

**Notice of Adoption of Amendments to
Chapters 10 and 11 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York
and to Chapter 60 of Title 28 of the Rules of the City of New York**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED in the Commissioner of the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) pursuant to Section 603 of the New York City Charter and in the Commissioner of the Department of Housing Preservation (HPD) and Development pursuant to Section 1802 of the Charter, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter, that HRA and HPD have adopted the above final rule.

This rule was published as a proposed rule in the City Record on April 30, 2025 and a public hearing was held on May 30, 2025.

New York City Human Resources Administration

Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The Human Resources Administration proposes further innovations to the City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) and Pathway Home rental assistance programs by establishing the Creating Real Impact at Birth (“CRIB”) pilot, changing the household contribution for those who renew beyond year five of the CityFHEPS subsidy and have earned income, and adding a definition of the term rent. Additional changes to the CityFHEPS rules are made as described below, and a corresponding change to HPD’s rules is also adopted.

Creating Real Impacts at Birth

In Fiscal Year 24, over 2,000 babies were born in the shelter system. This administration firmly believes that no child should ever be born into New York City’s shelter system. To that end, the Department of Social Services will undertake a research study designed to track outcomes for pregnant people who present at DHS' Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (“PATH”) intake center with the purpose of understanding the most effective ways to quickly move new families into stable homes and prevent lifelong cycles of poverty and housing instability before they begin.

A subset of pregnant people presenting at PATH will now immediately be eligible to receive CityFHEPS as part of the study, while another subset will be eligible for Pathway Home. Households may be eligible to participate in the CRIB pilot if they are ineligible for NoVA services (which address the needs of domestic violence victims seeking temporary emergency shelter), their income is at or below 200% FPL, and the household includes a pregnant person.

A random number generator will be used to assign pilot-eligible households to one of three groups: control, CityFHEPS, or Pathway Home until the pilot reaches its target of 500

participating households. The DSS Office of Research & Policy Innovation will track the three groups over time, measuring factors such as days in shelter and housing placements.

Households with Earned Income Renewing with Good Cause in Year 6

CityFHEPS is a 5-year subsidy intended to provide critical housing support to New Yorkers transitioning from temporary housing or to those most at risk of losing their homes in the community. It is meant to provide stability in that 5-year period so that households can get back on their feet and attend school, find jobs and establish connections within their communities.

Currently, CityFHEPS households which include a member who is at least 60 years old and those which receive federal disability benefits may renew beyond year 5. Certain other CityFHEPS households may renew for additional years where the agency finds that there is good cause. DSS is proposing to change the baseline household contribution from 30% of the household's monthly income to 40% for households with earned income that have been granted additional renewals for good cause. This change is meant to assist those households in gradually transitioning off CityFHEPS as they achieve self-sufficiency.

Unlocking Doors Initiative

In 2023, NYC created the "Unlocking Doors" initiative to reimburse owners for the costs of rehabilitating rent stabilized dwellings in need of repair, on the condition that the rehabilitated units are leased to New Yorkers experiencing homelessness who have CityFHEPS vouchers. The pilot focused on the small number of rent stabilized apartments that are chronically vacant and need significant repairs.

The original pilot allowed for a maximum reimbursement of \$25,000 per unit. To strengthen the pilot and promote needed repairs to eligible vacant units, the City committed to increasing the reimbursement amount from \$25,000 to a maximum of \$50,000, when a CityFHEPS voucher holder is placed in a formerly vacant unit. A corresponding change is also made in HPD's "Unlocking Doors" initiative.

CityFHEPS and certain income-restricted cooperative apartments

During the comment period, HRA received a comment urging that the definition of "rent" be amended to include proprietary lease payments made by people living in income-restricted cooperative apartments regulated by the Private Housing Finance Law. HRA adopts this proposal in this final rule. This expansion will ensure that people living in eligible income-restricted cooperatives who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria to receive CityFHEPS remain stably housed in affordable units.

Sections 603,1043 and 1802 of the City Charter and Sections 34, 56, 61, 62, 77, and 131-a of the New York Social Services Law authorize the adoption of this rule.

New material is underlined.

Deleted material is [bracketed].

Asterisks indicate unamended text.

Section 1. Section 10-01 of chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (a) "**ACS**" means the New York City Administration for Children's Services.
- (b) "**Apartment**" means a private residence other than an SRO.
- (c) "**AMI**" means the area median income for the New York, NY HUD Metro FMR Area, as calculated on an annual basis by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- (d) "**Case management services**" means services including, but not limited to, assistance obtaining (1) medical treatment; (2) federal, state and local government documents such as birth certificates, marriage licenses and housing records; and (3) food, medicine and other necessary supplies. Such services shall also include assistance with issues such as domestic violence, child abuse and mental illness, as applicable.
- (e) "**CITYFEPS**" means the City Family Eviction Prevention Supplement rental assistance programs previously described in Subchapter A of 68 RCNY [Ch. 8](#).
- (f) "**CityFHEPS**" or "**the CityFHEPS Program**", when used in Subchapter A of this chapter, means the program described in Subchapter A, unless otherwise specified. When used in Subchapter B of this chapter, "**CityFHEPS**" or "**the CityFHEPS Program**" means the program described in Subchapter B, unless otherwise specified. When used in Subchapter C of this chapter, "**CityFHEPS**" or "**the CityFHEPS Program**" means the program described in Subchapter C, unless otherwise specified.
- (g) "**CityFHEPS qualifying program**" means a City program that the Commissioner has designated as a program from which HRA will accept referrals for the program described in Subchapter A of this chapter, to avert entry to or abbreviate a stay in an HRA or DHS shelter. "**CityFHEPS qualifying program**" includes the following, in addition to other programs that the Commissioner may designate in the future: (1) referrals from ACS to facilitate an ACS plan for family reunification, preservation or independent living; (2) referrals from the three-quarter housing task force; (3) referrals from DYCD; or (4) referrals from the New York City Department of Correction.
- (h) "**CityFHEPS rental assistance payments**" means rent payments made pursuant to this chapter.
- (i) "**CityFHEPS Subchapter C administering agencies**" means DSS and HPD.
- (j) "**CityFHEPS unit**" means a residential unit to which CityFHEPS rental assistance payments are being applied pursuant to this chapter.
- (k) "CRIB" means the Creating Real Impacts at Birth pilot program.
- (l) "**Commissioner**" means the Commissioner of DSS or the Commissioner's designee.
- [(l)] (m) "**DHS**" means the New York City Department of Homeless Services.
- [(m)] (n) "**DHS family shelter**" means a shelter for families with children or adult families operated by or on behalf of DHS.

[(n)] (o) "**DHS single adult shelter**" means a shelter for single adults operated by or on behalf of DHS.

[(o)] (p) "**DSS**" means the New York City Department of Social Services, which is the entity consisting of HRA and DHS.

[(p)] (q) "**DYCD**" means the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development.

[(q)] (r) "**Federal disability benefits**" means social security disability insurance benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act, supplemental security income under Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, compensation for a disability resulting from a line-of-duty injury or disease pursuant to Subchapter II or Subchapter IV of Chapter 11 of Part II of Title 38 of the United States Code, or a non-service-connected disability pension pursuant to Subchapter II of Chapter 15 of Part II of Title 38 of the United States Code.

[(r)] (s) "**FHEPS**" or "**State FHEPS**" means the New York State Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement program.

[(s)] (t) "**FPL**" means the federal poverty level as established annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

[(t)] (u) "**Gross income**" means the sum of: (1) earned income, as defined in Section 352.17(a) of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, except that it shall exclude income earned through SYEP; and (2) unearned income, as defined in Section 387.10(b)(3) of such title, except that it shall exclude PA and shall only include income that is regularly recurring. Third party contributions to the rent will not be counted as income. All other income deductions or exclusions, including those set forth in Sections 387.11 and 387.12 of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, shall not be applied when calculating a household's gross income. Any financial assistance received by individuals as part of their participation in a pilot program to study and evaluate the impact and potential benefits of direct cash transfers shall be exempt for the length of time the individual participates in the program, but no longer than sixty months.

[(u)] (v) "**HDC**" means the New York City Housing Development Corporation.

[(v)] (w) "**Household**" means the individual or individuals residing or intending to reside together in the CityFHEPS unit.

[(w)] (x) "**HPD**" means the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

[(x)] (y) "**HRA**" means the New York City Human Resources Administration.

[(y)] (z) "**HRA shelter**" means a domestic violence shelter operated by or on behalf of HRA pursuant to Part 452 of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations.

[(z)] aa "**LINC VI**" means the rental assistance program described in 68 RCNY [Ch. 7](#).

[(aa)] (bb) "**Maximum monthly rent**" means an amount determined pursuant to 68 RCNY § [10-05](#) that the rent for a CityFHEPS unit can generally not exceed during the first year of CityFHEPS rental assistance, and from which the CityFHEPS rental assistance payment amount is calculated.

[(bb)] [(cc)] **"Maximum PA shelter allowance"** means the maximum monthly shelter allowance for each PA family size in accordance with the schedules set forth at Section 352.3(a)(1) of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations.

[(cc)] [(dd)] **"NPA member"** means an individual who is a member of the CityFHEPS household but is not a member of the PA household for reasons other than pursuant to Section 349.3 of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations.

[(dd)] [(ee)] **"PA"** means public assistance benefits, including monthly grants and shelter allowances, issued under the Family Assistance program pursuant to New York Social Services Law § 349, and/or the Safety Net Assistance program pursuant to New York Social Services Law § 159, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

[(ee)] [(ff)] **"PA household"** means the members of the household who apply and are accepted for PA benefits.

[(ff)] [(gg)] **"Pathway Home"** means the rental assistance program described in 68 RCNY [Ch. 11](#).

[(gg)] [(hh)] **"Primary tenant"** means the person whose name is on the lease or who has the primary responsibility for payment of the monthly rent for a residence.

[(hh)] [(ii)] **"Program participant"** means an individual who has entered into a lease for a CityFHEPS unit and has not been terminated from the program.

[(ii)] [(jj)] **"Qualifying subsidized employment program"** means any subsidized employment program established by HRA pursuant to Sections 385.9(f) or (g) of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, or such other subsidized employment program that the Commissioner may designate as a qualifying program in the future.

[(kk)] **"Rent"** means the monthly or weekly amount charged in consideration for the use and occupancy of a dwelling pursuant to a written agreement. For the purposes of this chapter, rent shall include the monthly or weekly amount charged in consideration for the use and occupation of cooperative housing subject to the provisions of article two, article four, article five or article eleven of the private housing finance law.

[(jj)] [(ll)] **"Rent-controlled apartment"** means a housing accommodation for which the maximum rent is established pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 26 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

[(kk)] [(mm)] **"Room"** means an individual room within an apartment.

[(ll)] [(nn)] **"SCRIE or DRIE Program"** means the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption ("SCRIE") or Disability Rent Increase Exemption ("DRIE") Program authorized by sections 467-b and 467-c of the New York Real Property Tax Law and established by Chapters 3, 4 and 7 of Title 26 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

[(mm)] [(oo)] **"SEPS"** means the Special Exit and Prevention Supplement rental assistance program previously described in Subchapter B of 68 RCNY Ch. 8.

[(nn)] [(pp)] **"Shopping letter"** means a letter provided to a household to assist it in its housing search that identifies the household as potentially eligible for CityFHEPS and lists the maximum monthly rent.

[(oo)] (qq) "**SRO**" means a single room occupancy unit as defined in Section 4(16) of the New York Multiple Dwelling Law.

[(pp)] (rr) "**Street homeless**" means individuals who are receiving case management services from a DHS contracted outreach provider. "**Street homeless**" includes individuals who are working with a DHS outreach team while sheltering in a safe haven, stabilization bed, or drop-in center.

[(qq)] (ss) "**Subchapter B provider**" means a not-for-profit provider that has entered into a contract with the City to operate units designated as Subchapter B units pursuant to 68 RCNY § 10-16.

[(rr)] (tt) "**Subchapter B unit**" means a unit designated by HRA as a unit towards which CityFHEPS payments may be applied pursuant to Subchapter B of this chapter.

[(ss)] (uu) "**Subchapter C unit**" means a unit designated by the CityFHEPS Subchapter C administering agencies as a unit towards which CityFHEPS rental assistance payments and a Subchapter C unit repair grant may be applied pursuant to Subchapter C of this chapter.

[(tt)] (vv) "**Subchapter C unit repair grant**" means a reimbursement grant issued to an owner pursuant to Subchapter C of this chapter and 28 RCNY Chapter 60.

[(uu)] (ww) "**Subsidized employment**" means subsidized private sector employment or subsidized public sector employment as those terms are used in Section 336(1)(b) - (c) of the New York Social Services Law.

[(vv)] (xx) "**SYEP Program**" means the Summer Youth Employment Program administered by DYCD to provide New York City residents between the ages of fourteen and twenty-four with opportunities for paid summer employment.

[(ww)] (yy) "**Three-quarter housing task force**" shall have the same meaning as in Section 1(a) of Local Law 13 of 2017.

[(xx)] "**Turning the Tide on Homelessness in New York City**" means a publication issued in February 2017 by Mayor de Blasio, Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Herminia Palacio and Commissioner Steven Banks. The publication sets forth a comprehensive borough based plan to reduce the footprint of New York City's homeless shelters, transform the City's approach to providing shelter, and drive down the population of homeless New Yorkers relying on shelter through prevention, street homelessness, and permanent housing programs.]

[(yy)] (zz) "**Unsubsidized employment**" shall have the same meaning as in Section 336(1)(a) of the New York Social Services Law.

[(zz)] (aaa) "**Veteran**" means a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States.

§ 2. Paragraphs 4 and 8 of subdivision (a) of section 10-04 of chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

(4) If a household is potentially eligible for any federal or State housing benefits, including Section 8 [or the HRA HOME TBRA program described in 68 RCNY Ch. 9], at HRA's request, the household may be required to apply for such benefits and accept them if offered.

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(8) The household must be street homeless, reside in a DHS shelter that has been identified for imminent closure, or belong to [Group] Groups A [or], B or C below:

(A) *Group A*: A household will belong to Group A if it satisfies any of the criteria set forth below and either: (1) currently resides in a DHS shelter; or (2) currently resides in an HRA shelter:

(i) The household is collectively working at least 10 hours per week in unsubsidized employment or in a qualifying subsidized employment program and can demonstrate income from such employment for the last 30 days. However, the Commissioner may waive the requirement that the household collectively work at least 10 hours per week for good cause where the household has a demonstrated, consistent work history and has experienced a recent loss in number of hours worked due to circumstances that are likely to be temporary;

(ii) The household includes a member who receives federal disability benefits or receives a recurring monthly PA grant and has been determined by HRA to be potentially eligible for federal disability benefits based on their own documented disability;

(iii) The household includes a member who is 60 years of age or older; or

(iv) The household includes a member 18 years of age or older who is exempt from PA work activities, pursuant to Section 385.2(b)(5) of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations.

(B) *Group B*: A household will belong to Group B if it currently resides in an HRA or DHS shelter and satisfies any of the criteria set forth below:

(i) The household includes a veteran; or

(ii) The household includes an individual who has been referred by a City agency through a CityFHEPS qualifying program and the Commissioner has determined that due to the particular circumstances of the household, CityFHEPS rental assistance is needed to abbreviate the household's stay in an HRA or DHS shelter.

(C) *Group C*: A household will belong to Group C if it includes a pregnant person who presents at DHS' Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) intake center and is selected to participate in the CRIB Pilot.

(i) A household is eligible to participate in such pilot if such household has an income at or below 200% FPL and includes a pregnant person. A random number generator will be used to assign pilot-eligible households to one of three groups: control, CityFHEPS or Pathway Home. A household that is eligible for NoVA services is not eligible for participation in the CRIB pilot program. For purposes of this section, the term "NoVA services" means the program that assists domestic violence survivors seeking emergency housing from the department of homeless services by providing assessment, crisis counseling, shelter referral and placement in shelters.

(ii) Households in Group C may receive a shopping letter notwithstanding the criteria set forth in paragraph 7 of this subdivision.

§ 3. Subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 10-06 of chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

(b) Where the CityFHEPS unit is an apartment, the monthly CityFHEPS rental assistance payment amount will equal the actual monthly rent for the CityFHEPS unit, up to the maximum monthly rent less the utility allowance, as described in 68 RCNY § 10-05, minus the base program participant contribution as calculated pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision.

(1) Where no members of the household receive PA, the base program participant contribution is 30 percent of the household's total monthly gross income at the time of approval or renewal. [However] Provided, however, that, if at renewal, or at the time of a recalculation of the CityFHEPS rental assistance amount pursuant to 68 RCNY § 10-09(a) or RCNY § 10-09(b), the household reports no income, the base program participant contribution will equal the maximum PA shelter allowance for the household size. If monthly rent for the CityFHEPS unit is greater than the payment standard set in 68 RCNY § 10-05(a) for the household size and the household demonstrates the ability to pay the excess rent over the payment standard, the household may be permitted to pay no more than 40% of the monthly household income total (30% of income + excess rent over the payment standard). Provided further that the base program participant contribution for households with earned income who renew beyond such participant's fifth year in the CityFHEPS program pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 10-08 will be 40 percent of the household's total monthly gross income.

(2) Where the household includes one or more members receiving PA, the base program participant contribution is the sum of the following:

(A) 30 percent of the PA household's total monthly gross income at the time of approval or renewal, or the maximum monthly PA shelter allowance for the total number of PA household members, whichever is greater; and

(B) 30 percent of the monthly gross income of any NPA members.

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(e) After making the payments described in 68 RCNY § 10-06(d), HRA will pay the CityFHEPS rental assistance payments directly to the landlord each month as long as the household remains eligible and funding for the program remains available, except that HRA may in its discretion pay additional months of CityFHEPS rental assistance payments in advance where [needed to address the goals set forth in the plan entitled Turning the Tide on Homelessness in New York City] such payments will facilitate the household remaining in permanent housing or otherwise further the goals of the CityFHEPS program.

§ 4. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 10-24 of chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(2) The unit must be vacant at the time of application for a preliminary certificate of eligibility pursuant to 28 RCNY Chapter 60, and must have been timely registered as vacant in its [2022 and] 2023 and 2024 annual rent registrations with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; and

§ 5. Subdivision (e) of section 10-24 of chapter 10 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Subchapter C Unit Repair Grant will not exceed [\$25,000] \$50,000 per dwelling unit.

§ 6. Subdivisions (b) through (q) of section 11-01 of chapter 11 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York are re-lettered subdivisions (c) through (r), and a new subdivision (b) is added, to read as follows:

(b) “CRIB” means the Creating Real Impacts at Birth pilot program.

§ 7. Section 11-03 of chapter 11 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 11-03 Eligibility. (a) To be eligible for Pathway Home, a household must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) [The household must meet one of the following conditions:

(A)] The household resides in DHS shelter [and

(i) has a qualifying shelter stay as defined in subdivision (b) of this section; or

(ii) has a CityFHEPS shopping letter pursuant to 68 RCNY § 10-04(c);

(B)] ; (2) The household is street homeless; [or

(C)] (3) The household includes an individual with a significant prior stay in DHS shelter who was discharged from the custody of the New York City Department of Correction, and the Commissioner has determined that Pathway Home is needed to avert the individual's re-entry to a DHS shelter; or

(4) the household includes a pregnant person who presents at DHS' Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) intake center and is selected to participate in the CRIB Pilot. A random number generator will be used to assign pilot-eligible households to one of three groups: control, CityFHEPS or Pathway Home. A household that is eligible for NoVA services is not eligible for participation in the CRIB pilot program. For purposes of this section, the term “NoVA services” means the program that assists domestic violence survivors seeking emergency housing from the department of homeless services by providing assessment, crisis counseling, shelter referral and placement in shelters.

(b) Households must meet all of the additional eligibility requirements set forth below:

[(2)] (1) The household must have total gross income that does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as established annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

[(3)] (2) If the household is not currently in receipt of PA, the household must apply for any assistance available under Part 352 of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations that HRA has determined the household may be eligible for.

[(4)] (3) All members of the household who are eligible for PA must be in receipt of PA.

[(5)] (4) If the household is currently in a DHS family shelter, the household must be eligible for shelter as determined by DHS pursuant to Parts 351 and 352 of Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, except if the household is eligible pursuant to 68 RCNY § 11-03(a)(4).

[(6)] (5) HRA must not have previously made Pathway Home payments on the household's behalf.

[(7)] (6) The household must have identified a host family, [consisting of relatives or friends of the household] who live in the City of New York, that has agreed to permit the household to reside in its residence and to receive a monthly payment from HRA on the household's behalf that does not exceed the amounts set forth in the table in 68 RCNY § 11-04.

[(8)] (7) The host family and the host family's residence must meet the requirements of 68 RCNY § 11-07(h). [(b) Qualifying Shelter Stay and Limitations.

(1) Qualifying Shelter Stay. A resident of a DHS family shelter will have a qualifying shelter stay for purposes of 68 RCNY § 11-03(a)(1)(A)(i) if the household has resided in an HRA or DHS shelter for at least 90 days prior to approval, excluding gaps of up to ten calendar days. A resident of a DHS single adult shelter will have a qualifying shelter stay for purposes of 68 RCNY § 11-03(a)(1)(A)(i) if the individual has resided in an HRA or DHS shelter for at least 90 of the 365 days prior to approval.

(2) Qualifying Shelter Stay Limitations. The Commissioner may set a date by which qualifying shelter stays must commence, for purposes of 68 RCNY § 11-03(b)(1), upon an evaluation of: housing market conditions, shelter utilization rates, and the availability of funding, when the Commissioner determines that a limiting date is necessary to maintain the program's viability. The Commissioner may remove such a limiting date upon further review of housing market conditions, shelter utilization rates, and the availability of funding.]

(c) Applications must be submitted on a form and in a format established by HRA.

(d) At the time of approval, HRA will calculate the household's Pathway Home payments pursuant to 68 RCNY § 11-04. Payments will be approved for one year and, except as provided in 68 RCNY § 11-05 and 68 RCNY § 11-07(g), the payments will not change during the household's participation in the program.

(e) Eligible households may also have a CityFHEPS shopping letter pursuant to 68 RCNY § 10-04(c).

§ 8. Subdivision (a) of section 11-04 of chapter 11 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this section or where the host family has requested to receive a lower monthly payment, HRA shall pay the host family [the following amounts per month] for up to one year for as long as the household continues to reside in the residence in accordance with the Pathway Home maximum monthly rent amounts published on HRA's website.

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Pathway Home Payments			
Household Size	1 or 2	3 or 4	5+
Monthly Payment to Host	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800

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§ 9. Subdivisions (a) and (h) of section 11-07 of chapter 11 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended and a new subdivision (l) is added, to read as follows:

- (a) Households in the Pathway Home Program [will] may be referred to service providers who will help connect them to appropriate services in their communities.

- (h) Any host family residence must pass a safety and habitability [inspection] assessment.

(l) The household must not have resided with the host family at any point during the prior year, except that the Commissioner, in the exercise of discretion, may allow a household to move into such residence in extraordinary circumstances, including but not limited to where the family was evicted, constructively evicted, or otherwise forced to leave due to the condition of the unit, and the landlord has made all repairs to bring the apartment into compliance with applicable codes; or where the means of ingress and egress are accessible for a person with a disability and/or the apartment unit has structural accessibility features that comport with the needs of a person with mobility disabilities.

§ 10. Paragraph 5 of subdivision (c) of section 60-02 of chapter 60 of Title 28 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

5. After a dwelling unit has passed the BLDS Inspection, HPD will issue a final certificate of eligibility to the applicant and concurrently provide a copy directly to DSS. Such certificate will list the certified reasonable cost of the Eligible Construction; provided that such amount may not exceed [\$25,000] \$50,000 for such dwelling unit.