

**§ 887.483 Single room occupancy: Additional eligibility criteria.**

Elderly, handicapped, and disabled persons may use SRO housing only if the following conditions exist:

(a) The property is located in an area in which there is significant demand for SRO units, as determined by the HUD Field Office;

(b) The PHA and the unit of general local government in which the property is located approve the use of SRO units for this purpose; and

(c) The unit of general local government and the local PHA certify to HUD that the property meets applicable local health and safety standards for SRO housing.

**§ 887.485 Single room occupancy: Housing quality standards.**

The housing quality standards in § 887.251 apply to SROs, except 887.251 (a), (b), and (c). In addition, the following performance requirements apply:

(a) Each SRO unit may be occupied by no more than one person.

(b) Exterior doors and windows accessible from outside the SRO unit must be lockable.

(c) Sanitary facilities, space and security characteristics must meet local code standards for single room occupancy housing. In the absence of applicable local code standards, the requirements for habitable rooms used for living and sleeping purposes contained in the American Public Health Association's Recommended Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Ordinance shall be used.

**§ 887.487 Single room occupancy: Payment standard.**

(a) The payment standard amount for SRO units is equal to 75 percent of the Section 8 Existing Housing 0-bedroom fair market rent, or, if HUD has approved the use of community-wide exception rents for 0-bedroom units under § 882.106(a)(3) of this chapter, the payment standard amount for SRO units is equal to 75 percent of the HUD-approved community-wide exception rent. (Community-wide exception rents are maximum gross rents approved by HUD for the Certificate Program under § 882.106(a)(3) of this chapter for a des-

ignated municipality, county, or similar locality, which apply to the whole PHA jurisdiction.)

(b) HUD may approve a higher SRO payment standard amount, not to exceed 100 percent of the Section 8 Existing Housing fair market rent or HUD-approved community-wide exception rent referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, if the PHA can justify a change based on data reflecting the SRO rent levels that exist within the entire market area.

**§ 887.489 Congregate housing: Definition.**

“Congregate housing” means housing for elderly, handicapped, or disabled participants, that meets the housing quality standards for congregate housing specified in § 887.491.

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**§ 887.491 Congregate housing: Housing quality standards.**

The housing quality standards in § 887.251 apply to congregate housing, except that § 887.251(b), food preparation and refuse disposal, and the requirement in § 887.251(c) for adequate space for kitchen area, do not apply. In addition, the following standards apply:

(a) The unit must contain a refrigerator of appropriate size.

(b) The sanitary facilities described in § 887.251 (a) of this section must be contained within the unit.

(c) The central dining facility and central kitchen must be located within the building or housing complex and be accessible to the occupants of the congregate units, and must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner by a food service or persons other than the occupants. The facilities must be for the primary use of occupants of the congregate units and be sufficient in size to accommodate the occupants. There must be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food waste and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage where necessary (e.g., garbage cans).

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