

RAD frequently asked questions and answers

1. What is RAD?
2. **Rental Assistance Demonstration, a relatively new HUD program whereby public housing sites can be converted to different types of Section 8 programs.**

1. What are the benefits of RAD?

A. **The program funding for our sites is anticipated to be higher and more stable over time, allowing the sites to be maintained and operated to a higher standard.**

1. Will we lose our homes?

A. **No, the RAD regulations are very protective of tenant rights. However, of course you must continue to comply with your lease, pay your rent, etc.**

1. Since there is no flat rent, what options would take its place?

A. **The concept of flat rent does not exist in the new program. Instead, all household rents are calculated similarly to the public housing income-based rents (30% of adjusted gross household income) Residents paying flat rent now will experience a phased-in increase up to the cap of 30% of adjusted gross income.**

1. Why is CHA converting to RAD?

A. **Under the RAD program, CHA proposes to convert several sites, including Mary Walker Towers, Boynton and Dogwood, into Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) sites, a type of Section 8. The reasons are as stated above in Q2. Other CHA public housing sites may be considered for conversion in the future.**

1. What are the new income limits under RAD?

A. **Under the new Project-Based Rental Assistance program at Mary Walker Tower, Boynton Terrace and Dogwood Manor, income limits would remain the same as public housing, at 80% of Area Median Income adjusted for family size.**

1. Will married couples continue to qualify?

A. **Yes, of course. There will be no changes in the eligible household types under the new program.**

1. Will CHA continue to manage the high rises under the new RAD program?
2. **Yes, CHA will continue to own and operate.**

1. Will we need to pay utilities?
2. **No, CHA will continue to pay utilities if the property is not individually metered.**
3. What about the air conditioning fee?
4. **Unlike public housing, the RAD PBRA program does not require or allow air conditioning surcharges, so summer air conditioning charges would be eliminated**
5. When will this happen?
6. **We plan to close on September 30, 2020. The new RAD contract should start November 1, 2020. We will let you all know if there is any change.**