

Proposed Revisions to
HOC's Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

Please note: Existing language is in **BLACK**, proposed changes are in **RED**, and proposed deletions are shown with strikethrough.

**Streamlining Change Regarding
Exception Payment Standards for Providing Reasonable Accommodations**

Chapter 11: Owner Rents, Rent Reasonableness, and Payment Standards

D. PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE VOUCHER PROGRAM [24 CFR 982.503]

The Payment Standard is used to calculate the housing assistance payment for a family. In accordance with HUD regulations, and at ~~the PHAHOC's~~ discretion, the Voucher Payment Standard (VPS) amount is set by the PHA between 90 percent and ~~124~~10 percent of the HUD published Fair Market Rents (FMR). This is considered the basic range. ~~The PHAHOC~~ reviews the appropriateness of the Voucher Payment Standard annually when the FMR is published. In determining whether a change is needed, ~~the PHAHOC~~ will ensure that the Voucher Payment Standard is always within the range of 90 percent to ~~124~~10 percent of the new FMR, unless an exception payment standard has been approved by HUD.

~~The PHAHOC~~ will establish a single Voucher Payment Standard amount for each FMR area in the PHA-Agency's jurisdiction. For each FMR area, ~~the PHAHOC~~ will establish Voucher Payment Standard amounts for each "unit size". ~~The PHAHOC~~ may have a higher Voucher Payment Standard within the PHA's-Agency's jurisdiction if needed to expand housing opportunities outside areas of minority and/or poverty concentration, as long as the Voucher Payment Standard is within the 90-~~124~~10% percent of FMR range.

~~The PHAHOC~~ may approve a higher Voucher Payment Standard within the basic range, if required as a reasonable accommodation for a family that includes a person with disabilities.