



## SUMMARY OF CHANGES PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SPHA FSS ACTION PLAN

### Enrollment

- Expands eligibility for program enrollment from only the Head of Household to now any adult member of the household (Head of FSS Family) as designated by the family **(See Chapter 5)**
  - One Contract of Participation (CoP) per family
  - Escrow goes to the person who signs the CoP
- ALLOWS Section 8(y) – HCV Homeownership to be in the FSS program **(See Chapter 6)**
- “120-day rule” no longer applies At enrollment, the most recent effective rent certification must be used to establish the baseline **(See Chapter 6)**

### Escrow

- Adds definitions for “Baseline Annual Earned Income,” “Baseline Monthly Rent,” “Current Annual Earned Income,” “Current Monthly Rent” **(See Chapter 2)**
- Forfeited Escrow is no longer returned to the PHA, thus eliminating an incentive the PHA may have to not graduate families. Forfeited escrow now goes to a pot “to be used for the benefit of FSS Families” so may help with barrier reduction **(See Chapter 6)**
- In certain situations, escrow funds may still be disbursed to families that did not successfully complete all goals in the ITSP **(See Chapter 6)**

### Extensions

- Expands “good cause” for extensions to include participants who are actively engaging in pursuing self-sufficiency goals (not only those who have had an impact that was out of their control)

### Graduation

- The “30% rule” as an option for graduation has been removed
- “Welfare-free” requirement is now at graduation, no longer 12 months **(See Chapter 5)**
- Adds a disposition of the CoP - “Termination with FSS Escrow Disbursement” for families that become disabled or that port in situations where they cannot continue to FSS program, but have not yet met all required goals, etc. **(See Chapter 6)**