

**Suggested Language for Responding to Applicants and Individuals Receiving Assistance
Regarding DHS Public Charge Rule**

On August 14, 2019, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published its final rule entitled “Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds” (the “Public Charge Rule”). While it does not change HUD assistance programs or directly impact [insert PHA name]’s admissions and occupancy, we understand that the Public Charge Rule is directed at non-citizens seeking adjustments to their visa or residency status and includes receipt of Section 8 Housing Assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance, and Public Housing in its public benefits evaluation.

[insert PHA name] cannot provide advice as to whether the Public Charge Rule or your application for or current receipt of housing assistance will impact your current or future immigration status. Any such questions should be addressed to [insert local legal aid or immigrant advocacy group, if applicable].