



Summary of Proposed Changes to the 2017-2018 Admissions and Occupancy Policy

1. Section II – Part F Local Preference and Points Allocation

Language was added to the preference section regarding victims of involuntary government displacement. This preference now includes the language below.

These will also include individuals who are participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program that move from their HCV subsidized unit/HCV participant due to the unit's failed HQS and/or abatement from the program

The Veterans preference was increased to 9 points from 4 points.

2. Section II – Part G Application Criteria

In sections (3)(h) and (l) language was added that stated regular traffic offenses are not deemed to be criminal activity.

3. Section IV – Part E Occupancy and Removal of Household Members

Language was added to outline the steps a resident needs to take when removing an adult member from the household.

1. Whenever an adult member leaves the household for more than 30 calendar days, the family is required to notify CMHA whether the absence is temporary or permanent. Permanent moves from the household will trigger an interim recertification.
2. The following items will be accepted as verification of the adult's removal from the household:
 - a. Lease of the adult member showing a new address
 - b. Utility bill showing the address of the vacated adult member
 - c. Affidavit of the remaining head of household

4. Section V – Part B Types of Transfers

Dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault were added to Category 1 Administrative Transfers.

5. Section VIII – Part F Dormant Debt

Language was added to update the policy on dormant debt.

It is CMHA's policy not to collect dormant debt or to hold dormant debts against the applicant seeking admission to its housing programs. A dormant debt is any debt that is barred by the Ohio Statute of Limitations. As of the date of this ACOP, the present statute of limitations is for a period of eight (8) years. If the dormant debt was attributable to fraud or misrepresentation, then this applicant may be denied admission based on the prior fraud or misrepresentation and not the unpaid dormant debt.

6. Section IX – Part F Termination of Assistance

Sexual Assault incidents were added as events that will not be construed serious or repeated violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence, and shall not be good cause for terminating the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of the victim of such violence.

7. Section XIV – Admissions and Tenant Selection Plan for Baldwin Grove

This section was deleted due the recent conversion of Baldwin Grove from an asset management community to Rental Assistance Demonstration (“RAD”) community.

8. Section XVI – Designated Housing

The Evanston at 1820 Rutland Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207, was added as a location that CMHA may apply with HUD for an “Elderly Designation.”

9. Section XVII – Part 13 Domestic Violence

This section updated the definition of the Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA).

Additionally, the language below was added to part 13:

A tenant or an applicant may be a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking regardless of whether the act was perpetrated by a tenant living on the property, or whether the act occurred on the property grounds, or, in cases of sexual assault or stalking, whether the tenant knows the perpetrator.