

## **Public Notice**

### **Proposed Changes to Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP) Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA)**

The Housing Authority of the City of Hagerstown (HHA) has reviewed and made changes to its Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP). These policies govern the initial and continued occupancy of residents of our Affordable Housing. The changes made to these policies are to ensure compliance with federal regulations and state and local laws and mandated by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA)

This mandated revision requires enactment on or before January 1, 2025 (PIH 2023-27). It is important to note, however, that the enactment of these provisions requires coordination by HUD and our Software Systems. These revisions have already been delayed in enactment by HUD prior, and it already appears that there might be additional delays, again, creating an undependable enactment date of these mandatory revisions. It has been instructed by HUD that these revisions need to be approved so that when the Software Systems and HUD Reporting Systems are in sync, we may move forward with enactment.

The PIH Notice 2023-27 is a complex notice and can be difficult to understand the verbiage and the intent of the actions mandated by HUD. In order to simplify the information, we have attached a HOTMA checklist that provides the Change, the Decision/Action, and whether the revision is Complete in the Admin Plan, ACOP, and/or Lease. Additionally, we have included a *Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program List of Discretionary Policies to Implement the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA)*. The chart was provided by HUD to help guide PHAs through decision-making when provided the opportunity to make choices with certain provisions instead of specific mandated revisions.

Residents of or applicants for Affordable Housing, HCV, and any member of the Public may submit comments on the Proposed Administrative Plan and ACOP changes during the public comment period mandated by HOTMA. The 45-day comment period begins August 16, 2024 and ends September 18, 2024 (4:30 p.m.). All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 11, 2024 to be considered and must be in writing. The proposed changes will be posted for review on HHA's website at [www.hagerstownha.com](http://www.hagerstownha.com)

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Attention: Amended Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan proposed changes