



February 2, 2026

## **Emergency Housing Vouchers “EHV” Sunset Policies**

### **Annual Recertifications**

EHV recertifications will be permitted through May 27, 2026, but not after that date. If a family does not submit a recertification in a timely manner, this may result in termination of program participation.

- Recertification will be initiated 120 days prior to effective date. Family must complete and submit all recertification documents at least 90 days prior to the effective date.

### **Interim Reexaminations**

All interim reexaminations must be completed in a timely manner.

- Any changes in your family composition or income must be reported within 10 business days.

### **Rental Increases**

Due to limited EHV funding for 2026, DCA is unable to approve rental increases for the duration of the program.

### **Moves**

Moves with continued EHV assistance are prohibited through the remaining duration of the EHV program. Families may submit a notice to vacate with the acknowledgement that their EHV assistance will be terminated upon their move-out. DCA may no longer issue any new Emergency Housing Vouchers. This includes issuing vouchers for a subsequent move.

### **Port Outs**

DCA’s current policies regarding port outs apply the same to EHV as to other HCV programs. Port outs are restricted to PHAs that will absorb vouchers. Through the remainder of the EHV program, EHV participants may not port out to a Public Housing Authority jurisdiction that intends to bill DCA. For families that have already ported out to PHAs that are billing DCA, DCA will contact those PHAs and notify them of DCA’s sunset timeline.



## Port Ins

DCA will not process any port-in requests for EHV.

## New vouchers

DCA may no longer issue any new Emergency Housing Vouchers. This includes issuing vouchers for a subsequent move.

## For EHV participants: What policies apply to me?

Group	Applicable to:	Policy
A	Participants who have never leased up with an EHV	EHV participants in the initial housing search phase have until February 1, 2026, to sign an initial lease. All remaining EHV vouchers that have never been utilized will be expired as of February 1, 2026. If a participant leases up prior to February 1, 2026, they may be eligible for 12 months of assistance (if funding is available) but may not recertify after that.
B	Current leased participants who have requested to move units and are in the search process	EHV participants currently requesting to move may not sign lease on a new unit utilizing their EHV as of February 1, 2026. The participant may either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rescind their notice to vacate, recertify, and continue tenancy in the current unit through June 30, 2026, or</li><li>• End their participation in the EHV program in order to move to a new unit</li></ul>
C	Current participants who are leased and have recertified on or after July 1, 2025, but before February 1, 2026	For these EHV participants, program participation ends June 30, 2026. No additional recertification will be permitted effective July 1, 2026. Per the HAP contract, the landlord must permit the tenant to break the lease without penalty to the tenant, if necessary.
D	Current participants expected to recertify between February 1, 2026, and May 31, 2026	EHV participant may recertify, however HAP funding will end June 30, 2026. Participants may renew their tenancy on a month-to-month basis or through a short-term lease, if agreed to by the landlord.

E	Current participants expected to recertify June 1, 2026, or after	No recertification may be permitted, and program participation will end on June 30, 2026. Per the HAP contract, the landlord must permit the tenant to break the lease without penalty to the tenant, if necessary.
F	Current participants whose initial lease ends June 30, 2026 or after; AND participant is in initial lease up with EHV program	If a household signed an initial lease between July 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026, the household may remain on the EHV program until the initial lease ends, but will not be permitted to recertify after that point.