

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM EXPIRATIONS

Due to increased housing costs, The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) identified Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) as falling into a "shortfall" status as of December 2024. This means that due to increasing housing assistance costs, CMHA's Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) funding from HUD will exceed the agency's budget. As anticipated by HUD, many Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) are expected to have similar challenges due to rising housing costs. **CMHA anticipates not terminating families from the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program due to shortfall identification.** 

CMHA is taking several steps to minimize the risks and impact to our families. We are taking the following actions.

- Immediately suspend the issuance of new vouchers, except for those funded for special purposes.
  - Vouchers designated for Homeless Veteran families receiving case management services from the VA
  - Mainstream vouchers set for families with a non-elderly disabled household members
  - NED2 (non-elderly disabled) which are designated for non-elderly persons transitioning from a long term care facility back to a home
- CMHA will not extend voucher terms beyond the initial 90 days for vouchers that have been issued. Exceptions are only for reasonable accommodations for families that have a person with a disability. The request for an extension must be submitted to CMHA in writing prior to the voucher expiration date. <u>Requests</u> <u>should be submitted to hcvhelp@cintimha.com.</u> Questions regarding the expiration date of a voucher can be answered by calling Customer Service at 513-977-5800.

Currently, assisted families wanting to transfer units or transfer to another jurisdiction will be issued a voucher to move.

It's crucial that families are aware of the expiration date of the voucher and submit a Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) within the timeframe prior to that date.

## As a reminder, it is important to stay in compliance with all HCV Program rules.

- Please report all changes in household members and income to CMHA within 30 days of the change.
- Families must complete the recertification process with CMHA.
- Families must also abide by their residential lease terms and maintain the units in accordance with HQS.



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