

New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) Administrative Plan Revision Summary for 2025

NHHFA's Assisted Housing Division has adopted the Nan McKay model plan and has completed a full revision of our Administrative Plan. While most things are rewritten differently there is only substantive change in the following area.

Chapter 4 page 4-8 - the change being recommended is to cap the HCBS waiver preference at 50 vouchers per calendar year.

(a) Home and Community Based Service Waivers (formerly known as the Choices for Independence). The HCBS waiver program is authorized in Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act and includes:

- (1) Developmental disabilities (DD Waiver)
- (2) In-home support for children with developmental disabilities (IHS Waiver)
- (3) Acquired brain disorder (ABD Waiver)
- (4) Adults with nursing home level care (CFI Waiver)
- (5) Individuals under 62 years of age who are transitioning out of a nursing home to a more independent setting

Applicants with a family member who is eligible for services through one of the above programs will receive a preference. A signed verification form from the individual's service provider will be required.

This preference will be capped at 50 vouchers per calendar year.

Proposed Moving to Work (MTW) Waivers

- Increase the minimum rent from \$50 to \$130. The MTW Operations notice recommends a safe harbor amount of \$130. NHHFA will generate an additional HAP savings of approximately \$169,920.
- Eliminate utility reimbursement payments when the utility allowance is greater than the total tenant payment. This is an available waiver in the MTW Operations notice. NHHFA will generate an additional HAP savings of approximately \$218,604
- Request a waiver to the pending HOTMA (Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act) regulations to implement a deduction from medical expenses over 10% of household income instead of the current 3% deduction. Eliminate the phased in time period, effective at the next regular reexamination. NHHFA currently completes biennial recertification.
- Use our funding flexibility under the MTW program to create a Family Self Sufficiency grant program. NHHFA currently funds the FSS Grant Program with operating funds. This waiver will allow us to fund up to \$50,000 in administrative fees to assist HCV clients in reducing barriers to increasing their earned income and moving towards self-sufficiency. Program resources would be used for computers, education, and employment-related expenses like dental work, licenses, auto repairs/maintenance and other transportation needs.
- Request a waiver to the pending HOTMA (Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act) regulations to waive the requirement to verify a household's assets every three

years using third-party verification methods. This request supports the cost-effective MTW statutory objectives and is part of the rent simplification process that will also minimize the potential for errors.

- Request a waiver of 24 CFR 982.616(c) (2) and the pending HOTMA (Housing Opportunities Through Modernization Act) changes. This waiver will allow us to complete all interim reexaminations regardless of the percentage of income or type of change. NHHFA will only verify the change in income without conducting a full certification of household income

The HOTMA regulation is administratively burdensome and does not align with NHHFA's MTW waiver to complete biennial and triennial reexaminations. NHHFA's proposed waiver request will ensure that changes are completed timely.