

## Summary of Changes for 2009 Leased Housing Administrative Plan:

1. Violence Against Women's Act ("VAWA") language added to Sections 1.2.5, 3.2.5(B), 7.2.5(b)(4), and 12.1.1. Language states that BHA cannot deny or terminate, and landlords cannot evict, for violations that result solely to domestic violence.
2. Plan now allows for withdrawal from waiting list upon becoming housed. Section 3.2.5(a)(5).
3. Applicant Family Break-up. Section 3.2.7. Provides a procedure for Applicant Families who, for various reasons, no longer wish to reside in the same household.
4. Additional Super-Priority Categories in Sections 3.3.5(iv) and (v) allow for transfers from Public Housing to the tenant-based Section 8 program in limited situations.
5. Visions Priority removed
6. St. Joseph's Cooperative Priority. Section 3.3.5. This priority category is specific to occupants residing in a property located at 66 Crispus Attucks Way in Boston's Roxbury Neighborhood. The assistance of the residents is effectively transferred from HUD's Section 12 program to the tenant-based Section 8 program.
7. Displaced Boston Tenant Preference. Section 3.3.6. This category gives preference points to persons who were once residents of the City of Boston and are now homeless.
8. Validity of Verification and Documentation. Section 4.4.3. Revises language in accordance with HUD guidance regarding the acceptable age of documents at recertification.
9. Limitation on Number of Eligibility Determinations. Section 5.3.5. Prohibits the BHA from being required to re-determine eligibility in certain categories, such as criminal background, more than once in a 12 month period.
10. Low Income Family's residing in BHA state subsidized Developments are Income Eligible. See Section 5.5.1(c). This Section allows for a higher income limit to residents of State subsidized public housing when they are being transferred to the Section 8 program due to relocation or redevelopment. This income limit is equal to what residents for federally subsidized housing receive.

11. Family Break-up. Section 11.7. Language revised for clarity.
12. VASH Program. Section 14.7. The HUD-VASH program combines the HCVP for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community. Ongoing VA case management, health, and other supportive services will be made available to homeless Veterans through the Boston Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
13. PBV Rent Increase Policy. See Section 15.6.2. Requires a written notice 60 days prior to the anniversary of the Housing Assistance Payments contract for a rent increase.
14. Definition of Absence added to Glossary.
15. Definition of AHAP added to Glossary.
16. Definition of Good Cause added to Glossary.
17. Definition of Guest added to Glossary.
18. Definition of Violent Criminal Activity revised to mirror regulation.
19. MOD Rehab Plan Added as an Appendix to the Administrative Plan.
20. The Mod Rehab Administrative Plan references the HCVP Plan in multiple chapters so that procedure for eligibility, recertification, and termination, are the same for both programs.
21. Mod Rehab subsidy standards are revised to mirror HCVP.