

## Moving Up Pilot Program Participant Agreement

You are invited to participate in the "Moving Up" Pilot Program.

### What is Moving Up?

- The purpose of this pilot program is to move individuals toward greater independence in the community.
- Due to your success in housing with \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in name of program/agency), you have been nominated to transition to a Housing Choice Voucher (also known as Section 8).

### What is a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)?

- HCV is a long-term housing subsidy which will subsidize your rent, with the expectation that you continue to pay 30% of your income toward rent, just as you are currently doing. People who have a HCV may keep that voucher for as long as they need it, as long as they continue to meet the requirements of the HCV program. There is no service requirement for those with an HCV voucher.

If you choose to participate in this program, your case manager will work with you to transition to the HCV program. After the transition, the services you receive from \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in agency name) will reduce. Your case manager will link you to other services to help you maintain your housing and assist with other need you may have.

### Things You Should Know Before You Agree to Participate:

- Participation in Moving Up is voluntary.
- HCV is similar to the current voucher used to pay a portion of your rent, but because it is a different program, there may be slight variations in the rent and utility portion you will have to pay.
- Regardless of the HCV voucher holder's income, the minimum payment amount for HCV is \$50.
- As part of the application process for HCV, a background check will be completed. If based on this check, if you are not eligible for HCV, you will still be able to keep your current housing and services as long as you continue to abide by the terms of your current lease agreement.
- If you agree to participate in the Moving Up program, and are transitioned to an HCV, you will be still be expected to follow the rules of your lease, pay your portion of the rent and keep your apartment in good condition.
- If you participate in HCV, you will need to complete recertification paperwork on an annual basis and report any changes in family composition or income to your housing agent. Failure to follow the terms of the HCV program may result in the loss of that voucher. If this happens, you may not be eligible to go back to the program you are currently in.

### Participant Signature

I have reviewed and understand the document above and I am interested in participating in the Moving Up Pilot. I understand that my agreement to participate does not guarantee that I will be awarded an HCV voucher.

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Participant Signature

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Date

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Participant Printed Name

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Case Manager Signature

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Case Manager Printed Name