



Rent Reform Fact Sheet: Classic Program

Classic is part of an AHFC public housing initiative to provide more housing to more Alaskan families in need. It is designed for Alaskan families where all household members are age 62 or older, or are persons with a disability¹. In this program, shelter burden² will drop from 30 to 28.5 percent of gross

income and no deductions will be applied to the income calculation. Removing deductions and decreasing the shelter burden will streamline the administrative process while still providing Classic families with stability in the portion of rent they pay. These changes will take place when households reach their yearly recertification month starting in April 2014.

Classic participants living in extreme poverty will pay a minimum of no less than \$25 per month toward housing costs.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I want to add an adult to my household who is younger than 62 years old or is not a person with a disability?

Families who add an adult who is neither a dependent nor someone experiencing a disability will cause the household to move into the Step program. The household will then be subject to Step program rules.

Will I still receive a utility allowance?

Yes. Classic participants will continue to receive utility allowances; however, utility reimbursement payments will no longer be provided under any Rent Reform program.

Will I receive a medical allowance?

Medical allowances will no longer be a part of the program.

I'm interested in relocating. Can I apply for a waiting list in a new area of Alaska?

Yes; vouchers will still be transferrable within communities where voucher programs exist. For Public Housing, transfers between communities are not allowed.

Can I move with my voucher outside of Alaska?

Yes, portability under the Classic program will not change and you can move your Housing Choice Voucher out of state.

¹Current participants age 57 and older will be grandfathered in; live-in attendants and full-time student dependents younger than age 24 are also allowed.

²To calculate a person's shelter burden, add rent plus utilities, then divide it by their gross monthly income.

Frequently Asked Questions, Continued

Will I still have to meet with AHFC to conduct annual reviews?

The first year all participating families will meet with AHFC to transition into the new Moving to Work Rent Reform program. Classic participants will then meet with AHFC once every three years.

What happens if there's a change in my household?

You will need to report changes in household composition in writing within 10 business days.

Does the Housing Choice Voucher 50 percent rule apply (whereby the participant must rent a unit that costs no more than 50 percent of their income)?

Yes. Anyone on an income-based rent will be subject to the 50 percent rule at the time of leasing.

I am a Public Housing resident. Do I still need to complete community service requirements?

Yes. Public housing residents still must complete the community service requirement.

Does AHFC provide additional resources for Classic participants?

AHFC is launching an expanded Family Self-Sufficiency program that will offer goal setting, training, and job search assistance. All participants are eligible for this free program. Some examples of classes include job searches, resume writing, financial management and other related activities.

Where do I go to get more information? AHFC has launched a new website to keep Classic Participants informed of program changes. Visit www.rentreform.ahfc.us frequently, or email us at rentreform@ahfc.us.

We've also established a toll-free number where you can speak directly with our staff: **1-855-686-3751**.

