

HACSBFACTSHEET

Moving to Work | Portability

In March 2008, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) became one of only 1% of housing authorities nationwide to be designated as a demonstration site by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The demonstration program allows housing authorities to design and test ways to: 1) promote self-sufficiency among assisted families; 2) achieve programmatic efficiency and reduce costs; and 3) increase housing choices for low-income households. As a demonstration agency, HACSB will have the opportunity to implement new policies outside the usual scope of HUD policies and regulations.

How does this affect individuals who want to port in to San Bernardino County? Portability is defined as renting a dwelling unit with the Section 8 tenant-based assistance outside the jurisdiction of the initial public housing agency. All individuals moving into the County of San Bernardino will have to comply with HACSB's local policies and requirements. Below are specific policy changes that apply directly to all port in households:

LOCAL POLICIES FOR PORTABILITY

Work Requirement

All eligible adult household members of any new incoming portability family must be employed at least 15 hours per week in the County of San Bernardino (or within a reasonable driving distance) prior to the execution of a Housing Assistance Payment Contract and throughout their participation in the HACSB's voucher program. Eligible members include all adult household members over the age of 18. Elderly and disabled individuals will be exempt from this policy.

The employment will be verified at time of admission to HACSB and all eligible members must be compliant at the time of admission. All children under the age of 18, who

have not graduated from high school or received their GED, must be enrolled in school full time. Incoming portability families who are not in compliance with the work requirement will not have their rent adjusted due to decreased wages. HACSB will impute their previous employment income until such time that new employment is obtained. They will be allowed to move back to their initial housing authority if they provide documentation of a mutual rescission.

Minimum Rent

HACSB's minimum rent is \$125.00 per month for all households.

Controlled Program Moves

HACSB will limit voluntary program moves for all voucher participants to once every two years, only at the time of recertification and upon verification from their current landlord that they are a tenant in good standing. There are certain exceptions: a unit is in foreclosure, or a participant has a job or attends school more than 10 miles from their current unit.

Biennial Recertification

All fixed income elderly and disabled households will be recertified every two years.

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