

## Attachment B.1

### Summary of May 2025 ACOP Changes

In addition to any grammatical changes, edits were made to the standard HUD language in the plan that introduces the subject matter. These are not policy changes but regulatory edits from the Code of Federal Regulations. The following changes were made to the ACOP as it pertains to HACCC Policy:

- Added language addressing additional protections provide by the State of California for access to Fair Housing;
- Modified some language in the ACOP to be consistent with Reasonable Accommodation policies in our Housing Choice Voucher program, including:
  - Allowing a change in a family’s rent due date to correspond with the receipt of SSI or SSDI benefits.
  - Verification of disability and/or disability-related need is not required when the disability and/or disability-related need is obvious or already known to HACCC.
  - The request need not use a specific written form and need not mention the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, or the ADA, or use the phrase "reasonable accommodation" or "reasonable modification."
  - HACCC will help the family fill out the form if they choose to use it and if they need assistance.
  - While requests for accommodation may be submitted to any Housing Authority employee, requests will be evaluated and decided upon by the Section 504 Coordinator and/or another staff member trained in and knowledgeable about fair housing and reasonable accommodations.
- Modified language to allow families who own otherwise disqualifying real property to remain eligible for the Public Housing program if the property’s location creates significant barriers to accessing work, school, healthcare, or other necessary services.
- Added and amended language regarding Violence Against Women’s Act pursuant to HOTMA changes and HUD guidelines including prohibiting the denial of admission to an otherwise qualified applicant on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the applicant is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
- Adding language prioritizing VAWA-related Emergency Transfers for participant families above all other transfer requests;
- Removed restrictive language for documentation needed to verify VAWA claims;
- Reemphasized security protocols in protecting the identity of victims of VAWA, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.
- Updated all mandatory forms related to VAWA including HUD Forms 5380, 5381, 5382, and 5383;
- Added language categorizing and defining all assets as either real property or personal property.
- Added language about using a streamlined income determination for annual reexaminations on families with fixed income sources.
- Added language adopting current IRS Publication 502 as a standard for determining if expenses claimed by eligible families qualify as health and medical care expenses
- Updated the Glossaries of the ACOP
- Updated the Appendix of HOTMA which specifies the items being modified or implemented by the latest changes announced by HUD.