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PHA Policy

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The preferences will be applied as the need arises to comply with Federal requirements.

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Documentation will be maintained by the PHA as to whether families on the list qualify for and are interested in targeted funding. If a higher placed family on the waiting list is not qualified or not interested in targeted funding, there will be a notation maintained so that the PHA does not have to ask higher placed families each time targeted selections are made.

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<p>7-II.H. VERIFICATION OF PREFERENCE STATUS</p> <p>The PHA must verify any preferences claimed by an applicant.</p> <p><u>PHA Policy</u></p> <p>The PHA will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding. The PHA will verify this preference using the PHA's termination records.</p> <p>The PHA will also offer a preference to any family whose Head, Co-head or Spouse are elderly (62 and over), and to households whose Head, Co-head or Spouse are disabled according to HUD guidelines.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The disaster/emergency displaced preference will be verified through referral from the appropriate Federal, State, of Local agency.</p>	<p>7-II.H. VERIFICATION OF PREFERENCE STATUS</p> <p>The PHA must verify any preferences claimed by an applicant.</p> <p><u>PHA Policy</u></p> <p>The PHA will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding. The PHA will verify this preference using the PHA's termination records.</p> <p>The PHA will also offer a preference to any family whose Head, Co-head or Spouse are elderly (62 and over), and to households whose Head, Co-head or Spouse are disabled according to HUD guidelines.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The disaster/emergency displaced preference will be verified through referral or documentation of displacement from the appropriate Federal, State, of Local agency.</p> <p>The Homeless household referral preference is verified through referral from a partnering homeless service provider (HSP) and confirmation from the Coordinated Entry Planning Entity (CEPE). The HSP and CEPE will verify that the referred household meets HUD's definition of homeless listed below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily</p>

used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or

- B. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low- income individuals); or
- C. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; or

Any individual or family who:

- I. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and
- II. Has no other residence; and
- III. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith- based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing

The CEPE will also verify that the referred household is among the most vulnerable and that voucher assistance is an appropriate housing solution.

Once these three factors are verified by the CEPE, the CEPE will send the referral to AHA, and the applicant will be placed on the HCV Wait List with the preference.

	<p>Partnering Homeless Service Provider is defined as a homeless service provider that executes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AHA outlining the provider's responsibilities to provide housing search assistance and supportive services to the referred household.</p>
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