

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Division of Housing and Community Resources

Proposed Amendment to the Housing Choice Voucher Program

Administrative Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)

Chapter 5 Selection of Households for Participation

The program has the discretion to establish local preferences that are consistent with the PHA Plan and Consolidated Plan under which the local PHA jurisdiction is covered. In addition, the preference system must be based on local housing needs and priorities as determined by the PHA using generally accepted data sources.

In the DCA's continuing effort to combat homelessness, along with assisting New Jersey's most vulnerable citizens, the following change will be made to the Administrative Plan.

The program will change the fourth sentence on page 5-1 to: "The DCA will set aside an additional 50 Project-Based Vouchers for the Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers, for referrals to the Camden FUSE Housing First Pilot; for Camden residents that are chronically homeless ⁽¹⁾ and are super-utilizers ⁽²⁾ of the health care system."

- (1) Chronically homeless means that the person is living on the street, in a shelter (temporary or emergency), an abandoned building, tent, a place not intended for human habitation, or moving frequently between temporary lodging locations.
- (2) Super-utilizers are individuals that have at least two chronic conditions, as well as two inpatient hospitalizations within the past six months. The chronic condition could involve medical or behavioral health issues, and/or substance abuse. A data-based approach will guide the selection of these individuals, including matching health and hospitalization records.

Any comments on the proposed change to the Administrative Plan can be sent to Frank Losey, by August 6, 2015, at frank.losey@dca.nj.gov, or to:

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