Attention Housing Choice Voucher Participants and Landlords

MaineHousing has implemented the following waivers through July 31, 2020.

- Self-Certification of Income and/or Family Composition changes are considered verification. You can let us know by phone, email, fax, or mail.

- We will consider a payment standard increase for a household no matter the annual recertification date.

- Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts must be executed within 120 days from the effective lease date.

- We will consider COVID-19 related issues when determining if a family can be absent from their unit for more than 180 days.

- We will extend participation for any family at zero HAP beyond 180 days, but no later than December 31, 2020.

- We will rely on owner certification for initial inspections where the unit is not vacant or cannot be inspected because of COVID-19 related requirements. The owner will complete a certification stating that the unit does not have any of the life safety concerns we describe in the certification form. We will inspect all units passed with this certification by October 31, 2020.

- We will delay Quality Assurance inspections until October 31, 2020.

Call or email us if you have questions: 207-624-5789 or 1-866-357-4853 or section8hcv@mainehousing.org

The above is based on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) PIH Notice 2020-05-COVID-19.