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## **Fraud Alert**

## Fraudulent Service Charging to Sign up for Housing Assistance

(San Bernardino, CA) A fraudulent website "Section8programs.com" is charging prospective Housing Choice Voucher (commonly referred to as Section 8) applicants a \$15 "one-time registration" fee to submit an application for the program. This is a scam! Housing Authorities do not charge fees to apply to any of their affordable housing programs!

We urge our partners and program participants to please spread the news on this scam. Families who are in desperate need of affordable housing are being taken advantage of through scams like this.

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