

Public Notice
Proposed Changes to Section 8
Administrative Plan

The Hagerstown Housing Authority (HHA) has reviewed and made changes to its Section 8 Administrative Plan under ***Section 5.0 Selecting Families From the Waiting List, Item 5.1.1 Ready by 21***. These policies govern the selection of applicants/participants for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. 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.

Section 8 (HCV) participants, applicants, and the public may submit comments on the proposed changes during the public comment period. The 30-day comment period begins September 21, 2012 and ends October 22, 2012 (4:30pm). All comments must be received by 4:30pm on October 22, 2012 and must be in writing. The proposed documents will be available for review on HHA's website at www.hagerstownha.com as well as at the following locations:

- HHA Administrative Office (35 W Baltimore Street)

Mail comments to: Hagerstown Housing Authority
Mary Becraft
Re: Amended Section 8 Administrative Plan
35 W Baltimore Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Email comments to:
mbecraft@hagerstownha.com
Subject: Amended Section 8 Administrative Plan

Fax comments to:
(301) 733-7298
Attention: Amended Section 8 Administrative Plan

5.0 SELECTING FAMILIES FROM THE WAITING LIST

5.1.1 Ready By 21

In cooperation with the Washington Co. Department of Social Services (DSS) and in accordance with the signed Memorandum of Understanding, five (5) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) slots shall be set-aside for qualifying applicants referred to the Housing Authority by the DSS Foster Care Program. Applicants will be served in the order of referral and will not be ranked by the HHA preference point system. Approval for the Ready By 21 voucher will be subject to all current eligibility standards including but not limited to criminal record checks, income limits, and all other HUD and HHA eligibility criteria. If a sufficient number of applicants do not exist to fill the five (5) available slots, the remaining vouchers will be offered to applicants on the HCV waiting list. If DSS identifies and refers an eligible Ready By 21 family, the next available voucher will be reserved for those qualified applicants until the total of five (5) slots are filled. All contracts executed on behalf of any Ready By 21 applicant will be for a minimum of 12-months and a maximum of 2 years. The contract will terminate, with proper notice, no later than the second anniversary of the initial contract date. Housing Choice Voucher assistance will terminate if the voucher holder, at any time, becomes non-compliant and is ineligible for the Ready By 21 Initiative or is violation of the HCV Program regulations.