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- Families who have been terminated because of insufficient funding;
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The preferences will be applied as the need arises to comply with Federal requirements.

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- 3. Families that have been terminated from the HCV Program, had their voucher rescinded, or been placed back on the wait list due to insufficient program funding, (3 points)
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	The preference for individuals ready to exit institutional care will be verified through contacting the appropriate State or Community

agencies that administer the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program. The agencies' representative will verify if the applicant is eligible for the MFP Program.
The disaster/emergency displaced preference will be verified through referral from the appropriate Federal, State, of Local agency.