

CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Department of Community Services

Aging & Community Centers • Child Care
Housing & Community Development • Transportation • Recreation
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PORTABILITY NOTICE

WHY MOVE?

A family may wish to move if they live in a high-poverty area. Studies show that children of families moving to the suburbs reach higher levels of academic achievement because of better school systems. Also, families experience increased satisfaction with neighborhood safety, lower crime rates, better public services, more shopping and increased job opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RELOCATE?

Families assisted under the Housing Choice Voucher Program have a right to move anywhere in the United States where there is a Voucher Program. Families currently receiving program assistance in Charles County may exercise their option to move.

PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING PORTABILITY

This office is responsible for determining if there is a Housing Authority operating a Voucher Program in the area where the family wishes to move. After determining continued eligibility, the Department of Community Services, Housing Authority office will then transfer the required file documents relating to the case, as well as a letter of good standing to the new (receiving) Housing Authority.

The new Housing Authority may have different local requirements regarding such things as occupancy standards and reporting requirements. For example, a family may have to choose a different bedroom size, or may have to report family income within a different time frame. The receiving Housing Authority will conduct another interview with the family to explain how their program works.

RENT CALCULATIONS UNDER PORTABILITY

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The formula for deciding the family's portion of rent is the same. In other words, under the Voucher Program, a family will pay the difference between the housing subsidy and the contract rent.

All moves require close coordination between agencies, so please take no action without consulting this Agency. Failure to follow program regulations may jeopardize your assistance. For further information concerning portability, contact your Housing Counselor.

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