MAINE CENTRALIZED SECTION 8/HCV WAITING LIST
Housing Data Link of Maine, LLC

DEFINITIONS OF PREFERENCES

1. DISABLED – A family whose head, spouse or sole member has a physical or mental disability. This may require verification from a third party source for eligibility purposes. (For additional information regarding Additional Terms or Exceptions see 5 M.S.R.A 4553-A)

   “Physical or mental disability” means:
   A. Physical or Mental disability, defined – “Physical or mental disability means:
      1. A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual;
      2. Significantly impairs physical or mental health;
      3. Requires special education, vocational rehabilitation or related services;
   Without regard to severity unless otherwise indicated: absent, artificial or replacement limbs, hands, feet or vital organs; alcoholism; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; bipolar disorder; blindness or abnormal vision loss; cancer; cerebral palsy; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; Crohn’s disease; cystic fibrosis; deafness or abnormal hearing loss; diabetes; substantial disfigurement; epilepsy; heart disease; HIV or AIDS; kidney or renal diseases; lupus; major depressive disorder; mastectomy; mental retardation; multiple sclerosis; muscular dystrophy; paralysis; Parkinson’s disease; pervasive developmental disorders; rheumatoid arthritis; schizophrenia; and acquired brain injury.
      B. With respect to an individual, having a record of any of the conditions in paragraph A; or
      C. With respect to an individual, being regarded as having or likely to develop any of the conditions in paragraph A.

2. ELDERLY – A family whose head of household or spouse is sixty-two (62) years of age or older.

3. FAMILY WITH MINOR CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS – At least one member of a family is under eighteen (18) years of age and the legal responsibility of an adult member in the family; OR at least one disabled person of any age who is not the head or spouse/partner; OR a person eighteen years of age or older who is claimed as a dependent under IRS rules.

4. WHERE DO YOU LIVE? – To receive this preference the family must live in a specific town.

5. VETERAN – A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

6. DISPLACED BY NATURAL or NATIONAL DISASTER – Persons displaced by natural or national disaster as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the HA is under the direction of HUD to serve these persons.

7. CHRONICALLY HOMELESS – This preference is available to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families who may be eligible for special Voucher Set-Aside programs provided by certain Housing Authorities. Chronically homeless is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition or a family with a member who has a disabling condition and has been continuously homeless for a year or more, or had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, a person or family must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (i.e. living on the streets or in a car, camping, etc) and/or been in an emergency shelter within the area of the Housing Authority during that time.

8. WHERE DO HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WORK? – To receive this preference at least one member of the household must work in a specific town.

9. NON-SUBSIDIZED – A family who is not currently residing in subsidized housing or receiving subsidized rental assistance based on their monthly income.

10. FULL-TIME STUDENT attending school in Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, Poland or Turner – To qualify for this preference the head of household or spouse must be attending school full-time within Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, Poland and Turner.

11. WORKING – A family whose head of household or spouse is currently employed.

12. SINGLE PERSON FAMILY who is Not Disabled and Not Elderly – A one-person family, where the sole member of the household is not Disabled and is under sixty-two (62) years of age.

13. TEDFORD SHELTER RESIDENT – A family that is currently residing at the Tedford Housing Individual or Family Shelter.