

Current landlords may qualify for an increased payment standard by offering units with accessible features or modifying existing units to include these features. The Disability Compliance Office (DCO) evaluates what qualifies as an accessible feature on a case-by-based basis, with a focus on features specifically tailored to the needs of the individual resident.

Qualifying for a Higher Payment Standard

To garner a higher payment standard, a unit must contain at least four (4) accessible improvements or features. These features must be stationary or permanent to the unit and comply with the 2010 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), or a combination of both. Eligibility for this payment standard is **not** intended for features that are easily removable, including but not limited to portable shower chairs and removable raised or higher toilet seats.

Examples of Accessible Features include, but are not limited to:		
Installing grab bars in bathrooms	Adding a ramp to make a primary entrance accessible	Stove with front-bearing braille knobs
Widening doorways or hallways to improve wheelchair access	Altering a walkway to provide access to a public or common use area	Tub cut or walk-in shower
Lowering kitchen cabinets to a height suitable for persons in wheelchairs	Video intercom (for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or visually impaired)	Raised toilet or higher toilet seat

**This list is not exhaustive. Other permanent features may be considered if they are specifically tailored to the resident’s verified needs.*

Required Verification

Before a higher payment standard is granted, the following verification steps must be completed:

1. **Unit Verification:** Proof of four (4) accessible or adaptable improvements must be submitted to and verified by the DCO.
2. **Tenant Need:** Confirmation must be submitted to and verified by the DCO that the tenant with the disability requires at least **three (3)** of the accessible features provided within the unit.

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 ra@hacp.org.

TIER	Bedroom Size						
	EFF	1 BR	2 BR	3 BR	4 BR	5 BR	6 BR
1	1,890	2,033	2,453	3,137	3,378	3,885	4,391
2	1,779	1,914	2,309	2,952	3,179	3,656	4,133
3	1,668	1,794	2,165	2,768	2,981	3,428	3,875
4	1,557	1,674	2,020	2,583	2,782	3,199	3,616
5	1,446	1,555	1,876	2,399	2,583	2,971	3,358
6	1,334	1,435	1,732	2,214	2,384	2,742	3,100

How do I Determine the Applicable Tier for My Unit?

To determine the applicable payment standard tier, visit this payment standard map: <https://alcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=531501a0fc54461a8a5ff1ac31bada15>. This map can be searched by the unit’s census tract number, payment standard tier, payment standard dollar amounts (if the landlord is paying for all utilities), and if the unit is located in an opportunity zone, which is only applicable to those HCV families participating in the HUD Community Choice Demonstration.