

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Board of Commissioners of District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") hereby gives notice of the adoption on an emergency basis of an amended and restated subsection 8300.2(3), Chapter 83, Title 14 DCMR. The emergency adoption of these regulations will provide increased rent subsidies on behalf of the low-income participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which otherwise would have to be paid by the low-income tenants that the program serves. The subsidies can only be adjusted after the Program receives the Fair Market Rent figures for the District of Columbia which are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development usually in October of each year. Any delay in the adoption of these regulations would negatively impact the low-income participant/renters that the program is designed to benefit. The increase in subsidy provided by the amended subsection of Chapter 23 increases the subsidy from 100% to 110% of the Fair Market Rents. The Board of Commissioners of the DCHA also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt this proposed amendment in not less than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The emergency rule took effect on the date of adoption, November 9, 2005 and will expire on March 4, 2006, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the Register, whichever occurs first.

Amendment: Title 14 of the DCMR, subsections 8300.2(e) of Chapter 83, Housing Choice Voucher Program: Rent and Assistance Payments

"8300.2 (e) The Payment Standard is 110% of the Fair Market Rents for all size units in all areas of the District of Columbia. Any change to the Payment Standard shall be implemented by regulatory action of the Commission and shall apply to all vouchers issued after the date of the adoption of any regulation modifying the Payment Standard."

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with the Office of the General Counsel, DCHA, 1133 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 210, Washington, DC 20002-7599. Copies of this rule may be obtained from DCHA at that same address.