

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-Asides 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.