

Attachment "F"

HCV/Public Housing Applicant Preferences

(Bold type denotes proposed language to current preferences as part of the Housing Authority of the County of Cumberland's 2007 Annual Plan)

The following local preferences established by the Housing Authority of the County of Cumberland are taken into consideration when applications are selected from our Section 8 and Public Housing Waiting Lists. First preference is given to Displaced Persons. Second preference is given equally to Bridge Housing Preference applicants and MH/MR Clients (#2 and #3). Third preference is given to Working Families (#4). Preference is also given to those applicants who live or work in Cumberland County.

1. Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority Displacement - Preference will be given to applicants who have been displaced by any Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority project resulting in their loss of a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
2. Bridge Housing Preference – Preference will be given to those who are living in a bridge housing facility that has an operating plan acceptable to the Housing Authority. For Family Public Housing ONLY, the family must have completed their service plan or continue their service plan with the bridge housing provider once they have been admitted to a family Public Housing unit. For Section 8 ONLY, a family must provide proof from the bridge housing provider that they have completed their service plan prior to admission to the Section 8 program. This preference will also be given to persons transitioning out of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facilities operated by homeless providers into neighborhood based permanent housing (Section 8 only).
3. Preference (for Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing) will be given to individuals with a diagnosis of mental retardation who are on the Cumberland/Perry Mental Retardation Emergency and Critical lists for residential service and who are transitioning from community living arrangement (group home); or from a previous living arrangement (temporary shelter, family home, etc.); or individuals with a priority mental health diagnosis who are transitioning from a Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) program and/or have completed an independent living skills assessment with a supported living worker. The referral process will include a recommendation from the individuals Mental Health (MH) Case Manager, Mental Retardation (MR) Support Coordinator or Primary Residential Worker that supports the consumer's ability to live independently and identifies any supports and services needed for and agreed to by the consumer. Available services and supports include: case management, psychiatric rehabilitation, supports coordination, supportive living, social rehabilitation, financial management, transportation, supported employment, emergency on-call supports, social rehabilitation, and mobile crisis intervention as well as traditional

services such as outpatient therapy and medication management. It is understood that continuation of mental health services is voluntary by the consumer. The Housing Authority may assist the consumer to contact the appropriate MH or MR base service unit in order to access needed services at any time.

4. Working Family Preference – Preference will be given to those households that have at least 1 adult member who has worked 20 hours a week or more for the past 6 months. (Single parent households may use school or job training hours approved by the Housing Authority to satisfy this requirement.) An applicant household shall be given the benefit of the working family preference if the head of household or spouse is 1.) 62 years of age or older or 2.) receiving Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income disability benefits or any other benefits based on an individual's inability to work. In addition, single parent households with **children 2 years of age or younger** shall receive the benefit of the working family preference.