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Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Authority of Rock Island County
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Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) Revisions
Effective Date of Change: 11/01/2026

The Greater Metropolitan Area Housing Authority Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy has been brought current with all recent HUD requirements and guidance, including the following:
Below is a high-level summary of the changes contained in the July 2026 revision, organized by chapter.

Introduction

- Revised to account for updated HOTMA compliance date.

Chapter 1

- Revised history of the program section to include information on full HOTMA compliance**.**

Chapter 2

- Clarified language as to what requirements apply in light of recent executive orders and proposed rules.
- Elaborated policy language on how to file a discrimination complaint.
- Clarified language regarding enforcement actions on national origin discrimination per FHEO memo 9/19/25.

Chapter 3

- Removed language calling out policy that will apply upon the HOTMA compliance date.
- Added citations.
- Added clarification regarding criminal background checks per Notice PIH 2012-28.

Chapter 6

- Chapter 6.A. has been removed.
- Chapter 6.B. becomes Chapter 6 and includes the following changes:
- Minor clarifications regarding student financial assistance.
- Clarifications regarding alimony and child support per Notice PIH 2023-27 and answers received
- from Hotmaquestions@hud.gov.
- Clarifications on phased-in relief for hardship exemptions based on answers received from
- Hotmaquestions@hud.gov.

Chapter 7

- Chapter 7.A. has been removed.
- Chapter 7.B. becomes Chapter 7 and includes the following changes:
- Changes to policy regarding Deceased Tenants Reports per Notice PIH 2026-11.
- Minor clarifications regarding verification of student financial assistance.

Chapter 9

- Chapter 9.A. has been removed.
- Chapter 9.B. becomes Chapter 9 and includes the following changes:
  - Changes regarding conducting interim reexaminations per Notice PIH 2023-27, revision 3.

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- 2026-11.
- Removed language calling out policy that will apply upon the HOTMA compliance date.

Glossary

- Updated acronyms section.
- Removed pre-HOTMA definitions and language calling out definitions that will apply upon the HOTMA
- compliance date.

Appendix

- Removed appendix.

A full policy and revisions are available for review at office locations. Written comments in regard to the proposed changes to the Policy may be submitted to the GMAHA central office address listed below through the 30-day comment period ending October 7, 2026

Person with disabilities requiring assistance or alternative format, or wishing to make comments in alternative formats, can contact our office at 309-755-4527, ext. 406 or TTY 1-800-545-1833 ext. 820.

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Posting Period: September 8, 2026 – October 7, 2026

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