DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR 
FAMILY ACTIONS OR FAILURE TO ACT – HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Denial or termination of assistance for an applicant or participant may include:

1. Denying listing on the waiting list,
2. Denying or withdrawing a voucher,
3. Refusing to enter into a HAP contract or approve a lease,
4. Terminating housing assistance payments under an outstanding HAP contract,
5. Refusing to process or provide assistance under portability procedures.

SNRHA must terminate program assistance for a family evicted from housing assistance under the program for serious violation of the lease.

SNRHA must deny admission to the program for an applicant, or terminate program assistance for a participant, if any member of the family fails to sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.

SNRHA must prohibit admission to the program of an applicant for three (3) years from the date of eviction if a household member has been evicted from federally assisted housing for drug-related criminal activity.

SNRHA must prohibit admission to the program if any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program.

SNRHA must prohibit admission of SNRHA determines any household member is currently engaging in illegal use of a drug and SNRHA has reasonable cause to believe a household member’s illegal drug use or pattern of illegal drug use may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

SNRHA must deny assistance if any household member has ever been convicted of drug related criminal activity for manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.

SNRHA must establish standards that prohibit admission to the program if SNRHA determines it has reasonable cause to believe a household member’s abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol may threaten the health, safety, or right to a peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

SNRHA may prohibit admission of a household to the program if SNRHA determined any household member is currently engaged in, or has engaged in during a reasonable time before admission: (1) drug-related criminal activity, (2) violent criminal activity, (3) other criminal activity which may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity, or (4) other criminal activity which may threaten the health or safety of the owner, property management staff, or persons performing a contract administration function or responsibility on behalf of SNRHA (including an SNRHA employee or contractor, subcontractor, or agent).

SNRHA may, at any time, deny program assistance for an applicant, or terminate program assistance for a participant, for any of the following grounds:

1. If the family violated family obligations under the program.
2. If any member of the family has been evicted from federally assisted housing in the last five (5) years.
3. If a Public Housing Authority (PHA) has ever terminated assistance under the program for any member of the family.
4. If any member of the family has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any Federal Housing Program.
5. If the family currently owes rent or other amounts to SNRHA or to another PHA in connection with Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) or PH assistance under the 1937 Act.
6. If the family has not reimbursed any PHA for amounts paid to an owner under a HAP contract for rent, damages to the unit, or other amounts owed by the family under the lease.
7. If the family breaches an agreement with SNRHA to pay amounts owed to SNRHA, or amounts paid to an owner by SNRHA, (SNRHA, at its discretion, may offer a family the opportunity to enter an agreement to pay amounts owed to SNRHA or amounts paid to an owner by SNRHA. SNRHA may prescribe the terms of the agreement.)
8. If the family has engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward SNRHA personnel.
9. If the family has been engaged in criminal activity or alcohol abuse.

If a family member is a person with a disability and requires a specific accommodation to fully utilize our programs and services; contact the Housing Authority to obtain a REQUEST FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION form.

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