*Housing Choice Voucher Program*

For the purposes of this impact analysis, elderly households have been captured starting from 60 years or older rather than the HUD definition of elderly at 62 years or older. This is because the data set included in this analysis is the most recent action of the last 18 months. By using 60 we are likely to capture households that will turn 62 during the period of implementation.

As demonstrated in the below PIC data, an overwhelming majority of households with an elderly or disabled head of household are already paying $130 or above in TTP and would therefore not be impacted by this safe harbor waiver.

Forty-eight (47) distinct households were identified as being headed by either a person with a disability or elderly person and as paying between $50 - $129 TTP per month. The full list of impacted households is provided as an attachment.



Approximately $2,710 of additional tenant payments will be received each month through this safe harbor waiver. The true impact in dollars for this safe harbor waiver is in the operational cost savings by reducing the administrative burden on Agency staff. Attempts to implement this waiver with the two minimum rent streams demonstrated that it was going to require administrative monitoring that burdened staff disproportionately given the number of participants impacted.

*Planned household support activities to mitigate negative impact*

All households currently paying between $50 and $129 will be notified of the new minimum rent by their Housing Choice Voucher Specialist. A minimum of thirty days written notice of the increase in their minimum rent and TTP will also be provided. In addition to notices and one-on-one meetings with staff, these households will be provided on information on the hardship policy.

Current practice at each new admission and recertification, is that all households undergo a briefing with a program representative at which time they are made aware of their right to request consideration under the hardship policy. When allowable under the Administrative Plan, staff also examine whether hardship can be applied prior to the termination of assistance.

The continuation of utility allowance payments will also ensure that households on extremely low and very low incomes remain supported during this transition. It is not expected that this waiver will impact occupancy or utilization standards. The WPBHA will continue to use tools available to it through PIC and SEMAP to ensure support continues to go to extremely low and low income households.

As households are transitioned to the new minimum rent, the WPBHA will also regularly review requests for assistance under the hardship policy and adapt processes and practices as necessary.