



*"Committed to Safe and Affordable Housing"*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Moving with a Project-Based Section 8 Voucher**

**1. *Can I move from my Project-Based Section 8 assisted apartment and keep my Section 8 rent subsidy?***

After **one year** of residency in a Project-Based Section 8 subsidized unit, you may be eligible to move if:

- ✓ You are in good standing with your lease, and are current with your rent
- ✓ You are in compliance with any social service contract between you and the housing development and/ or between you and HPD, if applicable
- ✓ YHA has the funds and available Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

**2. *How do I request to move?***

Notify your landlord and submit a copy of a 20-day notice to move between the 1st and the 10th of the month. YHA will conduct a review to determine if you are eligible to move. The process may take up to 14 calendar days.

**3. *How soon will I get my Housing Choice Voucher after I request to move?***

Once YHA approves your request to move you will be placed on YHA's Section 8 wait list. Depending on voucher availability, you may be on the wait list. How long you are on the wait list before receiving a voucher depends on voucher availability. If vouchers are not available, wait times will be longer. Once YHA has pulled you from the wait list, you will receive notification by mail to attend a mandatory new family briefing at YHA. At the briefing, you will receive your voucher and a blank Landlord Package. The Landlord Package is to be completed by your new landlord.

**4. *How long is an HCV move voucher valid?***

A move voucher is valid for up to 120 days (approximately four months), with requested extensions. You must find a new apartment and return a completed Landlord Package by the end of the 120 day period. If you cannot find an apartment within 120 days, you must wait another 12 months until you can request to move again.

**5. *What happens if my HCV move voucher expires and I haven't found an apartment?***

You will not be eligible for a move voucher for another 12 months.

**6. *Do I continue to pay my current landlord rent while I am searching for new housing?***

Yes, you must continue to pay your rent and comply with all Project-Based Section 8 program rules and regulations. If applicable, you must also continue to comply with the buildings rules, code of conduct, and any social service contract you may be under between you and your housing development.

**7. *What is a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection?***

An HQS inspection determines whether a subsidized apartment is decent, safe, and sanitary and meets the minimum physical standards established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A passed HQS inspection is mandatory before HPD will subsidize an apartment.

**8. *Once I return the Landlord Package to YHA, when can I move in?***

You may not move until you have received approval from YHA.

**9. *Does YHA pay moving-related costs?***

YHA does not pay any moving fees, real estate broker fees or security deposits. You must decide if you can afford to make such payments **before** you initiate the move process. In addition, YHA will not make rental payments for two units for the same month. If you fail to completely move out by the date indicated on your new admission and you occupy two units at the same time, you will be responsible to your previous landlord for the full contract rent.

**DO NOT MOVE UNLESS YHA GIVES YOU WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION. FAILURE TO FOLLOW SECTION 8 RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR SECTION 8 SUBSIDY.**