### **RESOLUTION 15-07**

# TO ADOPT THE 2015 PAYMENT STANDARD SCHEDULE FOR ALL PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) currently administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program and other programs which provide rental assistance to eligible low to extremely low income families; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD regulations found at 24 C.F.R. § 982.503 and 14 DCMR § 8300, DCHA is required to adopt a payment standard schedule for administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, DCHA must establish the Housing Choice Voucher Programs Payment Standard amounts for each unit size pursuant to Fair Market Rents (FMR) set by the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2014, HUD published FMRs at the 40th percentile for the DCHA Housing Choice Voucher Program for FY2015; and

WHEREAS, the payment schedule will be effective March 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amounts on DCHA's Payment Standard Schedule are used to calculate the monthly housing assistance payment for families participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program for certifications and recentifications effective April 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in order to maximize housing assistance payments and increase affordable housing in low poverty and minority concentration areas, DCHA must increase its payment standard up to 130% of the FMR; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the DCHA Moving to Work Authority the Payment Standard Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015 will be set up to 130% of the published FMR for each unit size; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2015 Payment Standard Schedule for each bedroom size as follows:

0 Bedroom	\$1,517
1 Bedroom	\$1,599
2 Bedroom	\$1,894
3 Bedroom	\$2,536
4 Bedroom	\$3,186
5 Bedroom	\$3,665
6 Bedroom	\$4,138

ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority and signed in authentication of its passage the

ATTEST:

Adrianne Todman

**Executive Director/Secretary** 

**ARPROVAL** 

Terri Chomp

Chairman

APPROVED FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Kenneth Slaughter General Counsel

## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

# NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) hereby gives notice, pursuant to the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-203 (2012 Repl.)), of its intent to adopt the following proposed amendments to Chapter 83 (Payment Standard Amount) of Title 14 (Housing) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to amend the payment standard to 130% of the Fair Market Rents for all sized units in the District of Columbia.

Per 1 DCMR 311.4(e), emergency rulemakings are promulgated when the action is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare, or morals. There is an urgent need to adopt these emergency regulations to increase the number of Housing Choice Vouchers throughout the District of Columbia.

These emergency regulations were adopted by the Board on March 11, 2015 and became effective immediately. They will remain in effect for up to one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of adoption, until July 10, 2015, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Board of Commissioners of DCHA also gives notice of intent to take rulemaking action to adopt these proposed regulations as final in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The amended provisions of Chapter 83, PAYMENT STANDARDS, of Title 14, HOUSING, of the DCMR is proposed as follows:

### Section 8300.2(e) is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Payment Standard up to 130% of the Fair Market Rents for all size units in all areas of the District of Columbia. Any change to the Payment Standard shall be implemented by regulatory action of the Commission and shall apply to all vouchers issued after the date of the adoption of any regulation modifying the Payment Standard.

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