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REQUEST FOR PORTABILITY

An eligible family that has been issued a housing choice voucher may use that voucher to lease a unit anywhere in the United States where there is a housing agency operating a housing choice voucher program.

The Payment Standard and Utility Allowance that will be used in calculating your rent will be decided by the Housing Authority jurisdiction that you move to. The Housing Authority of the new jurisdiction may have different policies or occupancy standards that can change the bedroom size on your Voucher.

Procedures to follow to move under Portability:

- 1) Submit a Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) 30-Day Notice to Vacate signed by you and the current landlord. You must be in good standing with your landlord.
2) Complete and sign this Request for Portability form to notify HACB of the area to which you wish to move.
3) HACB will issue a Voucher to move.
4) HACB will forward your information to the new Housing Authority.
5) You will need to schedule an intake appointment with the new Housing Authority.

Please complete the following with your household information:

Head of Household Social Security Number Telephone Number

Current Address: Street City, State, Zip

Forwarding Address: Street City, State, Zip

Please complete the following with your new Housing Authority information:

Full Official Name of Housing Authority/Agency Name of Authority/Agency Contact Person

Full Street or Mailing Address Telephone Number of Contact Person

City, State and ZIP Code Authority/Agency FAX Number

Email Address of Contact Person

Signature of Head of Household: Date:

If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require an accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact the HACB office.

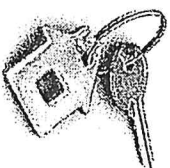


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# How Portability Works



## Before Porting, Things You Should Know

**Subsidy Standards:** The receiving PHA may have different subsidy standards. In other words, the initial PHA may have issued you a three-bedroom voucher, but the receiving PHA may, if appropriate for your family, issue you a two-bedroom voucher. Note, however, that the PHA's subsidy standards must comply with fair housing and civil rights laws. This includes processing reasonable accommodation requests that are necessary for qualified individuals with disabilities.

**Payment Standards:** The payment standards of the receiving PHA may be different for each PHA. Payment standards are what determine the amount of the rent that the PHA will pay on your behalf. If a receiving PHA's payment standards are lower than the initial PHA, then the portion of the rent you pay may be more than what you were paying at the initial PHA.

**Re-screening:** The receiving PHA may re-screen you using their own policies, which may be different than the initial PHA's policies and could result in them denying your request to move. When contacting the receiving PHA, you may want to ask whether they re-screen families moving into their area under portability and what are their policies for termination or denial of HCV assistance. This will assist you in determining if the receiving PHA's policies might prevent you from moving to their jurisdiction.

**Time Management:** You should manage the move so that you have enough time to arrive at the receiving PHA before the initial PHA voucher expires; otherwise, you may lose your assistance.

*See front for more details*

## Once at the Receiving PHA

1. The receiving PHA will issue you a voucher to search for a unit in its jurisdiction. Your voucher must be extended by 30 days from the expiration date on the voucher issued by the initial PHA.
2. When you submit a request for tenancy approval, the time on your voucher will stop until you are notified in writing whether the unit is approved or denied. The request for tenancy approval is the form you will submit to the receiving PHA once you find a unit, so that the receiving PHA can determine whether you may rent that unit under the program.
3. If you decide that you do not want to lease a unit in the area, the receiving PHA will return your voucher to the initial PHA. The initial PHA is not required to, but may, extend the term of your voucher so that you may search for a unit in the initial PHA's jurisdiction or port to another jurisdiction.

*Any additional instructions will be provided by the receiving PHA.*

*PHAs must comply with all nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements in the portability process, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

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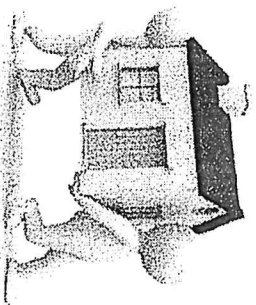
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## What is Portability?

**"Portability"** in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program refers to the process through which your family can transfer or "port" your rental subsidy when you move to a location outside the jurisdiction of the public housing agency (PHA) that first gave you the voucher when you were selected for the program (**the initial PHA**).

*The agency that will administer your assistance in the area to which you are moving is called the receiving PHA.*

New families have to live in the jurisdiction of the initial PHA for a year before they can port. But, the initial PHA may allow new families to port during this one-year period.



## What Happens Next?

1. You must notify the initial PHA that you would like to port and to which area you are moving.
2. The initial PHA will determine if you are eligible to move. For example, the PHA will determine whether you have moved out of your unit in accordance with your lease.
3. If eligible to move, the initial PHA will issue you a voucher (if it has not done so already) and send all relevant paperwork to the receiving PHA.
4. If you are currently assisted, you must give your landlord notice of your intent to vacate in accordance with your lease.

## Contacting the Receiving PHA

1. Your case manager will let you know how and when to contact the receiving PHA. Your case manager must give you enough information so that you know how to contact the receiving PHA.
2. If there is more than one PHA that administers the HCV program where you wish to move, you may choose the receiving PHA. The initial PHA will give you the contact information for the PHAs that serve the area. If you prefer, you may request that the initial PHA selects the receiving PHA for you.

**Generally, the initial PHA is not required to give you any other information about the receiving PHAs, but you may wish to find out more details when contacting them (such as whether the receiving PHA operates a Family Self-Sufficiency or Homeownership program).**

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