ANNISTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Portability Information

What is Portability?

Overview:

One of the key benefits of the Housing Choice Voucher program is the ability to move and bring your voucher with you to any community in the United States. This flexibility is known as portability and it allows you to relocate for better jobs, schools, security, or to be closer to loved ones. Your ability to move with your voucher may depend on factors such as how long you've had assistance and where you lived when you applied. It's important to ask your Public Housing Agency (PHA) about the specific rules and steps for moving with your voucher.

"Portability" in the HCV program refers to the process through which the family can transfer or "port" their rental subsidy when they move to a location outside the jurisdiction of the public housing agency (PHA) that first gave them the voucher when they were selected for the program.

New families may not be able to port immediately; they may have to live in the jurisdiction of the initial PHA for a year before they can port. Initial PHAs may allow moves during this one-year period.

- **Initial PHAs** -The PHA that first gave the voucher to the individual when they were selected for the program.
- **Receiving PHAs**- The agency that will administer assistance in the area to which the individual moves.

Family Responsibility

- **Family Responsibilities** - To begin the portability process, the family contacts the initial PHA to provide the name of the location to which the family wishes to move. The family is also responsible for promptly contacting the receiving PHA and complying with the receiving PHA's procedures for incoming families;
    - Submitting a request for tenancy approval (RFTA) to the receiving PHA during the term of the receiving PHA's voucher.