



## Housing Choice Voucher Program

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**TO: Owners/Agents & Participants**  
**FROM: Justin C. Davis, Vice President of the Housing Choice Voucher Program**  
**DATE: March 15, 2023**  
**SUBJECT: Change in Utility Allowances**

This notice informs you of the change in the Housing Choice Voucher program utility allowances. A recent utility allowance analysis identified a more than 10% increase in utility rates in our jurisdiction resulting in utility allowances increasing for participants.

Due to this change, CMHA must implement new utility allowances at the family's next annual reexamination beginning with April 2024.

The utility allowance for a family shall be the lower of the actual unit bedroom size or the voucher bedroom size allowance.

If you are living in a unit with a different number of bedrooms than your voucher size, it is very likely that your rent portion paid to your landlord will change. When you come in for your next annual reexamination, your housing advisor will explain this new rule to you in detail and will also calculate your new rent amount.

This provision also applies to vouchers issued starting April 1, 2024 for admission and unit transfers.