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PORTABILITY

What is portability?

The ability of a family to move from one Housing Authority's (HA) jurisdiction to another location.

Am I eligible?

Portability applies to families moving out of or into the HA's jurisdiction within the United States and its territories. Under portability, families are eligible to receive assistance to lease a unit outside of the initial HA's jurisdiction. The unit may be located:

1. In the same state as the initial HA;
2. In the same metropolitan statistical area (MSA) as the initial HA, but in a different state;
3. In an MSA adjacent to the MSA of the initial HA, but in a different state;
4. In the jurisdiction of an HA anywhere within the United States that administers a tenant based program.

To Use Your Portability Option

Contact your Housing Counselor if you want to move to any location other than the county limits of Pinellas. Your Housing Counselor will assist you in completing a "Request for Portability" and provide you with important information.

Restrictions On Portability

1. Families will not be permitted to exercise portability during the initial 12 month period after admission to the program, if neither the head nor spouse had legal residence in the HA's jurisdiction at the date of their initial application for assistance unless the receiving and initial HA agree to allow the move.
2. If the family is in violation of a family obligation.
3. If the family owes money to the HA.

Please Note The Following:

Once you have decided where you wish to move, the Initial HA will determine if there is a Housing Authority operating a Section 8 Rental Certificate or Voucher Program within jurisdiction over the area you have selected.

The Receiving HA Fair Market Rent (FMR) for Certificates and Payment Standard for Vouchers is applicable. Also note that the occupancy standards for the Receiving HA may change the bedroom size of your Certificate or Voucher.

Should the Receiving HA decide to absorb you into their program, the type of assistance may change. (Certificate for Voucher or vice versa).

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY MOVE UNDER PORTABILITY SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND HA POLICY.

Tenant/Applicant Signature

Housing Advisor Signature

Date

Date

