Albemarle County Office of Housing Information related to COVID-19

ACOH is continually working to assist families during these challenging times. Fortunately, HUD has supplied us with information, available online, regarding **Eviction Prevention and Stability** and **Housing Choice Voucher Waivers**. Information on these can be found online by visiting [https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/covid_19_resources](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/covid_19_resources)

The linked webpage provides a robust set of resources, but there are two key areas that we’d like to encourage our Participant Families to review.

**Eviction Prevention and Stability Toolkit**

The Eviction Moratorium ended on July 25th, 2020. It is now allowable for a landlord to begin eviction proceedings for unpaid rent. HUD has put forth a set of guides on how repayment agreements can be formed. Please review this key information if you are an HCV participating family and have not been paying your portion of rent. Additionally, please contact your Housing Specialist to let them know more about your situation.

**Waivers**

ACOH has adopted several administrative Waivers that assist us as we do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The full list of available Waivers can be found under Policy Notices on the website listed above.

The following Waivers have been utilized in certain cases:

- **HCV-2**: Delay annual reexamination of income and family composition
- **HQS-1**: Change initial inspection requirement, allowing owner certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies
- **HQS-5**: Change biennial inspection requirement, allowing owner certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies
- **HCV-6**: Extension of Period of Time after the last HAP payment is made before the HAP contract terminates automatically.
- **11b**: PHA retains prior year SEMAP score

If you have any questions about the above information, please reach out to our office for Assistance.

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