

(d) Any recommendations by the HA or the appropriate local program coordinating committee for legislative or administrative action that would improve the FSS program and ensure the effectiveness of the program.

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Subpart A—General

§ 985.1 Purpose and applicability.

(a) *Purpose.* The Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) is designed to assess whether the Section 8 tenant-based assistance programs operate to help eligible families afford decent rental units at the correct subsidy cost. SEMAP also establishes an objective system for HUD to measure HA performance in key Section 8 program areas to enable the Department to ensure program integrity and accountability. SEMAP provides procedures for HUD to identify HA management capabilities and deficiencies in order to target monitoring and program assistance

more effectively. HAs can use the SEMAP performance analysis to assess and improve their own program operations.

(b) *Applicability.* This rule applies to HA administration of the tenant-based Section 8 rental voucher and rental certificate programs (24 CFR part 982), the project-based component (PBC) of the certificate program (24 CFR part 983) to the extent that PBC family and unit data are reported and measured under the stated HUD verification method, and enrollment levels and contributions to escrow accounts for Section 8 participants under the family self-sufficiency program (FSS) (24 CFR part 984).

§ 985.2 Definitions.

(a) The terms *Department*, *Fair Market Rent*, *HUD*, *Secretary*, and *Section 8*, as used in this part, are defined in 24 CFR 5.100.

(b) The definitions in 24 CFR 982.4 apply to this part. As used in this part: *Corrective action plan* means a HUD-required written plan that addresses HA program management deficiencies or findings identified by HUD through remote monitoring or on-site review, and that will bring the HA to an acceptable level of performance.

HA means a Housing Agency.
MTCS means Multifamily Tenant Characteristics System. MTCS is the Department's national database on participants and rental units in the Section 8 rental certificate, rental voucher, and moderate rehabilitation programs and in the Public and Indian Housing programs.

Performance indicator means a standard set for a key area of Section 8 program management against which the HA's performance is measured to show whether the HA administers the program properly and effectively. (See § 985.3.)

SEMAP certification means the HA's annual certification to HUD, on the form prescribed by HUD, concerning its performance in key Section 8 program areas.

SEMAP deficiency means any rating of 0 points on a SEMAP performance indicator.

SEMAP profile means a summary prepared by HUD of an HA's ratings on