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# NOTICE OF CHANGES TO SECTION 8 HCV UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE

Effective: January 01, 2024

The Housing Authority has completed its annual review of utility allowances for the Section 8 HCV Program. Federal regulation 24 CFR 982.517(c)(1) stipulates "a PHA must review its schedule of utility allowances each year, and must revise its allowance for a utility category if there has been a change of 10 percent or more in the utility rates since the last allowance schedule was revised". The PHA must maintain supporting information for the utility allowance review and any revisions made in its utility allowance schedule.

GMAHA contracted with the Nelrod Company to conduct a Utility Allowance Study for rental units in Rock Island County, Illinois. The objective of the study and subsequent analysis was to adjust the current Section 8 HCV utility allowances for electric, natural gas, bottled gas/propane, water, sewer and trash collection with current rates and charges for each utility provider.

To complete the utility rate analysis, the contractor obtained current rates for the utilities from the various providers of Rock Island County, Illinois. Once the data was collected, comparisons were made to the previously applied rates and charges. The contractor provided supporting documentation for its analysis and recommendations as shown on the Utility Schedules.

Written comments in regard to the proposed changes to Section 8 HCV Utility Allowance Schedules may be submitted to the central office through the 30-day comment period ending on November 05, 2023.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistance or alternative format, or wishing to make comments in alternative formats, can contact our office at 309-4527 ext. 406 or TTY 1-800-541-1830 ext. 820.

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