



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Mental Hygiene Administration

Spring Grove Hospital Center • Dix Building

55 Wade Avenue • Catonsville, Maryland 21228

Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

Brian M. Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director

To: All Providers

From: Daryl Plevy, Deputy Director, MHA

Re: HABC seeking applicants for its wheelchair accessible and one-bedroom units

Date: February 25, 2013

Until March 22, 2013, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's (HABC's) Public Housing Office is holding walk-in interviews every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for any family needing a wheelchair accessible unit. Interviews are held at HABC's Customer Relations Center, located at 1225 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21223. You don't need to be on the waiting list already – you can fill out an application at the walk-in interview. Applications are being taken for any size bedroom unit. While there may not be immediate availability for these units, HABC has nearly exhausted its waiting list and is conducting outreach to have a ready list of eligible households so that units can be filled as soon as they are available. One bedroom Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (UFAS) units in the mixed population buildings have the greatest availability. Applicants must provide verification from a medical provider or professional familiar with their needs, indicating their need for a wheelchair-accessible (UFAS) unit.

HABC has created more than 600 UFAS units in the past 8 years; when they are done there will be at least 755 wheelchair accessible units in their inventory. Units have been created in the mixed-population high rise buildings, family public housing projects, mixed income and HOPE VI developments, and scattered site units. Units are available in a range of sizes and amenities, and throughout the city. While applicants can express preference for certain types or locations, units are offered based on availability. Applicants receive 3 offers before their name is withdrawn from the waiting list. HABC does try to accommodate requests for certain types of units or locations if needed due to a household member's disability. Rent is set at 30% of the family's income.

Also, **HABC is accepting applications for project-based Section 8 units from non-elderly persons with disabilities until MARCH 29, 2013.** HABC defines a non-elderly person with disabilities as a family whose sole member, head of household, or head of household's spouse is a person with a disability who is under age sixty-two (62) and is eligible for a one-bedroom public housing unit or for a two-bedroom public housing unit because a second bedroom is needed for disability-related reasons. (No one in the household need be a wheelchair user, although HABC seeks applicants in need of UFAS units as well.) The Section 8 waiting list at HABC has been closed to people with disabilities since 2008, so this is a good opportunity to get on the waiting list. Also, after a year of tenancy in a

project-based unit, a person may request a tenant-based voucher and move to another unit of their choice.

Toll Free 1-877-4MD-DHMH • TTY for Disabled - Maryland Relay Service 1-800-735-2258
Web Site: www.dhmh.state.md.us