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Subsidized Housing for Senior Citizens under the Section 8 Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

## UPON THE DEATH OF A SOLE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

Dealing with the death of a resident is a difficult task for all parties; families, friends, and even staff who have developed relationships with tenants.

The management of the Hollander House is sensitive to the fact that upon the death of a resident, the family is grieving the loss of a loved one, and busy with funeral arrangements and handling the financial affairs of the deceased.

However, as a manager of a Section 8, HUD subsidized property, staff have an obligation to act quickly after the death of a tenant to ensure compliance with certain HUD requirements.

According to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 guidelines, when the sole member of the household passes away, rental subsidy is limited to the earlier of:

14 days from the date of death

<u>or</u>

when the unit is vacated and management receives possession of the unit.

Therefore, upon the death of a sole household member, the rental unit must be promptly returned to management in order to avoid market rent charges to the estate upon termination of the rental subsidy by HUD.

As such, it is imperative that tenants be aware of this rule. It is strongly recommended that tenants inform family members or other parties who may become responsible for the estate of the tenant that HUD will discontinue subsidy 14 days after the death of the sole household member. Please feel free to contact the main office with questions or concerns about this HUD rule.