



June 30, 2026

Notice of Upcoming Program Changes and Cost-Saving Measures to MCHA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Project Based Voucher Program

Dear Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Participant,
As a participant in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, the McHenry County Housing Authority (MCHA) remains dedicated to helping your family secure stable, affordable housing. However, due to funding cuts and rising program costs, MCHA must implement several cost-saving measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program.

Effective 7/01/2026, the following cost-saving measures will be applied to the program:

- **MCHA will begin to deny family requests to move due to insufficient funding.** MCHA will deny tenant requests to move to higher cost units inside MCHA's jurisdiction and/or to higher cost areas if a family requests to move under portability. MCHA will follow all HUD guidance in PIH Notice 2016-09 regarding denying moves due to insufficient funding.

Effective 8/01/2026, the following cost-saving measures will be applied to the program:

- **Increase to MCHA's minimum rent:** MCHA will increase our minimum rent from \$30 to \$50 per month for all assisted families paying the current minimum rent. ***Families claiming a financial hardship may be exempt from paying the \$50 minimum rent if the family has 1) lost eligibility or is awaiting an eligibility determination for federal, state or local assistance, 2) the family would be evicted as a result of the imposition of the minimum rent requirement, or 3) the income of the family has decreased because of changed circumstances including loss of employment or death in the family. MCHA, upon the family's written request, will review the circumstances regarding the financial hardship and suspension of minimum rent**.*

How this affects your family:

Any changes to your tenant portion of rent or utility assistance due to the minimum rent increase will take effect on **8/01/2026**. You will receive an individualized breakdown of your recalculated rent portion via a separate updated rent notification letter or at your next scheduled reexamination.

We understand that these changes may cause financial strain. MCHA is committed to working with HUD, our families, and our landlords to continue providing assistance to as many eligible families as possible.

Sincerely,

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