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## FAMILY OBLIGATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### The family must:

1. Supply any information that Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) or HUD determines to be necessary including evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status and for use in regularly scheduled reexamination or interim reexamination of family income and composition.
2. Disclose and verify social security numbers and sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.
3. Supply an information requested by HCHA to verify that the family is living in the unit or information related to family absence from the unit.
4. Promptly notify the PHA in writing when the family is away from the unit for an extended period of time in accordance with HCHA policies.
5. Allow HCHA to inspect the unit at reasonable times and after reasonable notice.
6. Notify HCHA and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.
7. Use the assisted unit for residence by the family. The unit must be the family's only residence.
8. Promptly notify HCHA in writing of the birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody of a child.
9. Request HCHA written approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit.
10. Promptly notify HCHA in writing if the any family member no longer lives in the unit.
11. Give HCHA a copy of any owner eviction notice.
12. Pay utility bills, provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to under the lease.
13. Provide true and complete information to HCHA.

### The family must not:

1. Own or have any interest in the unit. (Exception: Family is the owner of a manufactured home and assistance is being paid towards the rent of the "pad")
2. Commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal activity in connection with the Section 8 program.
3. Engage in drug-related criminal activity, violent criminal activity or any other activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents and person residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises. Under 24 CFR5.2005(c) (2), criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any quest or other person under the tenant's control, shall not be cause for termination of tenancy, occupancy rights, or assistance of the victim, if the tenant or immediate family member of the tenant is the victim.
4. Breach any HQS responsibility.
5. Fail to pay for any utilities that are the tenant's responsibility.
6. Fail to provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to provide, but which are to be provided by the tenant.
7. Cause any damage to the dwelling unit or premises (damages beyond ordinary wear and tear). Family is responsible for damages caused by any household member or household guest.
8. Commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.
9. Sublease or sublet the unit or assign the lease or transfer the unit.
10. Receive Section 8 tenant-based assistance while receiving another housing subsidy, for the same unit or for a different unit, under any duplicative (as determined by HUD or in accordance with HUD requirements) federal, state or local housing assistance program.

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<sup>1</sup> 24 CFR 982.551- Obligations of Participant

11. Abuse alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
12. Fail to sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.

**Grounds for Denial or Termination of Assistance<sup>2</sup>**

Your Section 8 housing assistance may be terminated if any family member:

1. Violates any family obligation listed above.
2. Has ever been evicted from federally assisted housing in the past five years.
3. Has ever been terminated by a PHA under the housing assistance program.
4. Commits drug-related criminal activity, violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that threatens the health safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
5. Commits fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any federal housing program.
6. Currently owes rent or other amounts to HCHA or any other housing authority in connection with Section 8 or Public Housing assistance under the 1937 Act.
7. Breaches an agreement with HCHA to pay amounts owed to any housing authority, or amounts paid to an owner by any Housing Authority. (The housing authority, at its discretion, may offer a family the opportunity to enter an agreement to pay amounts owed to a PHA or amounts paid to an owner by a PHA. The PHA may prescribe the terms of the agreement.)
8. Has engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward HCHA personnel.
9. Under certain circumstances stated in 24 CFR 812.9, HCHA must terminate assistance because a family member does not establish citizenship or eligible immigration status.

**Right to a Hearing**

If a decision is made to terminate your assistance, you will receive a written notice. The notice will advise you of a time limit by which you may request a hearing to appeal the decision.

**I/we have read and understand all the information given on the “Family Obligations” and “Grounds for Termination”. I/we have received a copy of this information.**

Signature of Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> 24 CFR 982.552- PHA Denial or Termination of Assistance for Family