

## HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

# VOUCHER PAYMENT STANDARDS (VPS) EFFECTIVE 1/1/2021

Current landlords may qualify for an increased payment standard by offering units with accessible features or modifying existing units to include accessible features.

### **Qualification Based on the Number of Accessible Features**

A unit with at least 3 accessible features* - 115% of Fair Market Rent (FMR)								
BEDROOM SIZE	EFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Max Contract Rent if LL is Paying <b>All</b> Utilities	821	887	1,081	1,386	1,519	1,746	1,974	
A unit with 4-6 accessible features* - 118% of Fair Market Rent (FMR)								
BEDROOM SIZE	EFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Max Contract Rent if LL is Paying <b>All</b> Utilities	842	910	1,109	1,423	1,558	1,792	2,026	
A unit with 7 or more accessible features* - 120% of Fair Market Rent (FMR)								
BEDROOM SIZE	EFF	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Max Contract Rent if LL is Paying <b>All</b> Utilities	856	926	1,128	1,447	1,585	1,822	2,060	

\*Please Note: What qualifies as an accessible feature is evaluated on a case by case basis by the Disability Compliance Office (DCO). Features that are specifically tailored to the needs of the individual living in the unit are more likely to count towards the increase in payment standard. Additionally, any features will not be deemed accessible unless they comply with the regulations, guidelines, and parameters set forth by the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) outlined in the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, or a combination of both.

Examples of Accessible Features							
Stove with front bearing braille knobs	Tub cut or walk-in shower	Raised toilet or higher toilet seat	Grab bars				
Video intercom (for a person who is deaf/hard of hearing or is vision impaired)	Widened hallways	Wheelchair ramp	Limited steps within the unit				

<sup>\*</sup>This list is not exhaustive, and features not listed may be taken into consideration if they are specifically tailored to the individual living in the unit.

#### **Required Verification**

Proof of accessible or adaptable improvements must be submitted to and verified by the Disability Compliance Office (DCO). Also, prior to the receipt of the Reasonable Accommodations Payment Standard, confirmation that the tenant with the disability needs at least three (3) of the unit's accessible features must be submitted to and verified by the DCO.

Any additional questions regarding the Reasonable Accommodations Payment Standards can be directed to the Disability Compliance Administrator or Section 504/ADA Compliance Coordinator in the Disability Compliance Office at 412-456-5282 or <a href="mailto:ra@hacp.org">ra@hacp.org</a>.