

Detroit Moving Up Participant Agreement

Congratulations on your success in Permanent Supportive Housing. You have demonstrated the ability to live independently and because of that you are invited to participate in the “Moving Up” Initiative.

What is Detroit Moving Up?

The purpose is to move households toward greater independence in the community. Due to your success in Supportive Housing you have been nominated to transition to a Housing Choice Voucher (also known as Section 8).

What is a Moving Up Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)?

HCV is a long-term housing subsidy that subsidizes your rent. If selected for HCV, you are required to pay 30% of your income toward rent and you may keep the voucher as long as needed and meet the requirements of the HCV program. There is no supportive service requirements for people with an HCV voucher.

If you choose to participate, your case manager will work with you to transition to the HCV program. After the transition, the services you receive from will gradually reduce to light case management, once a month. Your case manager will link you to other services to help you maintain your housing.

Things You Should Know Before You Agree to Participate:

- Participation in Moving Up is voluntary and a voucher is not guaranteed.
- While HCV is similar to the Supportive Housing program you are currently in, there may be slight variations in the voucher size, rent and utility portion you will have to pay.
- Regardless of your income, the minimum payment amount for **HCV is \$50.**
- Steps to be selected and approved:
 - Your case manager will complete an assessment and forms with you.
 - Your case will be presented to a review committee.
 - If the review committee decides that it would not be in your best interest to be a part of this program, then you will be able to remain in your current unit and continue to receive services as you have been with the PSH provider.
 - If the review committee feels you are a good fit for this program, your application will be added to the waiting list. The timeline will vary, however when selected your case manager will be notified and you will receive materials in the mail from the assigned housing agent outlining the next steps in the process.
 - You will be required to submit a variety of documents and agree to a background check. 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.
 - You may be required to move or may be able to stay in your current apartment, Discuss your choices and options with your case manager.

- Most likely you will be required to pay first month rent and security deposit if you do move. Begin to work with your case manager about options to assist with the payments
- Throughout the process, you will be able to remain in your current PSH program.
- If you agree to participate in the Moving Up program, and are transitioned to an HCV, you will 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 household family composition or income to the assigned Housing Agent. Failure to follow the terms of the HCV program may result in the loss of that voucher. If this happens, you will not be eligible to go back to the program you are currently in.

PSH Tenant Signature:

I have reviewed and understand the document above and I am interested in participating in Moving Up. My signature confirms that I allow the Moving Up Review Committee to review my assessment for eligibility. I understand that my agreement to participate does not guarantee that I will be awarded an HCV voucher.

PSH Tenant Printed Name	<i>PSH Tenant Signature</i>	Date

Case Manager Printed Name	<i>Case Manager Signature</i>	Date