

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 require the development of an Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP); and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has been provided the authority to implement individualized policies in the Administrative Plan to meet its local needs; and

WHEREAS, the HCVP Department is working to increase its Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) expenses; and

WHEREAS, HANO is working to recruit and maintain landlord participation in the HCV Program; and

WHEREAS, will no longer prorate Housing Assistance Payment when a family/participant moves out of a unit to allow the property owner to keep the entire month's rent; and

WHEREAS, HANO was not required to complete the Public Hearing process due to the COVID-19 waivers provided by HUD and adopted by HANO;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies HANO's policy change to the HCVP Administrative Plan that allows the payment of an entire month's rent to a landlord when there is a move out.

Executed this 8th Day of December, 2020.

APPROVAL:



**DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



December 8, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: April Kennedy
Director, Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)

Re: HCVP Administrative Policy Change on HAP Proration upon Move-Out

The Code of Federal Regulations at 24 CFR Part 982.52 requires the nation's Housing Authorities to develop a written Administrative Plan, which is a supporting document to the PHA Plan. Federal regulations require that certain subjects be covered in the Administrative Plan, as well as provide local Housing Authorities the ability to craft individualized policies within the framework of the Federal regulations.

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO)'s current Administrative Plan was amended utilizing a HUD waiver to streamline operations during this COVID-19 pandemic and went into effect October 1, 2020. In accordance with the HUD waiver for approval, the revision made to the Administrative Plan effective October 1, 2020 is now being presented to the Board for ratification.

HANO is working to increase the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) funds spent by the Agency for utilization purposes and the proposed new policy will enhance the agency's efforts while also providing additional support to HCVP property owners. HANO will alter its policy on how HAP is paid to property owners when a family/participant moves out of an assisted unit. HANO's current Administrative Plan states that the agency will prorate assistance based on the move-out date. HANO will cease prorating HAP upon move out and will pay HAP for the entire month during which the family/participant moves out.