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NOTICE

Public Housing Program

Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy - Updates

On the other side you will find a summary of changes to be made to the Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy [ACOP] governing the Public Housing Program. For exact wording and details please refer to the draft on-line copy at www.dekcohousing.com or the main office.

At this time we are soliciting comments from the public. A public hearing will be held on November 30, 2016 at the address listed above. The proposed updates will be presented for adoption by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners at the December 20, 2016 public meeting with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

If you have comments regarding the updates, please write them on the bottom portion of this notice and return them to 310 N. 6th Street, DeKalb IL, 60115, Attn: Michelle Perkins or email requests@dekcohousing.com.

Comments regarding proposed ACOP Updates

Name: _____ Date: _____

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**Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy for the
Public Housing Program**
Summary of Changes

Throughout the 18 Chapters governing the Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy the following changes have been made:

- General grammar, typo corrections and document formatting changes have been made throughout the policy.
- Language has been added and or removed to clarify the existing policies as recommended by NMA.
- Modification to the Local Preferences:
 - Modify the working preference to remove “30 hours or more a week” and no longer stipulate the amount of hours, only that they are verifiably employed.
 - Remove the Involuntary Displacement Preference
- Regulatory updates have been added or modified to be current with HUD regulations and PIH Notices. The bulk of revisions come in the form of changes brought about by the Streamlining Administration Regulations Final Rule, issued March 8, 2016, in addition to Notice PIH 2016-05 and PIH 2016-06, which set forth implementation guidance for the final rule.
- Updates supporting the *Federal Register* notice regarding the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA).
- Policy changes concerning flat rent requirements mandated under the 2014 appropriations act and outlined in Notice PIH 2014-12 and its accompanying PIH-Issued FAQs.
- Updated policies regarding service animals, assistance animals, and pets, incorporating the latest guidance including Notice FHEO 2013-1
- A revised clarifications regarding the definition of *extremely low-income (ELI)* family, area median income and other requirements as per the *Federal Register* notice published June 25, 2014
- Updates to the list of federally mandated income exclusions as published in the *Federal Register*
- Updates to policies on the use of arrest records per Notice PIH 2015-19
- Clarification on the Community Service Requirement
- Clarifications regarding the definition of tuition, as specified in Notice PIH 2015-21

Changes are supported and or recommended by our purchased service contract with Nan McKay & Associates. Specifically, the guidance released on CDs for October 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016.