



Dear Housing Choice Voucher Participant:

Subject: Important Notice Regarding Housing Choice Voucher Payments During the Federal Government Shutdown

We hope this message finds you well. As you may be aware, the federal government is currently experiencing a shutdown. We understand that this situation raises concerns about the status of **Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)** under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.

At this time, we want to provide you with the most current information available:

1. **Funding Status:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the HCV program. During a government shutdown, HUD's ability to process or disburse new funding may be delayed, depending on the duration of the shutdown and the availability of prior obligated funds.

2. **Payments:**

Our agency will continue to issue Housing Assistance Payments as long as previously obligated funds remain available. Should the shutdown continue for an extended period and affect funding availability, we will promptly communicate any changes or anticipated delays. We have received notice that funds are available for November.

3. **Communication:**

We recognize the importance of timely payments. We will continue to monitor HUD guidance closely and share updates as soon as we receive them.

4. **Tenant Obligations:**

Please continue to uphold your lease agreements and maintain regular communication with your landlord. Tenants are not responsible for any portion of the Housing Assistance Payment, even if there are temporary funding interruptions. You also may not be charged a late fee for late HAP payments.

We deeply appreciate your partnership and understanding as we navigate this challenging situation together. Your continued participation in the Housing Choice Voucher Program plays a vital role in providing safe, stable, and affordable housing for families in our community.

If you have any questions, please email your HCV Specialist. We will continue to keep you informed of any developments.

