

not be subject to serious adverse environmental conditions, natural or man-made, such as dangerous walks or steps, instability, flooding, poor drainage, septic tank back-ups, sewage hazards or mud slides, abnormal air pollution, smoke or dust, excessive noise, vibrations or vehicular traffic, excessive accumulations of trash, vermin or rodent infestation, or fire hazards. The unit must be located in a residential setting.

## SHARED HOUSING

**§ 982.615 Shared housing: Occupancy.**

(a) *Sharing a unit.* An assisted family may reside in shared housing. In shared housing, an assisted family shares a unit with the other resident or residents of the unit. The unit may be a house or an apartment.

(b) *Who may share a dwelling unit with assisted family?* (1) If approved by the HA, a live-in aide may reside with the family to care for a person with disabilities. The HA must approve a live-in aide if needed as a reasonable accommodation so that the program is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities in accordance with 24 CFR part 8. See § 982.316 concerning occupancy by a live-in aide.

(2) Other persons who are assisted under the tenant-based program, or other persons who are not assisted under the tenant-based program, may reside in a shared housing unit.

(3) The owner of a shared housing unit may reside in the unit. A resident owner may enter into a HAP contract with the HA. However, housing assistance may not be paid on behalf of an owner. An assisted person may not be related by blood or marriage to a resident owner.

**§ 982.616 Shared housing: Lease and HAP contract.**

For assistance in a shared housing unit, there is a separate HAP contract and lease for each assisted family.

**§ 982.617 Shared housing: Rent and housing assistance payment.**

(a) *Meaning of pro-rata portion.* For shared housing, the term “pro-rata portion” means the ratio derived by dividing the number of bedrooms in the

private space available for occupancy by a family by the total number of bedrooms in the unit. For example, for a family entitled to occupy three bedrooms in a five bedroom unit, the ratio would be 3/5.

(b) *Rent to owner: Reasonable rent.* (1) The rent to owner for the family may not exceed the pro-rata portion of the reasonable rent for the shared housing dwelling unit.

(2) The reasonable rent is determined in accordance with § 982.503.

(c) *Maximum subsidy—(1) Regular tenancy: Limit on initial gross rent.* For a regular tenancy under the certificate program, the initial gross rent may not exceed either:

(i) The FMR/exception rent limit for the family unit size; or

(ii) The pro-rata portion of the FMR/exception rent limit for the shared housing unit size.

(2) *Voucher or over-FMR tenancy: Payment standard.* For a voucher tenancy or an over-FMR tenancy, the payment standard is the lower of:

(i) The payment standard for the family unit size; or

(ii) The pro-rata portion of the payment standard for the shared housing unit size.

(3) *Live-in aide.* If there is a live-in aide, the live-in aide must be counted in determining the family unit size.

(d) *Utility allowance.* The utility allowance for an assisted family residing in shared housing is the pro-rata portion of the utility allowance for the shared housing unit.

**§ 982.618 Shared housing: Housing quality standards.**

(a) *Compliance with HQS.* The HA may not give approval to reside in shared housing unless the entire unit, including the portion of the unit available for use by the assisted family under its lease, meets the housing quality standards.

(b) *Applicable HQS standards.* The HQS in § 982.401 apply to assistance in shared housing. However, the HQS standards in this section apply in place of § 982.401(d) (space and security).

(c) *Facilities available for family.* The facilities available for the use of an assisted family in shared housing under

the family's lease must include (whether in the family's private space or in the common space) a living room, sanitary facilities in accordance with § 982.401(b), and food preparation and refuse disposal facilities in accordance with § 982.401(c).

(d) *Space and security: Performance requirements.* (1) The entire unit must provide adequate space and security for all its residents (whether assisted or unassisted).

(2)(i) Each unit must contain private space for each assisted family, plus common space for shared use by the residents of the unit. Common space must be appropriate for shared use by the residents.

(ii) The private space for each assisted family must contain at least one bedroom for each two persons in the family. The number of bedrooms in the private space of an assisted family may not be less than the family unit size.

(iii) A zero or one bedroom unit may not be used for shared housing.

COOPERATIVE

**§ 982.619 Cooperative housing.**

(a) *When cooperative housing may be used.* A family may reside in cooperative housing if the HA determines that:

(1) Assistance under the program will help maintain affordability of the cooperative unit for low-income families; and

(2) The cooperative has adopted requirements to maintain continued affordability for low-income families after transfer of a cooperative member's interest in a cooperative unit (such as a sale of the resident's share in a cooperative corporation).

(b) *Rent to owner.* (1) The reasonable rent for a cooperative unit is determined in accordance with § 982.503. For cooperative housing, the rent to owner is the monthly carrying charge under the occupancy agreement/lease between the member and the cooperative.

(2) The carrying charge consists of the amount assessed to the member by the cooperative for occupancy of the housing. The carrying charge includes the member's share of the cooperative debt service, operating expenses, and necessary payments to cooperative reserve funds. However, the carrying

charge does not include down-payments or other payments to purchase the cooperative unit, or to amortize a loan to the family for this purpose.

(3) Gross rent is the carrying charge plus any utility allowance.

(4) For a regular tenancy under the certificate program, rent to owner is adjusted in accordance with § 982.509 (annual adjustment) and § 982.510 (special adjustments). For a cooperative, adjustments are applied to the carrying charge as determined in accordance with this section.

(5) The occupancy agreement/lease and other appropriate documents must provide that the monthly carrying charge is subject to Section 8 limitations on rent to owner.

(c) *Housing assistance payment.* The amount of the housing assistance payment is determined in accordance with subpart K of this part.

(d) *Live-in aide.* (1) If approved by the HA, a live-in aide may reside with the family to care for a person with disabilities. The HA must approve a live-in aide if needed as a reasonable accommodation so that the program is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities in accordance with 24 CFR part 8. See § 982.316 concerning occupancy by a live-in aide.

(2) If there is a live-in aide, the live-in aide must be counted in determining the family unit size.

MANUFACTURED HOME

**§ 982.620 Manufactured home: Applicability of requirements.**

(a) *Assistance for resident of manufactured home.* (1) A family may reside in a manufactured home with assistance under the program.

(2) The HA must permit a family to lease a manufactured home and space with assistance under the program.

(3) The HA may provide assistance for a family that owns the manufactured home and leases only the space. The HA is not required to provide such assistance under the program.

(b) *Applicability.* (1) The HQS in § 982.621 always apply when assistance is provided to a family occupying a manufactured home (under paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section).

(2) Sections 982.622 to 982.624 only apply when assistance is provided to a