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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO OWNER/AGENTS AND TENANTS

The "Request for Tenancy Approval" forms signed by both landlord and tenant must be received by the North Providence Housing Authority <u>BEFORE</u> the 15th of the month for a lease to be effective on the 1st of the following month. Should a tenant find a unit in another city/town, the "Request for Tenancy Approval" forms must be presented to the North Providence Housing Authority <u>BEFORE</u> the 11th day of the month to properly forward all paperwork to the new housing authority.

The North Providence Housing Authority MUST have a copy of the unit's **CURRENT** lead Conformance Certificate **BEFORE** an inspection of the unit can be scheduled.

Tenant MAY NOT move into the unit until the unit passes inspection by the housing Inspector.

The North Providence Housing Authority can <u>ONLY</u> approve a rent which is reasonable, taking into consideration the area, condition of the unit, utilities and amenities included and current Family Market Rent (FMR).

The North Providence Housing Authority <u>CANNOT</u> authorize a lease in which the family will pay more than 40% of their income towards rent and utilities.

The North Providence Housing Authority <u>MAY NOT</u> approve a unit if the owner is the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister or brother of any member of the family except as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability.

It is the responsibility of the <u>LANDLORD</u> to determine suitability of prospective tenants. Landlords are encouraged to screen potential tenants.

<u>ONCE</u> the unit passes inspection, the North Providence Housing Authority will do all the necessary paperwork including the Lease and Housing Assistance Payment contract (HAP). The tenant and landlord <u>MUST</u> come in to the office to sign all forms and contracts before the effective date of the lease.

Tenant <u>MUST</u> pay his portion of rent <u>ON TIME</u>. The Housing Authority will send their portion of rent for the 1st of the month to the address of the owner, or person or organization designated by the owner.