



PORTABILITY



Portability is one of the benefits of the HCV program that enables you to use your Section 8 assistance in other cities or states outside of Tompkins County. Portability was created to allow you the freedom to choose which area of the country best suits the needs of your family.



You are eligible for portability under the following circumstances:



New Voucher Holder:



- If you were living in Tompkins County when you applied for Section 8 and were on the waiting list for at least 12 months before receiving your voucher.
- The jurisdiction that you would like to move to administers a Section 8 HCV program.
- You meet the initial income limits of the Housing Authority that you'd like to transfer to.



Existing Voucher Holder:



- If you have been receiving Section 8 assistance in Tompkins County for at least 12 months.
- If you leave your current landlord in good standings with no money owed.
- You do not owe IHA any money towards a repayment agreement.



Voucher Terms:



- You must contact the Receiving PHA before the expiration of your voucher to have them issue you a new voucher in their jurisdiction. The Receiving PHA's voucher cannot expire earlier than 30 days from the expiration date of IHA's voucher. The Receiving PHA will be responsible for issuing deadlines and extensions for their jurisdiction.
- If you decide not to relocate to the new location, then you must request for your portability paperwork to be sent back to IHA and you must either remain in your current unit or submit Request for Tenancy Approval Paperwork for an apartment that is approved in Tompkins County before the expiration of your voucher with IHA.



Portability Facts:



- You will be subject to the Receiving PHA's administrative policies which may be different than IHA's policies (including subsidy standards/voucher size).
- The Receiving PHA may conduct another criminal background check to rescreen you in accordance with their eligibility criteria.





How to request portability:



Please contact your assigned Section 8 HCV caseworker at 607-273-1244 for portability transfer request paperwork. Your caseworker will further explain portability procedures in detail and the responsibilities of you, IHA, and the receiving Housing Authority.



Benefits of Living in a Low-Poverty Area:



- Children who move to low-poverty neighborhoods when they were young are doing better as adults, with significantly higher earnings and a greater likelihood of having attended college.



- Families report benefiting greatly from reduced crime.



- Greater employment opportunities.

