the best of my knowledge, I am lawfully within the United States because (please check the appropriate box):

- () I am a citizen by birth, a naturalized citizen or a national of the United States; or
- () I have eligible immigration status and I am 62 years of age or older. Attach evidence of proof of age <u>2</u>/; or
- () I have eligible immigration status as checked below (see reverse side of this form for explanations). Attach INS document(s) evidencing eligible immigration status and a signed verification consent form.
 - () Immigrant status under §101(a)(15) or 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) <u>3</u>/; or
 - () Permanent residence under §249 of INA $\underline{4}$; or
 - () Refugee, asylum, or conditional entry status under §§207, 208, or 203 of the INA <u>5</u>/; or

(Date)

- () Parole status under §§212(d)(5) of the INA 6/; or
- () Threat to life or freedom under $\frac{243}{h}$ of the INA $\frac{7}{;}$ or
- () Amnesty under §245 of the INA 8/.

(Signature of Family Member)

() Check box if signature is of adult residing in the unit who is responsible for child named on statement above.

FOR HA ONLY: INS/SAVE Primary Verification #: _____ Date: _____

<u>1</u>/ **Warning:** 18 U.S.C. 1001 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willfully makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

The following footnotes pertain to noncitizens who declare eligible immigration status in one of the following categories:

- <u>2</u>/ Eligible immigration status and 62 years of age or older. For noncitizens who are 62 years of age or older or who will be 62 years of age or older and receiving assistance under a Section 214 covered program on June 19, 1995. If you are eligible and elect to select this category, you must include a document providing evidence of proof of age. No further documentation of eligible immigration status is required.
- <u>3</u>/ Immigrant status under §§101(a)(15) or 101(a)(a)(20) of INA. A noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence, as defined by §101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as an immigrant, as defined by §101(a)(15) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20) and 1101(a)(15), respectively [*immigrant status*]. This category includes a noncitizen admitted under §§210 or 210A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1160 or 1161), [*special agricultural worker status*], who has been granted lawful temporary resident status.
- 4/ Permanent residence under §249 of INA. A noncitizen who entered the U.S. before January 1, 1972, or such later date as enacted by law, and has continuously maintained residence in the U.S. since then, and who is not ineligible for citizenship, but who is deemed to be lawfully admitted for permanent residence as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General under §249 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1259) [amnesty granted under INA 249].
- 5/ **Refugee, asylum, or conditional entry status under §§207, 208 or 203 of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. pursuant to an admission under §207 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1157) [*refugee status*]; pursuant to the granting of asylum (which has not been terminated) under §208 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1158 [*asylum status*]; or as a result of being granted conditional entry under §203(a)(7) of the INA (U.S.C. 1153 (a)(7)) before April 1, 1980, because of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion or because of being uprooted by catastrophic national calamity [*conditional entry status*].
- 6/ **Parole status under §212(d)(5) of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of an exercise of discretion by the Attorney General for emergent reasons or reasons deemed strictly in the public interest under §212(d)(5) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)[parole status].
- 7/ **Threat to life or freedom under §243(h) of INA.** A noncitizen who is lawfully present in the U.S. as a result of the Attorney General's withholding deportation under §243(h) of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1253(h) [*threat to life or freedom*].
- <u>8</u>/ **Amnesty under §245A of INA.** A noncitizen lawfully admitted for temporary or permanent residence under §245A of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1255a)[*amnesty granted under INA 245A*].

Instructions to Housing Authority: Following verification of status claimed by persons declaring eligible immigration status (other than for noncitizens age 62 or older and receiving assistance on June 19, 1995), HA must enter INS/SAVE Verification Number and date that it was obtained. A HA signature is not required.

Instructions to Family Member For Completing Form: On opposite page, print or type first name, middle initial(s), and last name. Place an "X" or " $\sqrt{}$ " in the appropriate boxes. Sign and date at bottom of page. Place an "X" or " $\sqrt{}$ " in the box below the signature if the signature is by the adult residing in the unit who is responsible for Child.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Maura T. Healey, Governor 🔶 Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor 🔶 Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Secretary

SELF-ATTESTATION: UNABLE TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO ID

If able, all applicants and participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program must provide a government-issued photo ID (age 18+), birth certificate, and Social Security card. If you and/or another member of your household are unable, despite reasonable efforts, to provide a government-issued photo ID, you may self-attest to that fact.

I, ______ (head of household), certify that I am unable to provide government-issued photo identification for the following members of the household, which may include myself:

| Date of Birth |
|-----------------------|
| Date of Birth |
| Date of Birth |
| Date of Birth |
| Date of Birth |

I am unable to provide government-issued photo ID because (check all that apply):

- □ Household member(s) requested/applied for government-issued photo ID but will not obtain it in a timely manner.
- □ Household member(s) does not have documents required to obtain governmentissued photo ID.
- □ Government-issued photo ID was lost, stolen, destroyed, and/or expired and has not yet been replaced.
- Other (provide reason): ______

I understand that I must provide:

• Either a birth certificate OR Social Security card for each household member, including myself, who is unable to obtain government-issued photo ID to be eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program;

- Any photo ID that I do have for any household member unable to provide a government-issued photo ID;
- Any and all documentation _____ (RAA) deems necessary to verify the identity, income, and assets of my household; and
- Government-issued photo ID and any other vital documents obtained in the future.

Signed under the penalties of perjury.

Signature of head of household* *If typed, my typed name represents my signature. Date

The English version of this form is the official version and must be signed.



Authorization for the Release of Information

Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities ("EOHLC")

Purpose:

EOHLC and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and administering agencies, including Metro Housing Boston, may use information, data, documents and other materials ("information") obtained with this Authorization for any of the following purposes:

- To verify salary, wages and assets
- To request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and IRS
- To administer and enforce program rules and policies.
- To determine initial and continuing eligibility for programs
- To determine the appropriate bedroom size
- To determine the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities
- To analyze utility consumption data for purposes related to energy conservation
- To comply with HUD and other laws, rules and regulations
- To make referrals to other EOHLC-funded programs or MTW initiatives for recruitment and outreach purposes (there is no obligation to participate in these programs)
- To inform external evaluations or academic research conducting reviews of EOHLC programs and MTW initiatives with the goal of analyzing program usage, or increasing program efficiency and efficacy
- For certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement
- To federal agencies for employment suitability
- To housing authorities for the purpose of determining housing assistance

Who Must Sign the Consent Form

Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

Authorization and Expiration of Authorization:

This Authorization will expire in 15 months, if recertification is annual, in 27 months, if recertification is biennial, and in 39 months, if recertification is triennial, after the date set forth below.

I authorize the release, at all times while this Authorization remains in effect, to EOHLC, HUD, and/or their agents and administering agencies, of any information about me, my family or the leased premises that is pertinent to any of the purposes specified above, including my initial and continuing eligibility for participation in any of EOHLC's rental assistance programs.

Individuals or Organizations That May Release Information: Any individual, governmental or other organization including the following is hereby authorized to release information at any time while this Authorization remains in effect:

- Banks and Other Financial Institutions
- Courts
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Credit Bureaus
- Employers (past and present)
- Landlords
- Schools and Colleges
- State Wage Information Collection Agencies (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation received during period(s) within the last 5 years when assisted housing benefits have been received)
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends])
- U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self-employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(I)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- The Massachusetts Department of Revenue
- Utility Companies
- Welfare Agencies
- Department of Revenue
- Providers of Alimony, Child Care, Child Support, Credit, Handicapped Assistance, Medical Care, Pensions/Annuities
- Registry of Motor Vehicles
- INS/SAVE
- Federal, State, Tribal, or local agencies that conduct computer-matching programs

HUD and EOHLC are required to protect the income information they obtain in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. EOHLC is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Failure to Sign Consent Form:

Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to EOHLC's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

Conditions:

I agree that photocopies of this Authorization may be used for the purposes stated on this Authorization for Release of Information form.

I understand that Information obtained by means of this Authorization will be used exclusively for the purposes stated above, and that the Information will be released to others only as reasonably appropriate to further such purposes, unless otherwise provided by Law. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

| Printed Name of Head of Household | Signature of Head of Household | Date |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Printed Name of Co-Head of Household | Signature of Co-Head of Household | Date |
| Printed Name of Spouse | Signature of Spouse | Date |
| Printed Name of Other Adult Tenant | Signature of Other Adult Tenant | Date |
| Printed Name of Other Adult Tenant | Signature of Other Adult Tenant | Date |
| Printed Name of Other Adult Tenant | Signature of Other Adult Tenant | Date |
| Printed Name of Other Adult Tenant | Signature of Other Adult Tenant | Date |
| Printed Name of Other Adult Tenant | Signature of Other Adult Tenant | Date |

I understand that, if I do not sign this Authorization, my housing assistance may be denied or terminated.

Privacy Act Notice. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security number of each household member who is eligible to receive a Social Security number.

Other Uses. HUD and EOHLC use your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide.

Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security numbers you, and all other household members eligible to receive a Social Security number, have and use. Giving the Social Security numbers of all household eligible to receive a Social Security number is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security numbers may affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent: HUD and EOHLC and any owner (or any employee of HUD, EOHLC or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on this Release Form is restricted to the purposes cited on this Release Form. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, EOHLC, or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.



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This form is not to be faxed. Please return form to organization. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

Acknowledgement Form

To be used by organizations conducting CORI checks for housing purposes.

is registered under the

(Organization)

provisions of M.G.L. c.6, § 172 to receive CORI for the purpose of screening applicants for the rental or lease of housing. As an applicant for the rental or lease of housing, I understand that a CORI check will be submitted for my personal information to the DCJIS. I hereby acknowledge and provide permission to

(Organization)

to submit a CORI check for my information to the DCJIS. This authorization is valid for one year from the date of my signature. I may withdraw this authorization at any time by providing

(Organization)

with written notice of my intent to withdraw consent to a CORI check.

By signing below, I provide my consent to a CORI check and affirm that the information provided on Page 2 of this Acknowledgement Form is true and accurate.

Signature of CORI Subject

Date



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SUBJECT INFORMATION

Please complete this section using the information of the person whose CORI you are requesting. The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields.

| * First Name: | Middle Initial: | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| * Last Name: | Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.): | | | | |
| Former Last Name 1: | | | | | |
| Former Last Name 2: | | | | | |
| Former Last Name 3: | | | | | |
| Former Last Name 4: | | | | | |
| * Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): Place of Birth: _ | | | | | |
| * Last SIX digits of Social Security Number: | □ No Social Security Number | | | | |
| Sex: Height: ft in. Eye Color: | Race: | | | | |
| Driver's License or ID Number: | State of Issue: | | | | |
| Father's Full Name: | | | | | |
| Mother's Full Name: | | | | | |
| Current Address | | | | | |
| * Street Address: | | | | | |
| Apt. # or Suite: *City: | *State: *Zip: | | | | |
| SUBJECT VERIFICATION | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

The above information was verified by reviewing the following form(s) of government-issued identification:

Verified by:

Print Name of Verifying Employee

Signature of Verifying Employee

Date



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS

Paperwork Reduction Notice: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response. This includes the time for respondents to read the document and certify, and any record keeping burden. This information will be used in the processing of a tenancy. Response to this request for information is required to receive benefits. The agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB Number is 2577-0266, and expires 06/30/2026.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

- 1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
- 2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
- 3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
- 4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
- 5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
- 6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e., abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.

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Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, a PHA may terminate your current rental assistance and deny your future request for HUD rental assistance, subject to PHA policy.

How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date or such other period consistent with State Law.

What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

- 1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD, subject to 24 CFR Part 16.
- 2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
- 3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
- 4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
- 5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you disagree with the reported information, you should contact in writing the PHA who has reported this information about you. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. HUD's record retention policies at 24 CFR Part 908 and 24 CFR Part 982 provide that the PHA may destroy your records three years from the date your participation in the program ends. To ensure the availability of your records, disputes of the original debt or termination information must be made within three years from the end of participation date; otherwise the debt and termination information will be presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record.

Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

| This Notice was provided by the below-listed PHA: | I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the <i>Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination N</i> otice: | |
|---|---|------|
| | Signature | Date |

Printed Name

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

| Applicant Name: | | | |
|--|---|--------|--|
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| Telephone No: | Cell Phone No: | | |
| Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization | : | | |
| Address: | | | |
| Telephone No: | Cell Phone No: | | |
| E-Mail Address (if applicable): | | | |
| Relationship to Applicant: | | | |
| Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply) | | | |
| Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance | Assist with Recertification P Change in lease terms Change in house rules | rocess | |
| Eviction from unit Late payment of rent | Other: | | |
| Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you. | | | |
| Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law. | | | |
| Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. | | | |
| Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact information. | | | |
| | | | |
| Signature of Applicant | | Date | |

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing and maintained as confidential information. Providing the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.