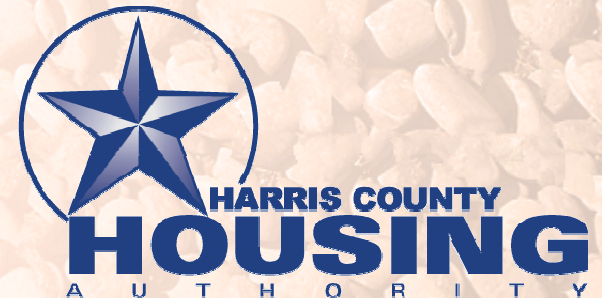


# **HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)**

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# What is the Housing Choice Voucher Program?

- ❑ The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is the federal government's major program for assisting income eligible families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

# What has HCHA accomplished in the HCV program?

- ❑ HCHA been rated #1 in the region for several years.
- ❑ HCHA has increase the size of its service to Harris County Citizens from 1,456 families to more than 3,900 families.
- ❑ HCHA has received the highest HUD ranking for 7 years in a row.
- ❑ HCHA has automated most of its systems.
- ❑ HCHA developed the first laptop inspection computer system.
- ❑ HCHA developed a state of the art quality control system.
- ❑ HCHA developed a financial management operational tool that HUD uses to managed and track voucher issuance.

# What is next for our Housing Choice Voucher Program?

- ❑ HCHA seeks to design and developed a state of the art internet voucher management system where tenants and clients can apply and be recertified on line.
- ❑ The process will serve as a national model and save the industry hundreds of millions of dollars.

# How is the Housing Choice Voucher Program Rated?

 **The Best**

**The Section Eight Management Assessment Program is the tool that assess the HCV program.**

# Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)

- ❑ SEMAP is HUD's grading system at which PHA's performance is measured and monitored. SEMAP includes the following 14 performance indicators and one bonus indicator:
  - **Indicator 1** – *Selection from the Waiting List*
  - **Indicator 2** – *Rent Reasonableness*
  - **Indicator 3** – *Determination of Adjusted Income*
  - **Indicator 4** – *Utility Allowance Schedule*
  - **Indicator 5** – *HQS Quality Control Inspections*
  - **Indicator 6** – *HQS Enforcement*
  - **Indicator 7** – *Expanding Housing Opportunities*

# Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) *(Cont'd)*

- **Indicator 8** – *FMR Limit and Payment Standards*
- **Indicator 9** – *Annual Reexaminations*
- **Indicator 10** – *Correct Tenant Rent Calculations*
- **Indicator 11** – *Pre-Contract HQS Inspection*
- **Indicator 12** – *Annual HQS Inspection*
- **Indicator 13** – *Lease-up*
- **Indicator 14** – *Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)*
- **De-concentration Bonus Indicator**

# Housing Choice Voucher Program Transition of DHAP Vouchers

- ❑ An additional 1,000 of 2,600 DHAP IKE vouchers are expected to transition from the DHAP of HCV.

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